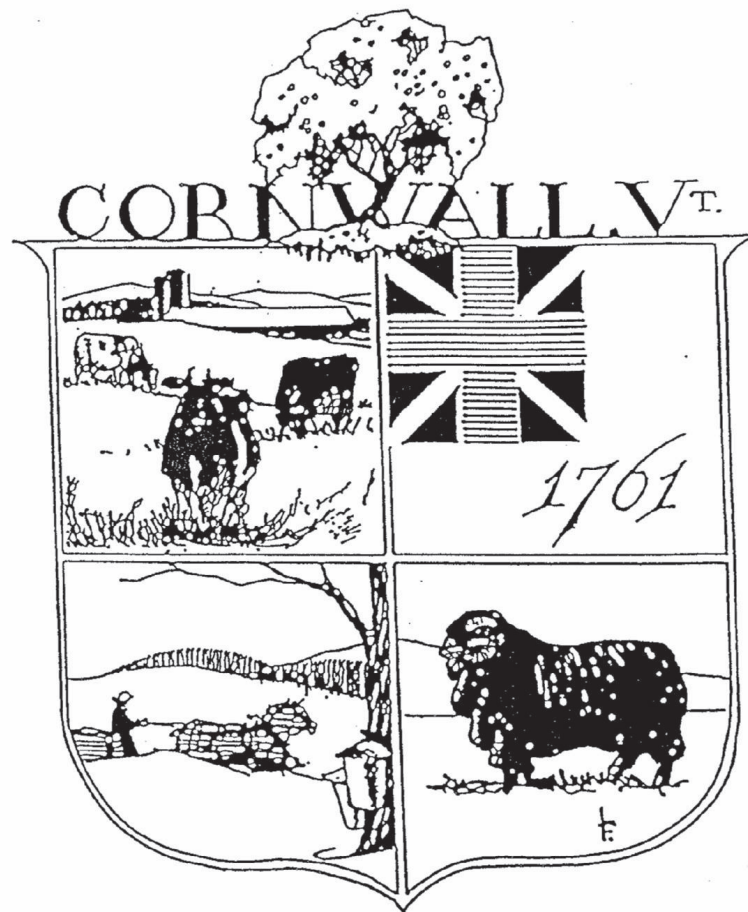


ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF
CORNWALL, VERMONT



For Year Ending December 31, 2015

Town Reports will be available at Town Meeting, Monday, February 29, 2016

***THIS YEAR'S TOWN MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE CORNWALL
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, WHICH WILL START AT 6:30 PM***

Both meetings will take place at the Cornwall Elementary School

TOWN CALENDAR 2016

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Feb. 29 Town Meeting, AFTER SCHOOL MTG.
Mar. 1 Australian Ballot Vote 7 AM-7 PM
7&21 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
15 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
16 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
17 Emergency Management Mtg. 5:30 pm

APRIL

? *Spring Newsletter*
1 **DOG LICENSES DUE**
4&18 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
5&19 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
20 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
No Emergency Management Mtg.

MAY

1 **PROPERTY TAXES DUE**
2&16 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
3&17 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
7 **GREEN UP DAY**
18 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
19 Emergency Management Mtg. 5:30 pm

JUNE

6&20 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
7 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
15 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
No Emergency Management Mtg.

JULY

? *Summer Newsletter*
4&18 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
5 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
20 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
21 Emergency Management Mtg. 5:30 pm

AUGUST

1&15 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
2 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
17 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
No Emergency Management Mtg.

SEPTEMBER

5&19 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
6&20 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
9 **TAX BILLS MAILED**
15 Emergency Management Mtg. 5:30 pm
21 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm

OCTOBER

? *Fall Newsletter*
3&17 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
4&18 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
19 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
No Emergency Management Mtg.
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NOVEMBER

1 **PROPERTY TAXES DUE**
8 **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**
1&15 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
7&21 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
16 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
17 Emergency Management Mtg. 5:30 pm

DECEMBER

5&19 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
6&20 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
21 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
No Emergency Management Mtg.

JANUARY 2017

? *Winter Newsletter*
2&16 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
3&17 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
18 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
19 Emergency Management Mtg. 5:30 pm
19 **TOWN WARNING PETITIONS DUE**
23 **NOMINATING PETITIONS DUE**

FEBRUARY 2017

6&20 Fire Dept—Mtg. 7 pm/Trng. 6:30 pm
7&21 Selectboard Meeting 7 pm
15 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm
No Emergency Management Mtg.

**SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION
IS IN EFFECT FOR TOWN MEETING**

TOWN MEETING 2017: March 6, 2017, 6:30 PM; **SCHOOL MEETING TO FOLLOW**

VOTING: March 7, 2017, 7 AM – 7 PM

Annual Report

Town of Cornwall

Voter Registration

If you want to participate at Town Meeting, and vote at Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary Elections, but are not on the checklist,
Register to vote by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Absentee Ballot Voting

Request a ballot by 5:00 PM, Monday, February 29, 2016

Pre-Town Meeting Dinner

February 29, 2016, from 5:00 – 6:15 PM
At the Cornwall School

School District Meeting

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM
At the Cornwall School

Town Meeting

**Monday, February 29, 2016, starts immediately following
the School District Meeting**
At the Cornwall School

Election Day

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 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

Please join us....



CORNWALL TOWN MEETING DINNER
to Benefit the Cornwall School

Monday, February 29, 2016

5 - 6:15 pm

Hosted by Friends of Cornwall School.

Our excellent School Chef, Lauren, will prepare
a meal featuring local ingredients, all
generously donated by friends & neighbors.

Menu includes:

Beef or Vegetarian Chili • Honey-Glazed Cornbread • Spring
Salad w/ Vinaigrette • Banana, Zucchini, and Pumpkin
Breads • Dessert • Local Milk and Cider • Coffee & Tea

Dinner will be served during School and Town Meetings,
and Takeout is available.

Adults: \$7 per plate, Children: \$3 per plate

All proceeds will benefit the Cornwall School

Thanks for all of your support.

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TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID M. SEARS

David was born May 13, 1959, the son of Walter and Charlotte (Ringey) Sears. Dave grew up in Cornwall and was a member of the Middlebury Union High School Class of 1977, and later went on to graduate from Champlain College. At the time of his death, Dave was employed by Rouse Tire in Middlebury. For the past several decades, he had been affiliated with Middlebury's radio stations WFAD, ESPN and WVTM, broadcasting local sports including Middlebury Union High School Tiger Football games. For the past 26 years, he had been the public address announcer for the Middlebury College Men's Ice Hockey team. His voice could also be heard announcing for the Middlebury College Women's Field Hockey and Lacrosse Teams, the Vermont Voyagers, and umpiring for the Addison County Softball League. Dave was a dedicated member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, and was a lifetime member of the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association (MREMS). He was also serving on the Cornwall Selectboard, was a member of St. Mary's Church, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus 642 in Middlebury.

Known around the area as "The Voice," Dave was a tireless community volunteer and remembered in athletic circles for his radio broadcasts of two very successful local teams; MUHS varsity football and Middlebury College men's hockey. According to former Panther's Hockey Coach, Bill Beaney, Dave was more than a play-by-play man; Beaney said, over the years, David developed deeper relationships with many players that lasted long after they hung up their skates.

Dave leaves vacancies on the Cornwall Selectboard and the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Dept. Ben Wood, Selectboard Chair, said that Dave was a really important asset to the board, noting he was the only lifelong Cornwall resident on the board. His network of friends and connections to the fire department helped the board immensely. Cornwall Fire Chief, Dennis Rheaume said Dave was a valued member of the force who at one point held the position of Captain. His recent duties as a firefighter included making sure the department's communication system was always up to snuff and maintaining records on the longevity of the force's members. The number of people that Dave had connections to was amazing.

The Town of Cornwall is honored to dedicate the 136th Annual Report to David M. Sears. The town's love and support go out to David's family and friends. His presence in our Town will be sorely missed.



*Firefighter David Sears
35 years of dedication to the
Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department*

"Fireman's Prayer"
When I am called to duty, God
whenever flames may rage,
give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.
Help me to embrace a little child
before it's too late,
or some older person
from the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert
and hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling
and give the best in me,
to guard my neighbor
and protect his property.
and if according to my fate
I am to lose my life,
Please bless with your protecting hand
my children and my wife.

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, February 29, 2016 to transact the following business. The Town Meeting will start immediately following the Cornwall School District Meeting, which begins at 6:30 PM.

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 1, 2016, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

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

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit. [see *Balance Sheet*, page 25]

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$460,946.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$403,050. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$343,050 to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$63,900 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ARTICLE 6: 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will approve borrowing up to \$250,000 to be used in the renovation of the Town Hall; repayment of any borrowed amount will be made from future years' Capital Building funds.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

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|----|---|------------|
| a. | Addison Central Teens, Inc. | \$2,000.00 |
| b. | Addison County Court Diversion and Community Justice Projects, Inc. | 350.00 |
| c. | Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. | 1,440.00 |
| d. | Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc. | 1,600.00 |
| e. | Addison County Readers, Inc. | 250.00 |
| f. | Addison County River Watch Collaborative | 500.00 |

g.	Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	1,274.00
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.	H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	4,000.00
n.	Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc.	450.00
o.	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
p.	Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
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.	540.00
t.	Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
u.	WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$22,929.00

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 9, 2016 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2016, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2017. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2016, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2017 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 10: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:
Ben Wood, Chair
Magna Dodge
Brian Kemp
Benjamin Marks
John Roberts

Elected Town Officers 2015

Moderator:	Term Expires 2016	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2018	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2018	Susan Johnson
Selectboard, 3 years:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018	Magna Dodge David Sears (deceased) Brian Kemp (appointed) John Roberts
Selectboard, 2 years:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017	Benjamin Marks Ben Wood
Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2016	Stu Johnson
First Constable:	Term Expires 2016	Dennis Rheaume
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2016	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2016	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018	Stephanie Pyne (resigned) Liam English Susan Burdick
Town Agent:	Term Expires 2016	Susan Johnson
Grand Jurors:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2016	Gregory Dennis (appointed) Vacant
School Directors, 3 years:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018	Sarah Kemp Cindy Peet Maureen Deppman
School Directors, 2 years:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017	John Eagan (resigned) Gabe Hamilton (appointed) Kristianne Tolgyesi
Union High School Director:	Term Expires 2017	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018	Katie A. Q. Gieges Shawn Fetterolf Kenneth Manchester, Jr.

Elected Town Officers 2015, *continued*

Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2016	Maurice Laframboise
	Term Expires 2017	Robert Gerlin
	Term Expires 2018	Susan Burdick
Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2016	Judy English
	Term Expires 2016	Juliet Gerlin
	Term Expires 2016	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2017	Carol King
	Term Expires 2017	Patty McCormick
	Term Expires 2017	Kristina Simmons
	Term Expires 2017	Joyce Stephens
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2016	Anne Collins
	Term Expires 2017	Joan Bingham
	Term Expires 2018	“T” Tall
	Term Expires 2019	Marc Ringey
	Term Expires 2020	Bruce Payne
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2016	Holly Noordsy
	Term Expires 2016	Sarah Pelkey
	Term Expires 2017	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2017	Bobbie Carnwath
	Term Expires 2017	Jim Duclos
	Term Expires 2018	Jamie McKenna
	Term Expires 2018	Jean Terwilliger
Justices of the Peace:	Term Expires 2017	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2017	Judy English
	Term Expires 2017	Dee Hodges
	Term Expires 2017	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2017	Gary Margolis
	Term Expires 2017	Vacant
	Term Expires 2017	Vacant

Appointed Town Officers 2015

Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Term Expires 2017	J. Barnett Hodges, III
	Term Expires 2017	Annie Wilson
	Term Expires 2018	Joan Donahue
	Term Expires 2018	Vacant
	Term Expires 2018	Ingrid Jackson
Assistant Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2016	Joan Bingham
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2016	Joan Bingham

Appointed Town Officers 2015, *continued*

Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2018	Jim Duclos
Health Officer:	Term Expires 2017	Bill Johnson
Assistant Health Officer:	Term Expires 2018	Susan Johnson
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2016	Robert Bingham Chuck Burdick Michael Heinecken
AC Regional Planning Commission:	Delegates: Alternates:	Jim Duclos Holly Noordsy Stan Grzyb Colin Kriwox
AC Solid Waste Mngt District Board:	Representative: Alternate:	Michael Hennessey Gregory Dennis
Cemetery Sextons:	Central: Evergreen: Fair: South:	Vacant Richard Bruso Bruce Payne Richard Bruso
Conservation Commission:		Bethany Barry Marc Cesario Mary Dodge Brian Howlett Rene Langis Marc Lapin Michael Sheriden
Emergency Management Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fire Warden:		Larry Clark
Green-Up Coordinator:		Kristin Bolton/Sue Johnson
Inspector of Lumber:		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Town Service Officer:		Barbara Laframboise
Tree Warden:		Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:		Jon Isham

Auditors' Report

In November 2015, Telling and Associates, CPA, PC completed a scheduled audit of the town's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. After reviewing the results of the audit, we, the elected Auditors for the Town of Cornwall, believe that in accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., the town's financial position and record keeping systems are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for government organizations. In other words, everything appears to be in order. As Telling and Associates states:

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, 2015, 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.

It is critical for the town's long-term financial integrity that we verify all accounts and opening balances as accurately as possible through professional audits and internal controls. Sue has become much more confident in the use of the NMREC software system over the last year and a half, and feels that the system has built-in components that assure proper recording and tracking of details. This improvement of internal controls, combined with having bank statements reconciled by a third party, have brought us back to a rotation of external audits every three years.

As calendar year 2015 wraps up, and we move full swing into 2016, Sue continues to go the extra mile, beyond her roles as Treasurer and Town Clerk—serving as Library Treasurer, Assistant Health Officer, Justice of the Peace, Town Agent, Emergency Management Network member, and pie-maker extraordinaire for Highway Foreman meetings. She faces challenges with a smile, and always finds a way to get and keep things moving. We, the auditors, offer once again our perennial thanks to her for her tireless work and effort in keeping the Town of Cornwall running smoothly. *Thank you Sue!*

Town Auditors—
Shawn Fetterolf, Chair
Kate Gieges
Ken Manchester

Selectboard Report

This past year has been busy with projects that were concluded and with ones that are still in the works. It was also sadly marked by the unexpected loss of one of our Board members, David Sears. Dave will be missed for all of his many contributions while on the Board. With Dave's seat vacant, we interviewed two possible candidates and ultimately chose to appoint Brian Kemp to fill the remainder of this year's term. Brian has been a very thoughtful addition to the Selectboard.

The most significant work that was finished was a result of the solar industry's aggressive expansion throughout the state that was partially fueled by financial incentives from both the State and Federal government. Many towns felt the impact of having little control over the development of solar farms and solar arrays. That has recently changed with the Public Service Board giving consideration to towns that have screening and siting bylaws. We had help from the Town of New Haven and its preliminary work on the issue. Using New Haven's draft document, we applied our own thoughts and suggestions and created an Interim Bylaw Regarding Screening and Siting in order to protect the view shed and unique aesthetic of Cornwall. This Interim Bylaw was put to the test immediately with a proposed project in town. Ultimately the developer withdrew its proposal in part citing the fact that Cornwall's screening and siting requirements were too stringent and cost prohibitive. In reality it showed that, in this case, the developer was not willing to try to work with the town.

We also gave approval for the Town of Weybridge to formally join the Lemon Fair Insect Control District (LFICD). This means that the LFICD will now be comprised of Bridport, Weybridge and Cornwall. This does not mean that our financial contribution will decrease but it should help make the District stronger.

For a while now we have not had an Animal Control Officer. In September we appointed Bruce Cram to that position. He has had to respond to a few issues and has handled them well. This position is not one that many seek so we are lucky to have him on board.

With our membership in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns we have had to upgrade some of our working policies. We finalized and approved a Conflict of Interest Policy and approved a set of Financial, Accounting and Purchasing policies.

We have two ongoing projects at the moment. The first is our search for a professional assessor to help the Listers. This person will aid in the valuation of homes being built and ones being renovated, thus giving the Listers the needed assistance to continue doing their job. The position has been budgeted for the last several years but not filled.

The second ongoing project is the Formation of a Development Review Board or DRB. This new board will take on the responsibilities of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and some of the functions of the Planning Commission. The DRB will review site plans, subdivisions, variances and appeals. It will replace the ZBA and relieve the Planning Commission of some of its work load. A majority of the towns in Vermont utilize a Development Review Board.

Budgets:

On a combined basis the proposed General Fund and Highway Budgets have decreased 2.6%. The General Fund has decreased largely due to the decrease in budgeted legal expenses as a result of

Vermont Gas withdrawing its proposed pipeline project through Cornwall. The Highway budget is slightly higher due to anticipated increases in the cost of certain materials; equipment is level to lower funded. The Capital Fund budgets for Buildings and Equipment are level funded.

New:

What is new is the proposed renovation of the Town Hall in Article 7. The building has needed and will continue to need more repairs. Some repairs are major such as buttressing the west and south supporting foundation walls. There is also the need for the supporting posts to be replaced as well as more basement sealing. The second floor needs to be ADA compliant...it hasn't been for years. The vault needs to be expanded to house all the records or there needs to be another fire and safety rated space to supplement the existing vault storage. The list goes on.

Over the past year the Capital Budget Committee has examined various options and has decided that it would be in the best interest of the Town to undertake a major renovation of the building. There have been public meetings with the community involving an architectural firm for guidance as well as for listening to the concerns and ideas from Cornwall citizens. Plans have been drawn that show no addition would be added to the exterior of the building. Instead, the building would be remodeled from within to allow for the changes. This proposed renovation would incorporate all the necessary repairs and improvements. Obviously this does not come without a cost. However, using the Capital Budget that is already in place and with possible short term funding, there would be no increase to the tax base due to the project.

As always most all of our Committees are looking for help. If you feel that you could participate in any way, it would be very appreciated.

Cornwall Selectboard

Ben Wood, Chair; Magna Dodge, Vice-Chair; Brian Kemp, Ben Marks, John Roberts



David M. Sears 1959 – 2015

Selectboard's General Fund Budget

	2012-13	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16	2016-17
Fixed								Spent to	Proposed
Appropriations	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	date	Budget
Humane Society	\$500	\$550	\$500	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$0	\$550
County Tax	11,600	9,701	11,000	7,839	10,000	8,537	9,000	7,866	9,000
Regional Planning	1,280	1,279	1,316	1,315	1,387	1,386	1,415	1,414	1,450
Otter Creek									
Conservation	122	121	122	121	122	121	122	121	122
VT Trails &									
Greenways	35	35	30	30	30	35	35	0	0
MVAA/MREMS	2,370	0	0	0	0	0	2,963	2,965	3,000
VLCT	1,967	1,967	1,984	1,984	2,182	2,182	2,243	2,243	2,254
Capital Fund/									
Equipment	130,000	130,000	130,000	126,462	130,000	130,000	130,000	0	130,000
Capital Fund/									
Buildings	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	11,867	100,000
Totals	147,874	143,654	244,952	238,302	244,271	242,811	246,328	26,477	246,376
Salaries									
Auditors	600	600	600	400	600	600	600	0	600
Selectboard	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,100	3,400	0	3,400
Town Clerk -									
Treasurer	38,824	38,824	39,795	39,795	40,790	40,790	41,810	17,420	42,855
Listers	12,000	8,070	7,000	4,462	7,000	2,917	7,000	292	7,000
Custodian	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	100
Asst. Town Clerk	2,850	2,640	3,500	3,570	3,500	3,315	3,500	1,391	3,500
Planning Comm.	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,000	1,400	0	1,400
Town Secretary	1,500	1,676	1,500	1,476	2,000	2,312	1,800	1,089	3,000
Totals	60,774	56,610	57,395	54,504	58,890	54,034	59,710	20,194	61,855
Meetings									
Town Meeting	100	148	100	165	150	244	150	0	200
Elections	2,000	1,026	500	441	2,000	1,156	500	60	1,500
Totals	2,100	1,175	600	606	2,150	1,401	650	60	1,700
Office Expense									
Town Clerk	2,400	1,694	2,400	1,079	2,400	2,252	2,400	708	2,500
Town Treasurer	2,400	8,685	2,400	2,397	2,400	4,080	2,400	1,045	2,500
Selectboard	300	267	300	583	300	99	300	208	300
Tax Collector	100	324	100	46	100	48	100	48	100
Grand List t									
Maintenance	10,200	4,219	8,000	4,215	6,000	1,374	6,000	238	6,000
Zoning Admin.	100	230	100	0	200	0	200	0	200
Planning Comm.	1,000	421	1,000	140	1,000	266	500	147	4,000
ZBA/DRB	200	34	200	54	200	145	200	0	1,000
Town Office	2,500	3,441	2,500	1,307	2,500	1,498	2,500	927	2,500
Copy/Print/Scan	3,000	3,182	3,200	3,223	3,200	3,233	3,500	1,768	3,000
Postage	2,000	1,524	2,000	1,899	2,000	1,571	2,000	730	2,000
Vote Tabulator	2,500	1,930	0	0	2,500	2,560	0	0	2,700
Emergency Mngt	1,000	255	1,000	942	1,000	1,782	1,000	0	1,000
Totals	27,700	26,214	23,200	15,890	23,800	18,912	21,100	5,823	27,800

Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

General Expenses	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to date	Proposed Budget
Town Reports	\$1,800	\$1,218	\$1,200	\$825	\$1,500	\$1,074	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
Town News letter	2,000	2,116	2,000	2,154	2,000	1,959	2,200	1,099	2,200
Social Security	4,800	4,840	5,000	4,386	5,000	4,391	5,000	1,719	5,000
Retirement	1,553	1,552	1,600	1,591	1,650	1,631	1,672	696	1,715
Health Promotion	150	45	0	0	100	0	100	0	100
Legal Services	10,000	9,932	10,000	28,116	50,000	17,692	50,000	5,575	15,000
Sheriff's Patrol	6,000	5,364	6,000	6,022	6,000	5,979	6,000	2,386	6,000
Dog Control	1,500	700	1,000	660	2,500	0	2,000	400	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	299	1,000	478	1,000	927	1,000	34	1,000
Records Restor./ Microfilm	0	0	1,500	1,250	1,500	1,426	0	0	3,800
Water Contamination	750	470	750	511	750	2,368	750	349	750
Lemon Fair Insect Control	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	6,000
Financial Review/Audit	0	0	5,000	4,900	0	0	6,000	2,400	0
Totals	35,553	32,540	41,050	56,897	78,000	43,450	81,922	14,660	44,765
Town Properties									
Town Hall	18,300	8,445	18,300	12,475	18,000	13,819	18,000	1,862	18,000
Town Garage	20,000	20,157	20,000	10,678	20,000	8,459	20,000	1,754	18,000
Totals	38,300	28,602	38,300	23,153	38,000	22,278	38,000	3,617	36,000
Parks & Cemeteries									
Cemeteries Maintenance	3,000	0	3,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Cemeteries Mowing	4,000	3,010	4,000	3,225	5,000	2,225	2,500	1,200	2,500
Other Town Mowing	2,500	2,650	2,500	2,175	3,000	2,225	2,500	1,200	2,500
Totals	9,500	5,660	9,500	5,400	10,000	4,450	7,000	2,400	7,000
Insurance									
Town Officers & Property	20,000	21,074	22,000	21,735	22,000	22,750	22,000	23,378	25,000
Workers Comp.	400	334	400	345	400	313	400	407	450
Health	8,500	8,130	8,000	8,221	8,500	8,363	8,000	4,078	8,500
Unemployment	500	288	500	250	500	250	500	250	500
Totals	29,400	29,826	30,900	30,551	31,400	31,676	30,900	28,113	34,450
Debt Service									
Interest (Capital Items)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest (Tax Anticipation)	2,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Totals	2,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$353,201	\$324,283	\$446,897	\$425,305	\$487,511	\$419,016	\$486,610	\$101,347	\$460,946

Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

2015 was a relatively quiet year in the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. The only election in 2015 was Town Meeting in March, and that was uneventful. 2016 will be a very busy election year. We will start out the year with the Town Meeting and Town Official election, combined with the Presidential Primary and two ballots for the ACT 46 school merger vote. The town mailed out an information packet with Warnings and sample Ballots, to provide a preview of the election options. You will be voting on 6 ballots during the Australian ballot voting on March 1. As a reminder for the Presidential Primary, this is the one time every four years when, as a state, we gather a bit of information about party affiliation/choice. You will be asked to select a Republican or Democratic ballot, and that information will be noted on the checklist. Many organizations ask for a copy of that particular checklist so they can gauge statewide party affiliation.

All of the warnings, ballots and Vermont notices to voters are posted in four locations around town: Town Hall, inside and outside bulletin boards; Cornwall School; and the Cornwall Town Garage outside bulletin board. As has been the case for several years now, the Town Report will not be mailed, but will be available to pick up at the Town Hall, the School and the Town Garage after February 19, 2016. You may request a copy be mailed/delivered by contacting the Town Clerk’s office. There are no contested races on our local Town Official ballot this year. We will be using the vote tabulator to count the Presidential Primary ballots. I will need two people to transport the UD#3 and Patricia Hannaford Career Center ballots to the High School for commingling and counting. Those of us left at the Town Hall will count the ACT 46 merger ballots—both the yes and no ballots—and the ballots for the new Addison Central School District (ACSD) Board. These results will be sent to the Dept. of Education, the Secretary of State’s office and to the ACSU office. It will be an interesting day and evening of voting. If you have any questions about the many ballots, please do not hesitate to ask. I will try to answer or suggest someone who will be able to help you.

Once again, I want to remind you all that as voted at last year’s Town and School District meetings, the Cornwall School District will meet first this year, and the Town Meeting will start immediately after the school meeting. Please consider attending both, there will be good information available about the merger votes and what is happening at the current school district.

Tuesday, August 9, 2016, is the State Primary Election. This primary is for State Offices, including Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, etc. and there are some contested races on the ballot this year. For the State primary election, unlike for a Federal primary, you will be provided ballots for all parties. When you vote, you choose which ballot to use while in the voting booth and this way your party affiliation remains anonymous. For this election we will use the tabulator to count the State primary ballots, so your unused ballots will go into one box to be discarded, while the ballot you completed will go into the tabulator. Cornwall does not usually have a large turnout for this kind of election, but perhaps this year will be different, as many of the incumbents are not running.

Lastly on the election front will be the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. As we will be electing a new President and Vice President, I expect the turnout to be quite high. We will use the tabulator to count the votes, so we will know how Cornwall voted almost immediately after the polls close.

For the 2016 year, if you are not registered to vote in Cornwall, you must register on or before the Wednesday before the election. For Town Meeting, that will be February 24, 2016. For the State

Primary, it will be August 3, 2016 and for the General Election, the date will be November 2, 2016. This will be the last year for the 5 day hold on registrations as Same Day Voter Registration will go into effect on January 2, 2017. There will no longer be a waiting period to register to vote. I personally would still appreciate it if you would register to vote as soon as you can once you are a resident of Cornwall.

The Capital Budget Committee has been working on a plan for the renovation of the Town Hall. The group is hoping to move forward with the project within the next year. This will mean that the Clerk's office will have to move off the premises for a period of time. The logistics of that move have not been worked out yet, but you will be kept informed as plans develop.

My annual reminders:

April 1, 2016 is the deadline for registering your dog(s). This is a State law, not a Cornwall request. The purpose of the law is to continue the reduction of cases of rabies. The law was put on the books all over the country back in the 1960's due to a rabies outbreak that was quite devastating. I always have the tags by January 1 of each year, so you can stop by or mail in your payment and a current rabies certificate for your dog(s) anytime between January 1 and April 1. The fee this year, due to an additional \$1.00 being added by the state is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$11.00 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. The fee increases by 50% after the April 1 deadline. I do keep the rabies certificates on file, so if you know your dog is up to date, I just need the fee and I will mail the license and tag to you.

Property tax payments are due November 1 and May 1. I know this is a bit confusing because of the fiscal year issue. The tax rate is set in July or August of each year. The tax bills are sent out by the middle of September. The first installment is due November 1, this payment covers July 1 to December 31. The second installment is due May 1, this payment covers January 1 to June 30. This does cause a little bit of hassle when you are doing your income taxes, as you would need the last year's bill and the current year's bill to determine what you paid in any given calendar year. I am happy to send copies to you in whatever format you need.

We continue to use several ways of getting information out to Cornwall residents. The quarterly newsletter is sent to everyone on my mailing list. This includes some renters, but not all. If you would like to be added to the list, please let me know. We use the Cornwall Connection email messaging system, which works quite well for those with email addresses. We also put the same information on Front Porch Forum. The Cornwall website is another source of information. There are postings on the home page, as well as agendas, minutes and other committee, board, commission and town information within the site. Documents are also available for download. As mentioned earlier, there are outside posting boards at the Town Hall and the Town Garage if you wish to look at upcoming events or other posted information.

I would like to express my thanks to all of the Cornwall town officials. It is a pleasure to work with such fine people. In particular, I would like to thank Joan Bingham, Kate Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf, Ken Manchester Jr. and Stu Johnson for their dedication to the Town of Cornwall. Lastly, thank you to all of the Cornwall townspeople to whom I dedicate my time and energy in hopes of providing quality service to you all. Your support is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Sue

Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Huxton Duclos Joyal <i>Derek Joyal & Kirstin Quesnel</i>	January 8	Middlebury
Rio Albert Ulloa <i>Jose Alfredo Ulloa & Belinda LaFountain</i>	January 29	Middlebury
Jason Evan Barth <i>Joseph & Amy (Bassett) Barth</i>	April 13	Cornwall
Clayton Arthur Selleck <i>Scott & Kayla (Anderson) Selleck</i>	July 20	Middlebury
Elaina Alice Pelkey <i>Adam & Sarah (Miner) Pelkey</i>	July 30	Middlebury
Anna Burghardt Kramer <i>Christopher & Katherine (Burghardt) Kramer</i>	September 6	Middlebury
Sofia Amelie Federman <i>Adam Federman & Sarah Trouslard</i>	October 15	Middlebury
Jocelyn Harlow Downey <i>Jackson Downey-Teachout & Megan Hedley</i>	November 21	Middlebury
Celia Rae Barnes <i>Mark & Jennifer (Lussier) Barnes</i>	December 22	Middlebury

Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Joy B. Blix	91	Cornwall	January 8	Middlebury
Eileen M. McQuillan	77	Cornwall	March 4	Cornwall
Kim R. Montgomery	66	Cornwall	April 23	Middlebury
David M. Sears	56	Cornwall	July 11	Burlington

Civil Marriages

<u>Spouses</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lauren H. Barber Kirk M. Ringey	Cornwall Cornwall	June 27	Cornwall
Brittany A. Hartung James A. McKenna	Cornwall Cornwall	July 11	New Haven
Devin C. Brande Linda M. French	Washington, DC Washington, DC	August 1	Cornwall
Piper B. Harrell Peter J. Goetz	Cornwall Cornwall	August 6	Cornwall
Jose Alfredo Jimenez Ulloa Belinda M. LaFountain	Cornwall Cornwall	August 22	Whiting
Beth A. Accardi William T. Beaney	Miami, FL Miami, FL	September 12	Cornwall
Ann E. Nordmeyer Scott G. Mason	Los Gatos, CA Los Gatos, CA	September 19	Ripton
Maria Arranz Fernan Barrett L. Swinhart	Segovia, Castilla y Leon, Spain Cornwall	December 15	Middlebury



Information and Services

Available from the Town Clerk's Office

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

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

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

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

Copies of Zoning Regulations and Building Permit Applications

Guide to Building or Modifying a Home in Cornwall

Subdivision Regulations and Applications

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

Mobile Home Registration Forms

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

Applications for Addition to the Voter Checklist

Applications for Absentee Ballots

Petitions and information about running for and holding town office

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.

Dog Licenses 2015

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

The current on time fee to register a dog is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for a dog that is **not** spayed or neutered. **A current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented or on file before a dog can be registered. Rabies vaccinations are good for three years for adult dogs and one year for puppies. The certificate will remain on file at the Town Clerk's office for the 3-year period.**

Fees Received in Calendar Year 2015

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	296	\$2,360.00
Special Permit	1	<u>35.00</u>
		2,395.00

Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2015

To State	1,198.00
To Town	<u>1,197.00</u>
	\$2,395.00



Town Mascots

Property Transfers 2015

1. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Rene Langis & Alicia Romero, Lot # 13 in the Foote Farm Development, off Route 125
2. Sarah Murray to Colin Kriwox, house/garage and 11.60 acres on Route 74
3. Linda Cohoes to Ralph Teitscheid, garage/house and 10.37 acres on Route 30
4. Linda Cohoes to Ralph Teitscheid, 4 acres on Route 30
5. Richmond & Rebecca Kenyon to Candace Thornton & Cheryl Ettinger, release of first refusal
6. Robert & Robin Falta to the Robert J. Falta Revocable Trust, house and 30 acres on Bourdeau Road
7. John E. Lafontaine to John E. Lafontaine & Janet Welch, mobile home and .50 acres on Route 30
8. The Irene Thompson Revocable Trust to John Burton & Patricia Sgrecci, 6.34 acres on North Bingham Street
9. Michael & Jennifer Christy & Marianne Neill to Peter Goetz & Piper Harrell, house and 2.4 acres on North Bingham Street
10. Susan Montgomery to Peter & Peggy Briggs, house and 6.19 acres on James Road
11. Ellen Scranton to Collamer, LLC, mobile home and 1 acre on Route 30
12. West Street Properties, LLC to Megan Brady & Holmes Jacobs, 5.35 acres on West Street
13. Candace Thornton & Cheryl Ettinger (Jean Foote Estate) to Martha Fritz, 22 acres off Ridge Road
14. Candace Thornton & Cheryl Ettinger (Jean Foote Estate) to Bread Loaf View Farm Realty Trust VI, house, farm buildings and 139 acres on Ridge Road
15. Martha Fritz to Martha Fritz, house and 55.03 acres on Abernethy Place
16. Bruce & Virginia Hiland to Middlebury College, house and 9.20 acres on Cider Mill Road
17. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Benjamin & Lesley Deppman, 2.46 acres in the Foote Farm Development, off Route 125
18. Town of Cornwall to West Street Properties, LLC, release of lease land interest on West Street
19. Town of Cornwall to Holmes Jacobs & Megan Brady, release of lease land interest on West Street
20. Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to Bingham Memorial School District, School House #5 and .22 acres on South Bingham Street
21. The Stephenie Frawley Pyne Revocable Trust to Stephenie Frawley, house and 243.66 acres on Ledgemont Lane
22. West Street Properties, LLC to Vermont State Agency of Natural Resources and the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, acreage west of West Street
23. Morris & Vivian Larocque to Robert & Carrie Donohue, house and 14.51 acres on West Street
24. Michael Quesnel to John & Abigail Quesnel, Lot 7 on Samson Road off Lemon Fair Road
25. Anne Knowles to Paul & Elizabeth Kervick, house and 1.5 acres on South Bingham Street
26. Gardner Stone to Darcy Stone, house and 10.5 acres on Swamp Road
27. Dirt Capital Partners, LLC to David Black & Anja Wrede, house, farm buildings and 47.24 acres on Route 125
28. Gale Burns to Travis & Rachel Dorsey, house and 13.30 acres on Cider Mill Road
29. Paul & Vesta Urband to Willard Emerson & Jane Ogden, 9.32 acres on West Street

Property Transfers 2015, *continued*

30. F. Peter & Mary Ann Demong to F. Peter & Mary Ann Demong, Trustees of the F. Peter & Mary Ann Demong Trusts, house and 33.60 acres on Route 30
31. John & Heather Eagan to Benjamin & Sophie Esser Calvi, house and 2.30 acres on Hornbeam Hill Road in the Foote Farm Development, off Route 125
32. Marie Sperry to Scott, Dean, Brian, John and Gail Sperry, 15.45 acres on Ridge Road
33. Marie Sperry, Trustee of the Sperry Family Trust to Marie Sperry, 15.45 acres on Ridge Road
34. Cheryl Bruce to Cheryl & Marc Cesario, 97.2 acres on Clark Road
35. Stephenie Frawley to Albert, Jr. & MaryJane Thalen, house and 243.66 acres on Ledgemont Lane
36. Jonathan & Lisa Newhard to Christopher & Nicole George, house and 3.78 acres on Route 125
37. Susan Sears to Megan & Alexandra Sears, house and 3 acres on Route 30
38. Dougla Pyrke & John Fairchild to Paul Garrow, 2.33 acres on Samson Road, off Lemon Fair Road
39. Elizabeth Sears to Walter Sears, house and 3.6 acres on Cider Mill Road
40. Bread Loaf View Realty Trust VI to Martha Fritz, boundary line adjustment Ridge Road and Abernethy Place
41. Martha Fritz to Bread Loaf View Realty Trust VI, boundary line adjustment Ridge Road and Abernethy Place
42. Walter Sears to Walter Sears, Trustee, house and 3.60 acres on Cider Mill Road
43. Gail Cowherd to Michael Cowherd, house and .70 acres on Route 30
44. Joy Blix Estate to Cynthia Haynie, house and 19.50 acres on Lemon Fair Road
45. Bingham Memorial School District to 114 South Bingham, LLC, School House #5 and .22 acres on South Bingham Street
46. Dwight & Judy Dunning to Robert Cluss & Karen Kevra, house and 24.53 acres on Bourdeau Road
47. Thomas & Virginia Moser to Renee Mosier & Jesse Safran, house and 8.30 acres on Sperry Road
48. Robin Ellison Estate to Christina Cartwright Ellison, house and 1.28 acres on South Bingham Street
49. Dwight & Judy Dunning to the Dunning Family Revocable Trust, Dwight & Judy Dunning, Trustees, 4.86 acres on Bourdeau Road
50. Leo, Jr. & Betty Lou Gorton to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, 7.50 acres on West Street
51. Robert & Lucille Williams to Kevin & Deborah Williams, easement on Route 30
52. Christina Ellison to Adam & Stephanie Powers, house and 1.28 acres on South Bingham Street
53. Wendy Ogden-McDowell to Edward Emmet & Sarah Bright, house and 11.10 acres on West Street
54. R. Matthew & Nicolle Longman to Jason & Sarah Robart, house and 10.10 acres on Route 30
55. Gregory & Shirley Smela to Simon & Cynthia Gerlin, house and 13.71 acres on Route 30
56. Simon & Cynthia Gerlin to Robert & Juliet Gerlin, house and 13.71 acres on Route 30
57. Robert & Nicole Stone to Michael & Alison Durst, house and 1.10 acres on Lemon Fair Road

2015 -2016 Voted Budget

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET	TAX RATE
General Fund	\$486,610.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	57,400.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	4,000.00	
Charitable Agencies	22,256.00	
Hold Harmless	(42,329.00)	
FY 2013-2014 Deficit	56,896.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	584,833.00	
		0.2944
HIGHWAY		
Highway	400,250.00	
State Aid	(60,000.00)	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	340,250.00	
		0.1713
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	\$490.00	
		0.0002
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$925,573.00	
		0.4660
HOMESTEAD RATE		1.6337
NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		1.4067
GRAND LIST 2014-2015	\$1,986,264.34	

Balance Sheet for General Fund
FY Ended June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$401,527.73
Act 200 Funds	16,831.06
Conservation Fund	1,625.97
Grand List Maint. Fund	469.86
Escrow Acct. P.C.	79.22
Public Funds CDs	80,275.27
Delinq. Tax Receivable	47,544.10
Grants Receivable	3,197.00
Prepaid Expenses	15,238.50

TOTAL ASSETS	566,788.71
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LIABILITIES

Due To/Due From Other Accounts	108,124.43
Health Insurance Payable	121.80
Aetna Ins. Payable	135.86
Deferred Tax Revenue	34,830.38
State Withholding Tax Payable	0.09
Reserved for Lister Education	479.70
Due for PC Escrow Account	89.22
Due for Conservation Survey	10,108.56
Act 200 Funds	16,824.98
Public Funds	77,454.49

TOTAL LIABILITIES	248,169.51
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FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance, 6/30/2014	333,508.47
Prior Period Adjustment	—

TOTAL PRIOR YEARS FUND BALANCE	333,508.47
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Fiscal Year Surplus (Deficit)	(14,889.27)
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TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 318,619.20
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Statement of Maturities
June 30, 2015
General Fund
Tax Anticipation, Short Term & Long Term Debt

As of June 30, 2015, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short or long term debt.

Statement of Maturities
June 30, 2015
Highway Department
Short Term Debt

As of June 30, 2015, the Town of Cornwall Highway Department had no short term debt.

Statement of Long Term Debt
December 31, 2015
Highway Department

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

Purchased:	February 21, 2012	Amount Borrowed:	\$16,700.00
Amount Paid	June 1, 2013		<u>3,340.00</u>
Balance Due	June 30, 2013		13,360.00
Amount Paid	June 4, 2014		<u>3,340.00</u>
Balance Due	June 30, 2014		10,020.00
Amount Paid	June 3, 2015		<u>3,340.00</u>
Balance Due	June 30, 2015		<u>\$6,680.00</u>
Maturity Date	June 30, 2017		

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

Comparative Statement of Taxes

	FISCAL 2013/2014	FISCAL 2014/2015	FISCAL 2015/2016
General Fund	\$446,897	\$487,511	\$486,610
Natural Resources Survey	5,000	0	0
(Surplus)/Deficit	(74,746)	(132,640)	56,896
Hold Harmless	(47,561)	(44,744)	(42,329)
Fire Department	59,700	56,600	57,400
Library	4,000	4,000	4,000
Cornwall Little League	500	500	0
Outside Agencies	21,853	22,103	22,256
Highway	373,800	394,450	400,250
Less State Aid	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Total GF, HW & Special Articles	729,443	727,780	925,083
High School/Middle School	1,407,827	1,501,314	1,553,029
Elementary School	1,024,914	1,096,564	1,147,891
Total Estimated Education Spending	2,432,741	2,597,878	2,700,920
Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.4967	1.5801	1.6337
Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.3647	1.4146	1.4067
Local Agreement Rate	0.0005	0.0046	0.0002
Total Taxes to be Raised	3,162,184	3,325,658	3,626,003
Grand List	\$197,667,978	\$196,859,412	\$198,626,434
Total Tax Rate Homestead	1.8572	1.9547	2.0996
Total Tax Rate Non-Residential	1.7252	1.7892	1.8726

Miscellaneous Accounts

ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2014	\$16,824.98
Interest 7/1/2014-6/30/2015	6.08
Balance 6/30/2015	16,831.06
Interest 7/1/2015 - 12/31/2015	2.56
Balance 12/31/2015	\$16,833.62

ESCROW ACCOUNT (Major Subdivisions)

Balance 6/30/2014	\$89.22
Svc. Charge 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	(10.00)
Balance 6/30/2015	79.22
Svc. Charge 7/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	(30.00)
Balance 12/31/2015	\$49.22

MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2014	\$27,056.11
Interest 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	9.81
Balance 6/30/2015	27,065.92
Interest 7/1/2015 - 12/31/2015	4.10
Balance 12/31/2015	\$27,070.02

GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2014	\$479.70
Interest 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015	0.16
Service Charge	(10.00)
Balance 6/30/2015	469.86
Interest 7/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	0.06
Service Charge	(30.00)
Balance 12/31/2015	\$439.92

CAPITAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2014	\$2,000.00
Income 07/14/2014 (Balance of Capital Fund)	93,706.32
Income 06/30/2015 (Balance of Capital Fund)	117,165.45
Balance 6/30/3015	212,871.77
Balance 12/31/2015	\$212,871.77

Miscellaneous Accounts, *continued*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2014	\$5,108.56
Interest 7/1/2014 – 06/30/2015	1.41
Income 7/14/2014 (Town of Cornwall)	5,000.00
Expense 08/15/2014 (Landslide NRP)	(893.75)
Expense 09/02/2014 (Brett Engstrom)	(4,685.00)
Expense 09/15/2014 (Landslide NRP)	(1,137.50)
Expense 10/28/2014 (Brett Engstrom)	(799.00)
Expense 1/08/2015 (Landslide NRP)	(968.75)
Balance 06/30/2015	1,625.97
Interest 7/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	.03
Expense 7/20/2015	1,600.00
Balance 12/30/2015	\$26.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT GRAND TOTAL

6/30/2015	\$258,943.80
12/31/2015	\$257,290.55



DAR Building, August 15th, 2015: Open House and Anniversary

Trustees of Public Funds

As we have stated in past years reports, the public funds are comprised mostly of money bequeathed to the town through the years to be used as needed for special projects. In October, 2015 an exploratory request was made to us from the newly formed Cornwall Conservation Commission, for money to help fund their programs. We expect a formal request in this coming year. Appropriate action will be taken at that time. There was no other activity this past year.

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

Certificate of Deposit #109780	National Bank of Middlebury
CD due 2/26/2016 @ 0.75%	
Balance on 12/31/2014	\$13,205.10
Interest 1/1/2015 -12/31/2015	100.63
Value on 12/31/2015	\$13,305.73
 Certificate of Deposit #107799	 National Bank of Middlebury
CD due 12/29/2017 @ 0.20%	
Balance on 12/31/2014	\$12,493.05
Interest 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015	69.71
Value on 12/31/2015	\$12,562.76
 Lemuel and Vera Peet Bequest CD #108449	 National Bank of Middlebury
CD due 7/25/2016 @ 2.23%	
Balance on 12/31/2014	\$53,890.78
Interest 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015	1,216.76
Value on 12/31/2015	\$55,107.54
 Grand Total of All Funds on 12/31/2015	 \$80,976.03

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Burdick, Trustee
Robert Gerlin, Trustee
Maurice Laframboise, Trustee



Cornwall DAR Members at 100th Anniversary

Highway Department Report

I'm going to keep this brief, as few people read the Town Report anymore. Can't help but talk about the weather though. So we had a real one last year and survived without any big problems. We blew the salt budget, but the overrun spent the summer in the shed. With the additive in it, it is as good as new this winter. Then with the winter so far, we may be way ahead come spring. Not to mention low fuel prices.

I have asked to increase the summer chloride budget line. Depending on the year, we haven't been able to keep dust complaints at bay with what we have. More importantly to me, the additional chloride will hold more roads together better.

After the paving grant last year, we should have some money left combined with this year's line; we should get the rest of West Street done this year. Beyond that it's pretty straight forward. As to the Capital Budget and Plan, we took delivery of a 3/4-ton Ford F-250 pickup with plow in March. It is very much appreciated. This next year we are scheduled to upgrade the roadside mower. For a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the price tag that will probably be postponed. Another issue is complications with loader and mower mount compatibility. There are some innovations showing up out there that may provide us other options in a few years. Thankfully there is nothing seriously wrong with our present mower.

With regards to the buildings, there is nothing planned in the current 5 year plan here at the highway facility.

Beyond that everything should be pretty routine barring any more unusual weather events, and as we await development of the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) related best management practices.

Stu Johnson, Road Commissioner



Town Highway's F-250

Highway Budget '12 -'14

	2012/2013 Budget	2012/2013 Actual	2013/2014 Budget	2013/2014 Actual
Materials				
Salt	\$14,800.00	\$14,025.37	\$14,800.00	\$11,960.51
Sand	15,000.00	7,627.37	15,000.00	14,659.13
Gravel	35,000.00	40,118.38	40,000.00	25,743.36
Paving	75,000.00	78,653.43	85,000.00	73,552.63
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	3,800.00	4,000.00	3,200.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chloride	25,000.00	27,512.01	25,500.00	14,844.95
Culverts	7,500.00	7,123.44	7,500.00	6,861.12
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Signs	600.00	593.43	600.00	0.00
TOTALS	177,400.00	179,453.43	192,900.00	150,821.70
Equipment				
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	9,416.20	12,000.00	4,534.21
Equipment Rental	5,500.00	5,239.76	3,000.00	1,947.09
Pick Up Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,750.00
Fuel	20,000.00	22,168.16	24,000.00	13,509.16
Misc./Small Tools	600.00	939.26	600.00	470.36
Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	10,678.63	7,500.00	0.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	1,000.00	805.58	750.00	824.08
Lubricants/Fluids	1,500.00	1,120.00	1,500.00	810.90
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,580.00
Unplanned Maintenance	7,500.00	4,684.89	6,000.00	785.00
Municipal Cooperative	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	62,100.00	58,052.48	59,350.00	27,210.80
Administrative				
Administrative	750.00	100.00	500.00	89.59
Personnel/Labor	90,000.00	94,808.80	92,250.00	53,907.98
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	6,885.00	7,492.75	7,100.00	3,707.78
Personnel/Workers Comp.	5,000.00	5,790.00	5,000.00	6,999.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,500.00	3,778.27	3,700.00	1,903.35
Personnel/Health	16,000.00	11,988.04	13,000.00	7,358.51
TOTALS	122,135.00	123,957.86	121,550.00	73,966.21
Special Projects				
Clark Road Repair		10,994.61		
Excavator Joint Purchase		15,934.50		
Hydroseeder Repair		47.60		
TOTAL EXPENSES	361,635.00	388,443.48	373,800.00	251,998.71
FEMA		30,810.02		
Municipal Loan		16,700.00		
CVFD Fuel Reimburse.		276.80		
TOTAL REVENUES		47,786.82		
EXPENSES+REVENUES	\$361,635.00	\$340,656.66	\$373,800.00	251,998.71

Highway Budget '14 -'17

	2014/2015 Budget	2014/2015 Actual	2015/2016 Budget	2015/2016 Thru 1/19/16	2016/2017 Proposed Budget
Materials					
Salt	\$14,800.00	\$10,659.19	\$17,600.00	\$1,713.77	\$16,000.00
Sand	15,000.00	9,323.86	15,000.00	5,914.90	15,000.00
Gravel	40,000.00	24,276.89	40,000.00	28,313.07	40,000.00
Paving	100,000.00	93,603.45	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Crack Sealing	3,600.00	2,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chloride	26,000.00	26,998.89	28,000.00	17,354.59	32,000.00
Culverts	7,500.00	7,566.38	7,500.00	4,258.33	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	139.15	600.00	810.16	750.00
TOTALS	208,000.00	175,167.81	212,800.00	158,364.82	215,350.00
Equipment					
Parts/Repairs	12,000.00	5,664.22	12,000.00	1,973.09	12,000.00
Equipment Rental	3,000.00	162.36	3,000.00	1,865.00	3,000.00
Pick Up Allowance	3,000.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	24,000.00	10,409.85	26,000.00	6,112.02	24,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	600.00	649.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Equipment Purchase	7,500.00	1,489.24	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	750.00	0.00	750.00	749.15	800.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,500.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Contracted Labor	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Unplanned Maintenance	6,000.00	2,385.75	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Municipal Co-op	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	59,350.00	22,510.42	56,150.00	10,699.26	54,200.00
Administrative					
Administrative	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Personnel/Labor	95,000.00	58,834.80	98,000.00	38,431.18	100,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	7,500.00	4,634.85	8,000.00	2,940.13	8,000.00
Personnel/Wrkr Comp.	7,300.00	7,982.00	8,000.00	8,869.00	9,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	3,800.00	2,411.35	3,800.00	1,537.08	4,000.00
Personnel/Health	13,000.00	7,365.90	13,000.00	5,463.14	12,000.00
TOTALS	127,100.00	81,228.90	131,300.00	57,240.53	133,500.00
Special Projects					
Paving: S. Bingham, Parkhill, Wooster				122,634.61	
TOTAL EXPENSES	394,450.00	278,907.13	400,250.00	348,939.22	403,050.00
REVENUES					
Class 2 Paving Grant				150,731.71	
TOTAL REVENUES				150,731.71	
EXPENSES+REVENUE	\$394,450.00	\$278,926	\$400,250.00	\$198,207.51	\$403,050.00

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

Taxes Collected from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015

Property	\$4,381.71
Interest	694.93
Collector's Fee	<u>350.48</u>
Subtotal	5,427.12
Over Payments	
Total 1/1/15-6/30/15	<u>5,427.12</u>

Taxes collected from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Property	19,630.75
Interest	2,607.14
Collector's Fee	<u>1,570.46</u>
Subtotal	23,808.35
Over Payments	20.00
Total 7/1/15-12/31/15	<u>23,828.35</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$29,255.47</u>
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Rodney Cadoret, Collector of delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxpayers at December 31, 2015

Due to a Supreme Court ruling on privacy issues, the delinquent taxpayer report will now only list those who are delinquent and the grand total of delinquencies. This includes those that are late on their November 1, 2015 payment.

Belanus, Steven
Blaise, Brian & Johnson, Elsie
Cannon, Stephen
Cobb, Joyce
Dalley, Donna
Foote, Hilton W.
Foote, Peter V.
Gambardella, Mona

Gardon, Vincent
Jannene, James & Patricia
Lyons, Margaret & Field, Douglas
Murray, John
Norinsberg, Jon
Quesnel, Lorenzo & Amy
Trombley, Brian & Carrie

Total Delinquent: \$46,834.70

Forest Fire Warden Report

For the 2015 year, Sue Johnson and I have issued 208 permits; this is the same as last year. This season was fairly calm without any big damage.

The season started dry, leading to a burn ban on May 12 which was allowed to expire on May 19. The rains started on May 31 and eliminated fire danger into the summer. Central Vermont had nearly 4 inches of rain at this time.

I want to make people aware of the fact that burn permits are only good for the day they are issued due to changing weather conditions.

Finally, a reminder: this time of year—early spring—a building enveloped in steam...which may *look* like smoke...might just be a sugaring operation. Check twice before calling 911!

Larry Clark, Cornwall Forest Fire Warden

Tree Warden's Report

Just a couple of things to mention this year. I was approached this past summer by Brian Paquette, who grew up here in town, about doing some donated tree pruning on the green. He does some of this work at the college. So we met, talked about it and came up with a plan. This fall he came back and did a couple days of pruning and made the green much nicer and more open, not to mention the trees are in better shape. There is still quite a bit to do and he offered to do some more work down the road.

At some point, not too far off, there are some trees that should be removed. Then the discussion will be what to replace them with. There are grant programs out there to plan and pay for some of this type of work if one has the temperament to apply.

As it happened Brian and I both showed up at a workshop in Middlebury put on by the Urban and Community Forestry Program. While there was supposed to be some discussion of roadside tree management, I was the only road guy there so it drifted more toward parks, greenbelts and public spaces. It was interesting to hear about species selection, programs, and inventories in that realm. I guess it would apply in concept to our green though many of our trees wouldn't show up on the preferred list.

The pruning aspect was good and focused on training and stature of the tree. A lot of talk about arborist training and certification scheduled pruning plans and the challenge of it all as it is labor, skill, and equipment intensive. They did acknowledge, somewhat reluctantly, that to manage roadsides this way would, in most cases, not be practical. There is an ongoing discussion to provide further training to road crews so when and where it is feasible that they would know and use proper techniques and concepts to improve the roadside trees.

Stu Johnson, Tree Warden

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 a semi- annual basis. This past year we had 67 calls. We are down from the previous year of 80 calls. We were used for 9 mutual aid calls to Middlebury, Shoreham, Weybridge and Salisbury. The breakdowns of calls are listed below. Our department trained a total of 410 hours this year.

Firefighters and Medical First Responders are urgently needed. We need residents interested in the fire or medical service; training is provided free of charge. We recognize that this is a huge time commitment, but the experience is very rewarding. If you have any questions and are interested, please contact any officer or member listed below.

Our department and the community experienced a huge loss this year. Dave Sears passed away from a medical issue in July 2015. Dave was a member for 35 years; he was in charge of communications and was a Captain in the department. Dave was a huge asset to us and the community as a whole. He will be greatly missed.

We continue to make progress in the installation of 911 signs albeit painfully slow. 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 Route 30. The cost of the sign for materials is approximately \$60. (Not including the time/labor to install. A donation for our time needed to install a sign is greatly appreciated.) 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 buried utility lines. Please contact Captain Ken Manchester (462-2136) for further information. 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 Captain Raph Worrick (462-2735) for further information and to provide us with the appropriate information.

Our fleet is in good condition due to the great job of Ken Manchester. He, with the help of other members, maintains our fleet to the highest of standards.

In the past year we have tried an incentive to keep the members well trained by paying a stipend of \$10 an hour. This has increased the yearly training hours to almost double per person. The department would like to continue to offer this incentive, as most of our members have to give up family time and some work time hours to train.

Once again thanks to Sue Johnson for her assistance in being the voice on the radio during our calls. Also, huge thanks to Jean Cadoret for continuing to make us awesome homemade doughnuts for meeting and drill nights. Her dedication to the fire department for so many years is truly commendable.

Breakdown of Calls for 2015 Calendar Year

Medical	30
Auto Accident	9
Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detectors/Fire Alarms	8
Structure Fire	2
Chimney Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Fire	1
Brush Fires	7
<u>Mutual Aid*</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	67

*Mutual Aid to: Middlebury Fire (5) Shoreham (2) Weybridge (1) Salisbury (1)

Members: Chief: Dennis Rheaume; Assistant Chiefs: Dave Berno, Sean Stearns, and Norm Grenier; Captains: Ken Manchester, Raph Worrick, and Lisa Northup; Lieutenant: Lew Castle; Firefighters: Ed Peet, Vaughn Berno, Chris Dayton, Dave Guertin, Peter Conlon, Luke Jerome, Tom Frankovich, Ben Marks, Josh Stearns, Jason Gagne, and Jonathan McCluskey; Medical: Gail Isenberg, Rich Isenberg, and Haley Davis.

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/14– 6/30/15 Budget	7/1/14– 6/30/15 Spent	7/1/15– 6/30/16 Budget	7/1/15– to Date Spent	7/1/16– 6/30/17 Proposed
Utilities					
Heat	\$4,500	\$2,990.79	\$3,800	\$2,651.38	\$3,800
Electric	1,500	2,076.35	1,500	690.44	1,500
Telephone	1,400	1,692.55	1,400	532.84	1,500
Insurance					
Insurance Premiums	17,500	17,611	17,500	7,190.00	17,800
Vehicles					
Vehicle Fuel	2,000	1,846.78	2,000	446.40	2,000
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000	7,928.71	5,000	3,011.58	5,000
Equipment					
Communications Equipment	3,000	5,517.56	3,000	0.00	3,000
Medical	500	2,329.86	2,000	130.09	2,000
Personal Equipment	10,000	8,223.73	9,000	2,043.22	9,000
Fire Equipment	4,000	7,813.14	4,000	0.00	4,000
Training					
Medical	500	320.00	500	0.00	500
Fire Prevention	300	0.00	300	334.95	300
Fire Training	600	6,945.67	600	100.95	5,000
Operations					
Association Dues	1,000	731.00	1,000	165.00	1,000
Buildings & Grounds	3,000	13,671.35	3,000	1,292.67	4,500
Department Office Equipment	300	1,554.98	300	143.89	300
Dispatch Services	2,500	3,097.96	2,500	1,016.66	2,700
Totals	56,600	88,371.41	57,400	19,750.07	63,900
Donations		31,000.00		2,730.00	
Grand Total with Income	\$56,600	\$57,371.41	\$57,400	\$17,020.07	\$63,900

Energy Coordinator's Report

No direct Energy Coordinator monetary expenses were incurred in 2015. Nonetheless it was a busy year in the energy world. The most prominent topic was the proposed natural gas pipeline extension to International Paper, much time and money, for legal fees and an expert witness, was spent on this issue. Ultimately, this project was withdrawn because of the cost increases projected by VT Gas; strong local opposition, spearheaded by Mary Martin, and the stated opposition of the Selectboard to the project as it was proposed most certainly played a role as well.

Another item of interest was the announcement by Sun Common that they were planning on developing a 150 KW solar project on land owned by Steven Payne on West St. An informational meeting was held at the town hall to answer questions; the meeting was well attended with a wide range of views being expressed. Subsequent to this meeting the Selectboard took it upon themselves to establish an interim set of guidelines for the development of commercial solar projects (larger than 15 KW). These interim guidelines are now in place and establish setback, screening and decommissioning guidelines for future commercial projects. While these guidelines are taken into account by the Public Service Board they are under no obligation to make them required as a part of project development. After applying for a Certificate of Public Good, Sun Common decided not to proceed with this project.

I am personally in favor of solar development; I work in the field, and think that the West St. site is a good one. However I do not think that the Sun Common model is a good example of what solar development should look like in VT. First off, even though it is called “Community Solar” it is not, as their business model sells the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), which represent the “good” attributes of solar power, to third parties that are typically out of state entities and really only offers a discount on electricity to those who buy into their “community solar”. The VT Attorney Generals office has weighed in on the matter and sent a letter to Sun Common regarding their sales practices, stating that they need to be clear that participants in these projects are NOT buying solar power. With the passage of Act 56 these systems that sell their RECs will not count toward the ambitious VT goal of achieving a renewable energy requirement of 55% by 2017 and 75% by 2032. The other objection I have regards the amount they are willing to pay the landowner for a long term lease that enables them to develop the project. Without willing landowners these projects do not go forward and I think they should be willing to pay more for that opportunity.

Finally I am always willing to talk with residents about any and all things energy related, feel free to give me a call.

Gary Barnett, 462-3669

Conservation Commission Report

This has been a momentous year for the Conservation Commission (“CC”) marked by the completion of the **Ecological Inventory of Cornwall**, the first-ever comprehensive assessment of the town’s natural resources. Completed by consulting biologist Brett Engstrom, this 70-page report identifies and describes 13 state and locally significant natural areas in Cornwall that contain important native plants, animals, and natural communities. We are hopeful that the Inventory data will assist landowners and the town in protecting the rich bio-diversity of these very special areas.

The Inventory report, completed in May, is the culmination of many discussions and years of work. With the support and encouragement of the Planning Commission and Selectboard, the CC began raising funds for this project in 2012. In the summer of 2013, Brett Engstrom was hired to start work on the Inventory. At a Public Forum later that fall, residents met to share their knowledge of the town’s natural areas and to hear about existing GIS data on the town’s natural features. In the spring of 2014, the CC began contacting landowners asking for permission for the consultant to visit their property. Where permission was granted, the collection of field data began that summer on sites that had the greatest potential for supporting natural resources. In April, Brett shared the Inventory results at a second Public Forum that was attended by more than 40 townspeople. The Report became available online in May of this year. The CC wishes to thank the many people whose support made this important project possible.

The Commission has used the Report as a guide for our work this fall and winter. We mailed more than 70 letters to landowners in the 13 identified sites, sharing information and offering the CC’s help in protecting the important native plants, animals and natural communities on their property. In October, Brett and CC member Marc Lapin led two school fieldtrips and one public hike to the Ledges, the latter drew a crowd of over 30 residents. We will continue these guided explorations to two other Inventory sites this spring, a snowshoe walk in Cornwall Swamp in February, and a paddling excursion along the Lemon Fair in April. We have also been in discussion with the Planning Commission, the Selectboard, and the Trustees of Public Fund about the creation of a Conservation Fund, as called for in the 2013 Town Plan, that could be used to help protect the town’s important land and water resources.

As in prior years, the CC continues to assist the Planning Commission in its review of subdivision requests. This will be made easier in the future because of the Inventory data. In January, we organized a joint public meeting with the Salisbury Conservation Commission at which the River Water Collaborative presented results from their water sampling of the Lemon Fair, Beaver Brook, and Otter Creek. Commission members also attended “Municipal Day at the Statehouse” in Montpelier and represented Cornwall at the annual meeting of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.

Your Conservation Commission members are happy to respond to any questions or requests pertaining to natural resources conservation and education. Current members are Marc Lapin, Mary Dodge (chair), Brian Howlett, Michael Sheridan, Bethany Barry, Rene Langis, and Marc Cesario who joined us this year.

Listers' Report

The new Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for Cornwall is 108.85%, down slightly from last year. The CLA is the average ratio of the fair market appraisal to the selling price of a property in Cornwall. The closer the CLA is to 100%, the closer is the match between the selling prices and the appraisal of properties in the town. When the CLA is within 10 percent of 100%, the average assessment compared to the selling price is considered reasonable. Should the CLA fall to 80% or lower, the state mandates that a town conduct a town wide reappraisal. For this year again it appears that appraised values of properties in Cornwall continue to be in line with selling prices.

The listers inspected and/or appraised 52 new buildings and/or reconstructions. There were several discussions with property owners about their appraisals with seven leading to grievances, none of which went to the Board of Civil Authority.

Other responsibilities fulfilled by the listers in the past year included more updating to town maps to reflect subdivisions of properties; updating property records for changes in ownership; confirming which sales are legitimate to use in determining the Common Level of Appraisal; and confirming eligibility for Current Use under changing state policies. In addition, listers attended conferences at which they received additional training.

The current listers continue to seek a third lister and/or an appraiser to help with the responsibilities of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burdick

Liam English

Planning Commission Report

Approved Subdivisions:

In 2015 there were two Major Subdivisions approved, both located on West St., one of which had conserved lands going to the VT Land Trust. There was also one amendment to a prior year Major Subdivision with conserved lands going to the VT Department of Fish and Wildlife. There were 5 Minor Subdivisions approved in Cornwall in 2015. A list of prior year subdivisions is below:

Year	Applications
2014	5
2013	3
2012	2
2011	3
2010	5
2009	2
2008	8

Planning Commission Report *continued*

Annual Review:

- The CPC began the year by preparing for the VT Gas Pipelines Technical Hearings which were postponed from 2013. The application for the project was withdrawn in February.
- The CPC supported the development of the Energy Committee and the Recreation Committee.
- The CPC worked with the Selectboard to develop an Interim Bylaw for Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Generation Plants. The bylaw was adopted by the Selectboard in October 2015 and will remain in effect for 2 years. The Selectboard has asked the CPC to develop a permanent ordinance.
- Two applications for solar generation were reviewed by the CPC this year. One was approved (Jenne, Rte. 30) and the other (SunCommon, West Street) was withdrawn by the developer. The CPC has developed site visit procedures to ensure that any future applications will be reviewed by at least 2 members of the CPC (in coordination with other Town Officials).
- The CPC organized a Special Meeting held in June. The Town's Attorney, Jim Carroll, gave a presentation on Vermont's new Open Meeting Laws. The meeting was attended by members of the Selectboard and CPC, as well as other Town Officials.
- The CPC has worked closely with the Conservation Commission and Selectboard to define and establish guidelines for a Conservation Fund, a goal of the 2013 Town Plan. The Selectboard is currently reviewing these proposed guidelines.
- The CPC is currently working with the Selectboard to establish a Development Review Board (DRB) for the Town. The DRB will assume the functions of reviewing and approving subdivision applications and will take over the responsibilities of the ZBA, which will be disbanded.
- In December the CPC requested the Selectboard approve matching funds to support an upcoming grant request for Municipal Planning Grant funds. In 2016, the CPC will focus on re-writing the Town's Zoning Regulations. Cornwall is seeing many applications for subdivisions and building permits and the zoning regulations need to be closely reviewed and modified to ensure they are a good fit with the Town Plan goals. If approved, the CPC will use the MPG and matching funds to hire an expert consultant to guide the zoning re-write.

Planning Commission Members: Tracy Himmel Isham's last meeting was in February 2015. Tracy served on the CPC for over a decade. Thank you for your many years of service Tracy!

The CPC welcomed Jamie McKenna to the Commission in March 2015 and Holly Noordsy and Sarah Pelkey were appointed Co-Chairs. The other members in 2015 were David Anderson, Bobbie Carnwath, Jim Duclos, and Jean Terwilliger.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pelkey and Holly Noordsy, CPC Co-Chairs

Zoning Administrator's Report

2015 showed a slight decrease in Zoning Permits Issued, However there was a huge increase in Permits for new homes with nine being issued! By comparison there were *two* in 2013 and four in 2014!

There was a 50% increase in the number of Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued, with a large majority being for the transference of properties rather than for refinancing. That may suggest that the real estate market in Cornwall is improving, but there are still many Cornwall properties on the market.

Zoning Permits Issued

01/28/15 James McKenna and Brittany Hartung, 2484 Rt 30, Change of use: Garage to Woodshop
04/16/15 Daniel Borden and Judith Werner, 455 Fisher Rd, Screened Porch Addition
04/16/15 William D English, 384 Peet Rd, Screened Porch Addition
04/27/15 Michael Paul Quesnel, Samson Rd, Single Family Dwelling
04/28/15 Elizabeth Herrmann (William Goldman), 1374 Ridge Rd, Residential Addition
04/29/15 John Burton and Patricia Sgrecci, 2137 N Bingham St, Single Family Dwelling
05/01/15 Robert A. Burton, DeLong Rd, Single Family Dwelling
05/08/15 Marilyn B. DeLny, 655 Cider Mill Rd, Residential Addition
06/03/15 Benjamin and Leslie Deppman, 433 Foote Farm Rd, Single Family Dwelling
06/09/15 Charles and Lisette Ladd, 4002 Rt 30, Storage Shed
06/09/15 Raph Worrick and Meg Harris, 4245 Rt 30, Storage Shed Addition
07/07/15 Ralph J. Teitscheid, 22 Slade Rd, Sign Permit
07/28/15 Joan Donahue (Marie and Marc Tabah), 382 Robbins Rd, Single Family Dwelling
08/12/15 Bill Emerson, 485 West St, Single Family Dwelling
08/13/15 Michael Cowherd, 5949 Rt 30, Front Porch Addition
08/28/15 Paul W. Garrow, Samson Rd (Lot 2), Single Family Dwelling
09/28/15 Ross and Amy Gregory, 1590 Sperry Rd, Barn
09/29/15 Dwight and Judy Dunning, Bourdeau Rd, Single Family Dwelling
10/09/15 Habitat for Humanity of Addison Co., Carothers Ln Lot 3, Single Family Dwelling
10/20/15 Timothy Wilcox Fisher, 727 Fisher Rd, Accessory Dwelling Unit (renewal)
10/20/15 Erica Moody, 1024 Route 30, Entry Porch Addition
10/21/15 Greg Borah (John and Meg Wallace), 1331 S Bingham St, Garage

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued

02/24/15 Maryanne Neill and Jennifer and Todd Christi, 1107 N Bingham St
03/18/15 Matt Bonner (West St Properties LLC) 1683 West St (Lot 2)
03/20/15 Kim and Susan Montgomery, 29 James Rd
04/16/15 Cheryl Ettinger and Candace Thornton, 299 Ridge Rd
04/16/15 Ellen Scranton, 4969 Rt 30
04/22/15 Bruce and Virginia Hiland, 942 Cider Mill Rd
06/09/15 Morris and Vivian Larocque, 584 West St
06/09/15 Anne Knowles, 101 S Bingham St
07/07/15 Leo and Betty Lou Gorton, 706 West St (Lot 2)
07/14/15 Jeffrey and Linda Swinhart, 736 Tulley Rd
07/16/15 Gale Burns, 1019 Cider Mill Rd

Zoning Administrator's Report, *continued*

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued, *continued*

07/21/15 Dirt Capitol Partners LLC, 2170 Rt 125
07/31/15 Stephenie Frawley, 506 Ledgemont Ln
08/05/15 Jonathan and Lisa Newhard, 2013 Rt 125
08/06/15 John Eagan, 23 Hornbeam Hill Rd
08/28/15 Dougla Pyrke and Jack Fairchild, 145 Samson Rd (Lot 4)
09/29/15 Joy R. Blix, 183 Lemon Fair Rd
09/03/15 Tom and Virginia Moser, 433 Sperry Rd
09/01/15 Dougla H. Pyrke and John A. Fairchild, 145 Samson Rd (Lot 4)
10/15/15 Christina Ellison, 143 S Bingham St
10/20/15 Wendy Ogden McDowell, 329 West St
10/26/15 Colin Kriwox, 1501 Rt 74
10/28/15 Dwight and Judy Dunning, 43 Bourdeau Rd
12/08/15 Gregory and Shirley Smela, 4740 Rt 30
12/09/15 Robert and Nicole Stone, 734 Lemon Fair Rd
12/11/15 R. Matthew and Nicolle M. Longman, 656 Rt 30

Certificates of Occupancy Issued

02/12/15 Gregor Kent, 18 Lemon Fair Rd
09/29/15 Mary Daly, 1383 Rt 30
11/03/15 Kevin and Heidi Naughton, 1515 Cider Mill Rd

Notification of Intent to Build a Farm Structure Received

11/13/15 Andrew Munkres and Kristin Bolton, 2703 West St, Storage Barn for beekeeping

Other Decisions

04/01/15 Cheryl Ettinger and Candace Thornton, 299 Ridge Rd, Boundary Line Adjustment
conveying 22 acres to the lands of Martha S. Fritz
04/27/15 Christopher and Rebecca Dayton, 770 Cider Mill Rd, Boundary Line Adjustment
conveying .86 acres to the lands of Bruce and Virginia Hiland
04/27/15 Greg Bora (John and Meg Wallace), 1331 S Bingham, Permit Denial for Garage

Respectfully submitted on this 15th day of January, 2016 by James Duclos, Zoning Administrator

Cornwall Emergency Management Network

The Cornwall Emergency Management Network (EMN) has maintained its semi-dormant state through 2015. We have held periodic meetings to review and complete plans, discuss upcoming workshops and training, and sustain our connection as a group.

Some of the activities undertaken include the annual update of the Local Emergency Operations Plan, presented to and adopted by the Selectboard in April of 2015.

The Emergency Planner from the Regional Planning Commission met with us to complete the five-year All Hazards Mitigation Plan, submitted to and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This means that, if we have a declarable disaster, and seek Federal funds to recover and rebuild, we are eligible to receive a higher percentage of State matching funds than without the plan. While the Emergency Management tasks have been light, it was a year of complex E9-1-1 issues. Two households underwent complete changes of address, and a third avoided this after agreeing to rename a private road. The town was informed of road name and signage inconsistencies, which were addressed by both the Highway Department and E911 Coordinator. Fortunately, the staff at the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board are helpful, attentive, and willing to help think through some of these challenges.

The situations that arose this last year have prompted the (planned) inclusion of E9-1-1 guidelines in new construction information packets, and the increased awareness of the importance for Driveway Permits, Building Permits, and E911 progress to be communicated by those heading up each item. It continues to be imperative that people obtain or verify a location's E9-1-1 number before claiming the address.

\$0 funds were spent in 2014-15.

The EMN keeps the third Thursday of each month open for meetings; calling them when necessary. For more information, contact the Town Clerk, or Kate Gieges at 462-2182, gieges@shoreham.net.

Kate Gieges
EM Coordinator
E9-1-1 Coordinator



Funeral Procession for Dave Sears, July 16, 2015

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) is kept up to date with the new titles. Our holdings include 4,255 books, 606 DVDs and 285 audio items. With 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 through the Green Mountain Library Consortium, which allows you to download books to your audio device. All you need is the Cornwall Library Card (barcode on the back). Our total circulation for 2015 was 1,518 items of all types.

We had an extremely successful book sale on October 17, 2015. This was the third year holding the sale in the fall and it seems to work well. Our proceeds amounted to \$839.50. We appreciate everyone's participation and help with the sale. We look forward to next year. The Library Trustees also decided to do a direct appeal to Cornwall residents in the fall newsletter. That appeal netted \$1,055.00, and we are very appreciative of all of the donations we received. We also received a donation of \$1,000 from the Holmes Family Trust, which is greatly appreciated.

The Library held a Poetry Reading Night on November 12, 2015. Gary Margolis, Janice Potter and Greg Dennis were the Authors who read several of their works that night. There was good attendance at the event, and we are considering offering a similar event again in 2016.

We appreciate your support and encourage everyone to come in and check out the library. Also, feel free to ask about books that you do not see on the shelves already, we are happy to get books through interlibrary loan, or we may order the book for our library.

Patty McCormick, Judy English, Carol King, Kristina Simmons, Joyce Stephens and Sue Johnson, Library Trustees

Library Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance, 01/01/2015	<u>\$2,814.77</u>		
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Town Appropriation 2015	\$4,000.00	Supplies/Advertising	\$467.00
Book Sale	839.50	Membership Dues	179.00
Direct Appeal Town of Cornwall	1,055.00	Books/Media	4,750.68
Holmes Family Donation	1,000.00	Phone Service/Public WiFi	936.60
Miscellaneous Income	98.50	Total Expenses:	<u>\$6,333.28</u>
Sub-Total Income:	<u>6,993.00</u>		
Less Expenses:	<u>(6,333.28)</u>		
Balance 12/31/2015	<u>\$3,474.49</u>		

Fund Balances 12-31-15

Footnote, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,682.98
Interest earned 2015	<u>13.29</u>
Total	<u>4,696.27</u>
Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	2,278.49
Interest earned 2015	<u>4.58</u>
Total	<u>2,283.07</u>
Grand Total CD's	<u>\$6,979.34</u>

Capital Budget Committee Report

After accounting for the current year's expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2015 report, the Committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. As of January 15, 2016, the Capital Equipment Fund balance is \$190,020.95. The only expenditure on the schedule for purchase this fiscal year is a roadside mower, however, that has been put on hold for the time being. As of January 15, 2016, the Capital Building Fund balance is \$240,983.32. The remaining balances will be held over for the following year and beyond.

The Committee continues to work on maintenance issues at the Town Hall. The replacement of the Town Hall roof is scheduled for some time in the spring/summer of 2016. The front wall of the foundation needs to be shored up, and the committee is in the process of finding a contractor to complete that work. We have been meeting with the folks from Vermont Integrated Architecture to discuss and plan for the renovation to the Town Hall. During the discussions, the original thought was to expand the building to the south, but in examining the areas in the building that are not being utilized currently, it was felt that the expansion could be done within the building, which would not affect the outside appearance of the building. The two fire escapes on the north side of the building would be removed, and replaced with interior fire escapes. Fire proof record storage would be created on the bottom floor of the building, as well as other general storage. A lift would be installed allowing access to the top floor of the building. On the next page there is a drawing of the proposed renovation to the Town Hall. We will be discussing this proposal at Town Meeting, as the Committee has asked the Selectboard to warn an article asking the voters to allow the Town to borrow up to \$250,000 to move forward with the project within the next year (construction to begin in 2017).

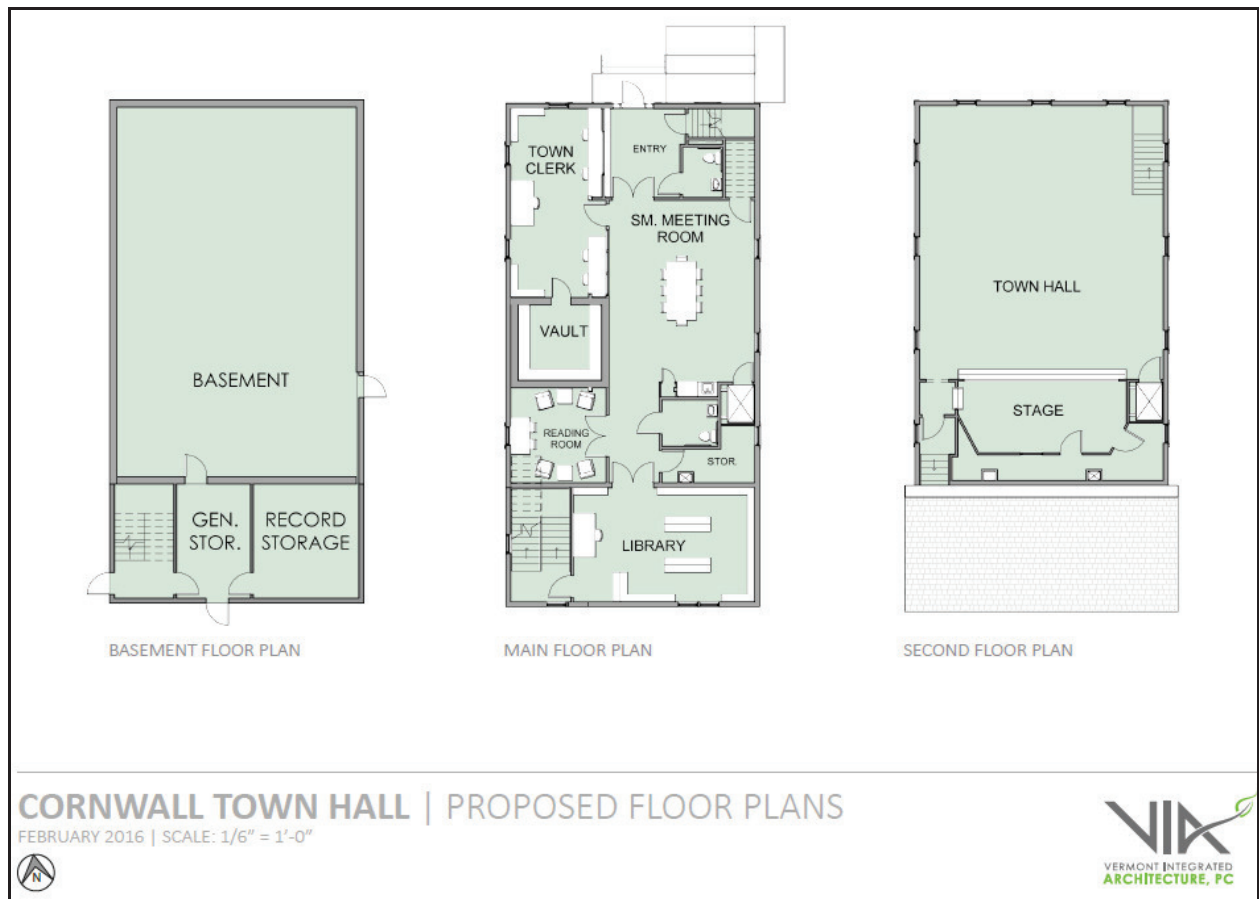
Cornwall is completing its seventh year of managing capital spending under a formally adopted Capital Budget and Program. The first Capital Budget and Program proposed that the town budget include a line item for \$120,000 in the fiscal year beginning in July 2009 (and subsequent years) to cover the 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 Equipment Budget and Plan. Beginning in 2013, the Capital Building Budget and Plan was added to the program, and the committee proposed a line item amount of \$100,000. At this point in time, this number continues to be adequate for the orderly repair, renovation and/or replacement of the town's buildings.

During fiscal year 2014/2015, the Capital Equipment Fund purchased a 2015 Ford F-250 pick-up truck for use by the Highway Department. The cost was \$35,431.15. The Equipment Fund also purchased new Air Packs for the Fire Department at a cost of \$40,777.22. There are no planned equipment purchases for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2014/2015, the Capital Building Fund has paid: Phelps Engineering for well permitting \$5,370.37; J. A. Russo Paving for the balance of the town hall parking lot paving \$7,300.00; Black Diamond Construction for insulating the basement \$3,510.28; David Sheldrick for installing a new access door in the basement \$990.00; Dennis Newton for electrical work on the well and softener \$646.64; JD Fuller Plumbing for plumbing work for the well and softener \$2,495.14; Spafford and Sons for installation of the well \$15,000.00 and VIA for Town Hall Renovation design \$1,313.75. Thus far in 2015/2016, the only bills incurred have been from VIA for continued architectural design work.

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

Proposed Town Hall Renovation Design



Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair river valley for Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided by hand or aurally following an analysis of conditions and in consultation with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (“VAAFM”). Of note, we do not provide adult mosquito treatment but instead attempt to destroy larvae before they become adults. Additional information is available on our website (<http://cornwallvt.com/lemon-fair-insect-control-district/>).

Field Conditions and Treatment

We did not treat aurally in 2015...similar to 2014. Early spring started out “high and dry” with low larval dipping counts. Seven inches of rain in June created flooding conditions in the Lemon Fair Valley which ordinarily would also create large mosquito hatches. However, when fresh hatches occur high up on the flood plain, the larvae become stranded as water levels recede and dry up in the grass before they finish their life cycle into adulthood. July, August and September were relatively dry with low larvae counts...well below the state threshold for aerial treatment. Needless to say, it is unclear whether this low level of adult mosquito activity will persist in 2016.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report, *continued*

2015 Events

On April 10, we sold our 1973 Cessna to Mid-Continent Aircraft Corp. (<http://www.midcont.com>) for \$40,000. We will rely on a third party aerial larviciding service, most likely JBI Helicopter Services (<http://www.jbihelicopters.com/>). JBI has treated for both the LFICD and the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen District in the past. The \$40,000 in plane proceeds will be used to help defray our co-pay with the VAAFM on aerial treatment costs.

The LFICD Board has agreed to add the town of Weybridge as a full participating member of the LFICD. The Weybridge Selectboard voted to join the LFICD on April 7, subject to a vote of the Weybridge citizens at the 2016 Town Meeting. The decision to become a member of the LFICD is subject to mutually agreeable financial arrangements.

In July, we set up a phone line and web survey for residents to report their experience with nuisance mosquitoes. Based on this feedback, we identified areas to trap adult mosquitoes using light traps to determine species and activity. Correlating larval and adult collections of mosquitoes helps us determine where mosquitoes are coming from; and, if flood plain species, whether our treatment thresholds are adequate. We expect to expand adult trapping in 2016 to two permanent light trap locations in each of our three towns to identify year-to-year trends. Next spring, we will be looking for volunteers to allow us to set up light traps on their property.

In October, we decided to lease office space at the Weybridge Church. The space will be used for adult mosquito species identification. We will also have a small freezer to store adult mosquitoes for further evaluation by the VAAFM.

On November 24, we met with representatives of the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury and Goshen District and the VAAFM, including Secretary Chuck Ross to review 2015 and plan for 2016. Topics included adult trapping protocol and the potential for new larvicide products. Secretary Ross advised us that while our operational funding for 2016 is secure, the State continues to be under great financial pressure and that any subsidies for capital expenditures will be subject to a rigorous review.

The Bridport and Cornwall Selectboards have approved two amendments to our Formation Agreement. The first is to allow the LFICD to conduct a financial compilation once every two years rather than every year. This will save us approximately \$1,500 annually. We will continue to produce a monthly treasurer's report. The second amendment will permit our member towns to provide no less than two and no more than three board representatives. The current requirement is for 3 representatives from each town. This will allow each town more flexibility in fielding candidates.

Board and Staff

Cornwall board members: David Dodge (Chair), Lew Castle (V. Chair), Chris Chapline (Sec.)

Bridport board members: Dinah Bain (Treasurer), Chuck Burkins, Alissa Shethar

Weybridge representative: Melissa Lourie. We will be seeking Weybridge board members once the town becomes a full LFICD member in 2016.

Field Coordinators, 2015: Craig Zondag, Judd Markowski and Meg Madden. We thank them for their hard work.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission Report

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2015

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2015 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving 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 Public Service Board in Sec. 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

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.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Middlebury, Bridport, Cornwall, and Leicester and submitted grant application with the State of Vermont to cover numerous other municipalities
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies for solar siting.
- Participated in Vermont Gas and TDI New England hearings before the Public Service Board.

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.
- Participated in the statewide DriveElectricVT initiative.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride, and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported capital budget development

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



2015 ANNUAL 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 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, 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 (Board) composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

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

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org **Transfer Station Hrs:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM; Sat, 9 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM **HazWaste Center Hrs:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM; Sat, 9 AM–1 PM

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!* Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2015 Highlights

Bristol Joins the District. The District welcomed the Town of Bristol as its 20th member municipality. Residents and businesses in Bristol may now take advantage of the many programs and services offered by the District.

New Solid Waste Plan Adopted. The Board adopted a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), approved by the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). The SWIP is a strategic materials management plan that also serves as a tool for the identification of solid waste facilities in the District and offers guidance to the Board and its member towns. The District will be preparing a survey for all District residents and businesses to gather feedback on general awareness and understanding of solid waste services offered in our member towns.

Act 148. On 7/1/15, two new deadlines from the Universal Recycling Law took effect: (1) mandatory recycling must be offered by any commercial waste hauler, with the cost of residential recycling subsidized on the bag of trash; and (2) all facilities that collect waste must now offer collection of leaf & yard residuals.

Addison County Solid Waste District Report, *continued*

Product Stewardship. As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, and waste paint, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are no longer wanted. In 2015, Vermont made history by becoming the first state in the U.S. to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. Single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture their products in Vermont will be required to plan, implement and manage a statewide battery collection program by 1/1/16.

Recycling. As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,017 tons of single stream recyclables.

All generators are required by District ordinance - and by State law as of 7/1/15 - to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2015, all member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. As a reminder, Vermont municipalities are required by Act 148 to provide a recycling bin next to any trash bin in all publicly accessed spaces as of 7/1/15.

Illegal Dumping/Burning. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Dumping/Burning Ordinance. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 23 illegal dumping/ burning complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's favorite litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 20 tons of roadside trash, 11.37 tons of tires, 4 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 29 E-Waste items, 10 appliances, and other abandoned hazardous wastes for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,880.

2016 Budget

The District's 2016 Annual Budget is \$2,818,754, a 7.45% increase over the 2015 Annual Budget. The District Board proposes no rate changes for 2016. The Transfer Station tip fee will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2016.** For a copy of the full 2015 Annual Report, please call us, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

Our mission is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties.

NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont, *continued*

2015 has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont:

- ✓ 142 families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ✓ 179 people received pre-purchase coaching and 75 people went on to purchase a home.
- ✓ 27 families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling \$389,143.
- ✓ 19 people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ✓ 32 people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ✓ 68 residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ✓ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for
 - 470 households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,
 - 95 families to make energy improvements worth \$780,867, and
 - 50 families were loaned \$559,391 which enabled them to complete improvements
- ✓ 4 homes have been purchased to demolish or rehab in our revitalization Northwest Neighborhood of Rutland City.

These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, nwwvt.org.

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!

Respectfully,

Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local health district office is in Middlebury at 156 South Village Green, Suite 102 (Court St Ext, by People's Bank), phone 388-4644 or 888-253-8804, M-F, 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department supported healthy communities through:

- The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes was awarded \$45,000 in order to decrease use of tobacco in Addison County.
- Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Addison County, 1128 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Starting in May 2016, Addison County families served by WIC will be able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice and flexibility (a change from home delivery).

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County, *continued*

- Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 114 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$832,734.85 of which was in spent in Addison County.
- Aided communities in emergency preparedness: Since July 2013, funding of \$50,652 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Porter Medical Center. In addition, in 2014 and 2015, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Rutland and Addison County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. We are always looking for more Medical Reserve Corps and EMS volunteers. Please visit www.OnCallforVT.org to learn more about both volunteer opportunities.

From the Secretary of State's Office



Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced the roll-out of the new Elections Management Platform. This platform has three main parts:

- **Elections Management System (EMS)** – includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;
- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and
- **New “My Voter Page”** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Secretary Condos states, “I am very excited to announce the roll-out of Vermont’s first online voter registration system. One of my primary goals as Vermont’s chief election officer is to increase voter participation. I am confident that our new online voter registration system and the ‘My Voter Page’ tool will increase engagement with the electoral process across the state and make it easier than ever for all eligible Vermonters to participate in our elections.”

The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

Charitable and Service Organization Information — 2015

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 eight 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 who may not utilize the drop-in hours. These special events include approximately 5 dances, and two clothing swaps. These special events serve a diversity of teens and community members that may not utilize the drop in hours.

Since the Teen Center first opened its doors in September 2007, participation has been strong. Collectively in FY’16 ACT has served 125 individual teens, 6 individual resident teens from Cornwall made 45 visits to the teen center.

ACT is requesting \$2,000.00, no change over last year.

Addison County Court Diversion

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Project, Inc. provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the “balanced 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 125 cases annually, serving approximately 50-80 victims as a result. YSASP averages 170. We currently have over 60 community service sites throughout Addison County and over 40 volunteers helping us to run our programs. During FY 2015, clients of both programs completed hundreds of community service hours and hundreds of dollars were paid in restitution. 95% of the juveniles and 85% of the adults completed the Court Diversion program successfully. 80% of youth in the YSASP program completed it successfully. In 2015, ACCD&CJP served 3 Cornwall residents.

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Project requests \$350.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice

Life has a way of changing when we least expect it. At Addison County Home Health and Hospice (ACHHH), we support families during difficult times and assist in making decisions about health care needs and lifestyle changes. We help families dealing with a myriad of health concerns: from children with complicated medical issues, to adults struggling to remain independent at home, to those approaching the completion of their lives. Our goal is to help people get back to what they love; to help them remain independent and safe at home or to help make their last days comfortable.

For the past 48 years, ACHHH has been an integral part of the healthcare delivery system in Cornwall. Last year alone in Cornwall, we provided 547 visits to 29 Cornwall residents.

We depend on and greatly appreciate the contributions we receive from towns in the county, like Cornwall, to offset the losses we experience from providing free or reduced fee services to residents. By supporting ACHHH, you enable us to meet urgent and future needs and fulfill our mission to care for all, regardless of their ability to pay.

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

Addison County Readers, Inc.

Our December 2014 enrollment was 1,053 children, the largest number we have ever served in one month. This is 60% of the count that the 2010 US Census estimated for county children under age five. Addison County Readers has been offering the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library locally for eight years and during that time we have mailed more than 73,000 books.

Each year we raise more than \$31,000 to pay for the books that are mailed monthly to children's homes. Because we have no paid staff and are entirely volunteer-run, all of these funds are used to further literacy through the Imagination Library and through our Books at Birth program. Last summer the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that parents read aloud to children from birth onward. In Books at Birth, the staff at Porter Birthing Center gives each newborn a book from ACR and assists in enrolling each child in the Imagination Library.

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

Addison County River Watch Collaborative – ACRWC

The Addison County River Watch Collaborative is a new addition to the Charitable Organization Article for town meeting.

The ACRWC is asking for the town's financial support to help them to support water quality monitoring work in the local streams and rivers including sampling, analyzing data, and reporting water quality information to the public.

Members of our Cornwall Conservation Commission are active in the Collaborative.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00. New this year.

Addison County Transit Resources

Dial-A-Ride System – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, person with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Cornwall, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment. ACTR provided its 2,000,000th ride in August 2015.

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Cornwall residents coming into Middlebury have access to an extensive bus system. The bus system can take them around town, connect them to the Snow Bowl, Bristol or Vergennes or link them to Burlington and /or Rutland and points in between.

In FY15, ACTR provided 171,005 Shuttle Bus and Dial-a Ride trips. All of ACTR's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. The state and federal grants that fund these critical transportation services require that ACTR raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. ACTR requests approximately 5% of the 20% from the towns.

ACTR is requesting \$1,274.00; this is an increase of \$93.00 over last year.

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging

For more than 40 years, the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging has been the leader in promoting independence, dignity, and choice for all seniors. Thanks to ongoing support from Vermont towns in which CVAAFM provides service, CVAAFM has been able to provide information, support and advocacy to seniors and caregivers across four counties. The non-profit organization empowers seniors and their caregivers to use their voice, find solutions, and obtain services that help them lead the lives they choose. Services provided include:

Meals on Wheels, Fitness & Wellness, Nutrition Counseling, Case Management, Senior Help-Line.

Vermont is ranked as the second oldest state in the country and the population of seniors is only expected to grow. The state's senior population is expected to nearly double in the next fifteen years. According to the Administration on Aging, nearly a third of older individuals live alone. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to health care, including specialized health care, and the services tend to be more costly than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes. CVAAFM provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

CVAAFM is requesting funding in the amount of \$950.00, no change 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). We serve people of all ages in Addison County who need our services, regardless of their ability to pay.

CSAC provided 5,174 hours of service to residents of Cornwall in 2015.

CSAC is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,300.00, no change 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, 199 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 5 of whom were residents of Cornwall. Cornwall residents received a total of 5,457 hours of care, 1,671 hot meals, and approximately 1,562 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$84,035 for direct services to Cornwall residents. In addition, over 30 Cornwall seniors were students at our ESI College Lifelong Learning Center, 7 family caregivers received respite and peace of mind, and residents of Cornwall are on our staff and board.

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 change from last year.

Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 2, 2015

Green Up Day celebrated 45 years in 2015! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** 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. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 7, 2016, the first Saturday in May.

Green-Up Vermont is requesting funding in the amount of \$100.00, no change 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.

As the only animal shelter in Addison County, we serve an average of 750 animals each year at the shelter as well as the feral cats in the community and many animals assisted in our cruelty investigations. We offer programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs facing Addison County.

Through November 30, 2015, Cornwall's numbers were 1 stray intake, 1 owner surrender, 1 returned to owner and 9 adoptions to town residents. All of these animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption.

For information about Homeward Bound, please call 802-388-1100 or visit www.HomewardBoundAnimals.org.

The Shelter is requesting \$500.00, no change from last year.

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more, and we work to assist people in accessing information and developing new in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives.

During the twelve month period ended September 30, 2015, HOPE provided assistance to 48 Cornwall Residents. Many of these households were served multiple times with large amounts of funds.

HOPE requests \$4,000.00, no change from last year.

Hospice Volunteer Services

Hospice Volunteer Services (HVS) is a non-profit agency providing *free* programs and services to town residents for the past 33 years. Our primary commitment is to provide the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illnesses and their families. Hospice Volunteer Services, a *separate but collaborating organization*, with Addison County Home Health and Hospice, provides the federally mandated volunteer component of the hospice program in Addison County. Our current volunteer roster carries the names of 225 remarkable and dedicated people. Hospice volunteers offer both practical and emotional support tailored to the individual needs of each patient and family.

Our second area of focus, grief support, follows naturally on the heels of our work with hospice patients. Bereavement support services are offered to *all residents* of Addison County. We offer ongoing grief support groups, grief consultation, one-on-one volunteer outreach, special supportive and education events, and the Phoenix Group.

Lastly, Hospice Volunteer Services has a commitment to serve as a resource and leader in providing education and support throughout Addison County around issues of end-of-life care, death, bereavement and loss. In this effort, we continue to offer a variety of educational programs open and available to all town residents of Addison County.

2 patients & their families received direct services from 1 hospice volunteer for a total of 2 visits. 2 individuals benefited from 11 bereavement support sessions totaling 22 hours. 5 families were invited to the annual candle lighting and Service of Remembrance. 4 residents are hospice volunteers.

Hospice Volunteer Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$450.00, no change from last year.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.

This year the John Graham Shelter located on Main Street in Vergennes marks 36 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; provided transitional housing to families at our own buildings and at many scatter 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 \$1,925.00, no change from last year.

Mary Johnson Children's Center

With approximately 43% of the 60 children attending the center receiving state subsidized childcare, the Center provides a safe and stable environment for children experiencing the challenges of living in financially stressed homes. Mary Johnson Children's Center operates early childhood programs at both its Water Street location and at the Middlebury Cooperative Nursery School in East Middlebury. The Center's school age programs operate in six county elementary schools. They operate from the end of the school day until 5:30 P.M. during the academic year, as well as full days during school vacation weeks. Additionally three of the programs operate for seven weeks each summer. The Center administers five county-wide state supported programs that serve families throughout the county: Referral Services, Subsidy Services, Resource Services, Protective Service/Family Support, and Child & Adult Care Food Program.

Mary Johnson Children's Center served 14 Cornwall children and 1 child care home in 2015.

MJCC is requesting funding in the amount of \$700.00, no change from last year.

Open Door Clinic

The Open Door Clinic provides access to quality healthcare services, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established.

A few facts about the Open Door Clinic: In 2015, we served 760 distinct individuals, 351 of whom were new patients. We provided 1,070 medical visits, 238 medical referrals, 63 dental referrals and 262 consults with individuals for Vermont Health Connect. To Cornwall residents, we provided 22 medical visits, 7 case management services, 6 consults, 8 outreach visits, and 13 visits with our certified navigator for help with Vermont Health Connect.

As a free clinic, we cannot charge for any of our services and rely on over 135 volunteers to provide a wide variety of health care services. We are very excited to share that we have started a new dental program this year. Six local dentists have agreed to volunteer their time and see patients, free-of-charge.

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

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District

The OCNRCD contracts the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, holds public and sector meetings for the Otter Creek Watershed Plan, holds a Natural Resource Workshop for horse owners and sponsors a Tree Seedling Sale and maintains a listing of local contractors. The District also holds Conservation Field Days for an average 300 Addison County 5th and 6th graders, supports scholarships for up to 5 area students to attend Green Mountain Conservation Camp, supports Envirothon and continues that outreach at Addison County Fair and Field Days and the Addison County Tour and Annual District Meeting. The District supports a technical staff of three 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 2016, 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.

16 Cornwall students attended Conservation Field Day at the Addison County Fair and Field Days site in 2015. Annually 250 Addison County students participate in this conservation education event

8 Cornwall residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree Sale. 2 wells were sampled for Cornwall residents in 2015.

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

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

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

Cornwall appropriates \$121.11 to the District each year. (*General Fund Budget: Appropriations*)

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 \$1000.00, no change from last year.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

How Cornwall Residents Benefit from RSVP's Services:

In FY15, 21 Cornwall residents volunteered 3,923 hours at local non-profit agencies and schools. In addition, Cornwall seniors took advantage of RSVP's free income tax return preparation services, and our free osteoporosis prevention classes. The Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program provided classroom support to Bingham Elementary School, and Days of Caring mobilized volunteers to complete needed projects at the school. These programs strengthen our communities, and allow residents to stay healthy, engaged, and financially stable.

In addition, any Cornwall resident who has received assistance from a local service organization has benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. Examples include community members at risk of hunger who received free nutritious meals at meal sites where our members volunteer, or residents who received free transportation services from volunteers who drive for Meals on Wheels and ACTR. In total, 650 RSVP members volunteered 91,636 hours to 120 local social service agencies, schools, libraries, town offices and other non-profits in our community. Our goal this year is to continue to grow our volunteer base to expand our programs, and meet the increasing needs of local non-profit organizations. The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition.

On behalf of our volunteers and non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Cornwall for their support of RSVP.

RSVP is requesting funding in the amount of \$540.00, an increase of \$180.00 over last year.

Vermont Adult Learning

Vermont Adult Learning offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

VAL also offers WorkKeys certification, a nationally recognized career readiness certificate based on “real world” skills that employers look for in employees. In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

In fiscal year 2015, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 153 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 change from last year.

WomenSafe

WomenSafe has been dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children since 1980. Our 24-hour hotline is staffed by trained volunteers and staff who offer crisis advocacy, safety planning, information, referrals, emotional support, social service advocacy and safe housing for victims and their children. WomenSafe staff responded to 525 women, children and men who reached out for services, over 4,311 meetings and phone calls, 297 supervised visits and monitored exchanges.

WomenSafe’s Transitional Housing Program Grant through the Department of Justice’s Violence Against Women Act has helped more than 34 families find and maintain secure, stable housing. WomenSafe services provided at least 8 Cornwall adults and children services through our hotline, advocacy programs and in-person meetings. WomenSafe staff also trained 84 students and teachers through 6 Cornwall Elementary presentations. Other notable 2015 facts: The Training & Education Program reached 1,282 adults and youth through nearly 108 presentations that covered a variety of topics including healthy relationships, child sexual abuse prevention & flirting vs. sexual harassment: 85 community volunteers contributed more than 8,160 hours of their time to help us further our mission by providing such services as: staffing the 24-hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support. WomenSafe worked with Middlebury College to improve their response to sexual violence by supporting their development of an on-campus advocacy service (MiddSafe). Women Safe also significantly participated in the training of the new volunteer advocates.

Our advocacy 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 \$1000.00, no change from last year.

Town Meeting Minutes—Monday, March 2, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM with approximately 125 people in attendance and transacted the following business:

Before the meeting was called to order, Willem Jewett our State Representative, was given a few moments to report on the current happenings in Montpelier. He reported that he has stepped back from a leadership role and has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee. He indicated that the legislators will be working on keeping their yearly increases to 3% vs. the 5% that has been happening most recently. Eliminating the budget gap is one of their top priorities.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Moderator, Cy Tall. Cy indicated that the meeting would be run using Robert's Rules of Order. She also indicated that nonvoters were welcome to attend the meeting, but could not speak at the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bruce Hiland took a few minutes to give the state of the town remarks. A copy of his remarks will be attached to these minutes.

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 3, 2015, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

	<i>5 years:</i>	<i>Cemetery Commissioner</i>
<i>3 years:</i>	<i>Town Clerk; Town Treasurer; Two (2) Planning Commissioners; Selectboard; Lister; School Director; Auditor; Trustee of Public Funds; Cemetery Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)</i>	
<i>2 years:</i>	<i>Selectboard; School Director; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term); Four (4) Library Trustees</i>	
<i>1 year:</i>	<i>Moderator; Selectboard (to fill an unexpired term); First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; School Director (to fill an unexpired term); Cemetery Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)</i>	

No action was taken on this article as voting will take place on March 3, 2015 from 7 am to 7 pm at the Cornwall Town Hall.

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial deficit of (\$56,896) for the fiscal year July 2013 – June 2014.

Bruce Hiland/T Tall moved to apply the deficit to next year's tax rate calculation. Stan Grzyb asked what the deficit was. Bruce H. explained that it was a combination of unpaid property taxes and over spending of budgeted areas. Sue Johnson also explained that the town is using the modified accrual system within the municipal fund accounting program and making the various funds whole also contributed to the deficit number. Dave Donahue wondered if it was or would be typical. It is not typical for Cornwall to have a deficit. Richard Carpenter asked if there was any other alternative to deal with the deficit besides raising taxes. There is not any other alternative. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$486,610.

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Jordan Young/Frank Punderson moved to approve a General Fund budget of \$486,610. There was no discussion on this article. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$400,250. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$340,250 to be raised by taxes.

Bruce Hiland/Gary Margolis moved to approve the Highway budget of \$400,250, with state aid expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving \$340,250 to be raised by taxes. Rick Greene asked how the budget problems in Montpelier will affect the town's state aid dollars. It is unknown at this time. Stu Johnson did not think that the state would reduce or take away the state aid to local roads. Sue Johnson indicated that the state did reduce state aid several years ago for one year, so it is a possibility. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$57,400 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Gary Margolis/David Donahue moved to appropriate \$57,400 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Alicia Romero/Bruce Hiland moved to appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Ginny Moser asked how much the property taxes were on the \$4,000 appropriation. At the time, Sue Johnson did not have the answer. The calculation done later indicates that the taxes on \$4,000 with the current 20 cent rate amounts to \$8.00 on the tax bill. Sue Johnson took a few moments to speak about the Cornwall Library services and that the library has current books and movies available for check out vs. the many month wait at Ilsley Library. Sue J. also thanked Patty McCormick for her work on purchasing the various items for the library. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will approve holding the School District Meeting prior to the Town Meeting beginning in 2016 and then alternating the town and school district meetings in subsequent years.

Lisa Roberts/Alicia Romero moved to approve holding the School District Meeting prior to the Town Meeting beginning in 2016 and then alternating the town and school district meetings in subsequent years. Katie Kramer asked why this change was being voted on. John Eagan responded by saying that the school board would like to be in front of the larger crowd. Many people leave after town meeting prior to the school district meeting. Liam English spoke to low attendance at the meetings in general and wondered if a Saturday morning meeting or a daytime meeting might be better attended. Marc Lapin felt it was a great idea. He mentioned that the voters have little control over the budget. 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:

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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.	1,181.00
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:	\$22,256.00

Gary Margolis/Dave Donahue moved to appropriate the listed amounts to the various charitable organizations. Bjarki Sears commented on the fact that more children from Cornwall might be attending Mary Johnson Children's Center vs. Otter Creek Childcare. Sue Johnson explained that the various organizations make specific requests for the amount of funding. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 10, 2015 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2015, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2016. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2015, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2016 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%).

John Roberts/Bruce Hiland moved to approve the article as printed with the billing date being September 10, 2015 and installments being due on November 1 and May 1 with the specific interest and collector's fees applied. Tom Moser asked if the 8% was required. The collector's fee of 8% is written in statute. It can be lowered with a warned vote. Sue Johnson indicated that some

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towns have eliminated the position of delinquent tax collector and the delinquent taxes are collected by the Treasurer with the fees going to the town. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Cy Tall reminded the voters that no binding business could take place during “other business.”

Liam English, one of our three elected Listers, talked about the development of the town’s Grand List. The State of VT requires a reappraisal every 10 years or sooner if the town’s CLA drops below 80%. The Listers will be mailing a letter to those that have building permits to see what the status of the building is. The Listers will be inspecting buildings during March in preparation for the April 1 deadline.

Peter Conlon asked about the status of the water contamination on South Bingham Street at the Town Garage. The issue is under review by the town’s attorney. Bruce Hiland pointed out that

John Roberts, who was on the Selectboard at the time of the initial problem, will be elected to the Selectboard tomorrow and will provide expertise on the subject.

Ginny Moser expressed her thanks to the Selectboard for the enormous amount of time and effort that was put into fighting the gas pipeline.

Bobbie Carnwath explained that despite the negative aspects of the gas pipeline issue, people have become much more informed and aware of renewable energy sources such as heat pumps and solar arrays. There is interest in forming an Energy Committee in the Town; Bobbie indicated that anyone interested can speak to her or any member of the Cornwall Planning Commission. This would be an effort to build community and save money.

David Dodge, Chair of the Lemon Fair Insect Control District, explained that the District is in the process of selling their plane. There is one party that is interested in buying the plane. The District will be using a third party to apply larvicide in the future. The third party aircraft do have a minimum number of acres when they are hired to apply larvicide, so the District will be somewhat more reluctant to put the aircraft up. Some of the reasons for selling the plane include major maintenance issues and a large increase in insurance costs.

Sue Johnson announced that the Capital Committee will be holding a public meeting early in April to discuss the future plans for the Cornwall Town Hall with a possible expansion of the building increasing the size of the vault and renovating the office area to provide a more efficient work space. The meeting will be warned in the paper and around town. The Capital Committee welcomes all townspeople to participate in this process.

Marc Lapin spoke about the conclusion of the Natural Resources survey that has been going on for the last year or so. He thanked the land owners that allowed Brett Engstrom to access their property. Mr. Engstrom visited 19 sites that were of high significance. There will be a draft report out at the end of March 2015. Mr. Engstrom found new local and state significant natural resources of rare, threatened or endangered species. The Conservation Commission will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7 PM at the Cornwall Town Hall. Amy

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Sheldon, Landslide Natural Resource Planning, provided water quality and land use recommendations. There is information about Douglas Pond and the ponds on South Bingham

Street. The Conservation Commission would like to increase their number from 5 to 7 members. The Selectboard will add this to an upcoming meeting agenda.

Rene Langis, also a Conservation Commission member spoke about the River Watch group. The group gets together to gather water samples and study the various bodies of water. The Cornwall Conservation commission met with the Salisbury Conservation Commission in a joint discussion about water quality sponsored by the River Watch group.

John Roberts expressed his thanks and appreciation to Bruce Hiland for his time on both the school board and the Selectboard.

David Sears also expressed the Selectboard's appreciation to Bruce Hiland for all that he had done for the Town of Cornwall. A copy of the remarks will be attached to the minutes. Bruce received a standing ovation.

T Tall/David Donahue moved to adjourn the Town Meeting. No discussion. The motion carried on voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Town Clerk

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Tribute to Bruce Hiland

By Dave Sears

Read Town Meeting, March 2, 2015

At this time we would like to formally thank one of our longtime community servants and fellow Selectboard member. Bruce Hiland moved to Cornwall in 1988 with his wife Ginny. He is a Brown University graduate and was a Naval officer during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He has owned his own business. He has advised the recognizable companies which include Vermont Milk Producers, Earth's Best Baby Foods and Ergomedics. Bruce was a member of the Cornwall School Board from 1992-1998.

Bruce has been a member the Selectboard the last six years. During his tenure as our Selectboard Chair, he has led us through many issues both large and small. The pinnacle of his Selectboard accomplishments has to include guiding us through the now legendary Phase 2 of the pipeline.

Whether you were a new or seasoned veteran of the Selectboard, we all have grown to appreciate Bruce's ability to control meetings. He has kept us on topic and with due diligence followed up with surgeon like skills with proper etiquette and respect to everyone.

Best of all is his sense of humor that has made meetings always enjoyable. Bruce understood the uniqueness of our community, the people, who live here, have lived here forever, or who have just moved in to town. But most of all the part that I(we) will always cherish, is his friendship, his honesty and the passion he holds dear in his heart for all of us and especially the Town of Cornwall. Bruce Hiland, on behalf of the entire community we thank you, Ginny and Becky, and wish you and Ginny the best on your move to the town next door. Thank you.

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
FEBRUARY 29, 2016

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, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM, to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall the voters of the Town School District approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015?
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters of the Town School District accept the reports of the Town School District officers?
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the Town School District 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 5:** Shall the voters of the Town School District approve the school board to expend **\$1,479,162**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$15,976** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **1.75%** lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize its Board of Directors to place **\$32,592** from the Education Reserve Fund into the Capital Projects Fund?
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the Town School District authorize its Board of Directors to place **\$30,200** from the disposition of School House #5 into the Capital Projects Fund?
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 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 9:** To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 10:** To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of two years.

Unified Union School District Articles

- ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Cornwall Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Bridport, Middlebury ID#4, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge, and Union District #3, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Addison Central School

ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING, *continued*

District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will operate grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve to all students in the unified union school district.
- (b) Board of School Directors. The unified union school district board of school directors will be roughly proportional to the populations of the forming school districts based upon the decennial U.S. Census. The initial composition of the Board shall consist of thirteen (13) school directors, seven (7) being residents of Middlebury, and one (1) each being a resident from Bridport, Cornwall, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, and Weybridge, respectively. School directors shall be elected by the voters of all forming school districts of the proposed unified union district. The Board composition shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census.
- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of member districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 6 and 7 in the Final Report.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 15, 2015, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

ARTICLE 12: To elect thirteen (13) school directors from the nominees to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

- One (1) school director who is a resident of Bridport for a one-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Cornwall for a two-year term.
- Two (2) school directors who are residents of Middlebury for a one-year term.
- Two (2) school directors who are residents of Middlebury for a two-year term.
- Three (3) school directors who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Ripton for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Salisbury for a one-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Shoreham for a two-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Weybridge for a three-year term.

CORNWALL SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Sarah Kemp, Chair
Maureen Deppman
Gabe Hamilton
Cindy Peet
Kristianne Tolgyesi

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Cornwall Community,

This year has been full of excited energy at Cornwall School, as we continue to foster an enriching learning environment that meets each student where they are as learners. We continue building on traditions as well as incorporating new ideas and best practices. Throughout the year, we continuously stress the importance of collaboration and ongoing learning for all, for students and adults alike.

This year we welcomed three staff members: Valerie Calzini (Kindergarten), Connie Cannon (5th grade math), and Lauren Honican (Food Service Director).

Curriculum

There have been some changes to the way teaching and learning happens in the 3rd through 6th grades at Cornwall School. This year, Emily Hoyler teaches 3rd and 4th grade literacy using a Readers' Workshop Model, and Mindy Harvey teaches 3rd and 4th grade math using the Bridges Math Program. The 5th and 6th grades are in a combined class this year for all subjects other than math.

The largest change in the intermediate wing is the introduction of Integrated Studies in the afternoon. Interdisciplinary and multi-age, Integrated Studies combines science, social studies, literacy, and the arts to deepen learning and mimic the world outside of school. This year, the curriculum is focused on two questions: How do we shape the land? How does the land shape us? Students have studied the geology, geography, history of the Champlain Valley, natural resources, the writing, editing, and presentation process, as well as engaged in a whole school energy challenge.

In addition to these changes, we continue to build on past successes. Parent volunteers come in five times a year to teach each grade about the natural world using the Four Winds Nature Program. We continue our work around Farm to School, seeking to develop systems that integrate the garden, compost, and food into the curriculum.

Assessment

Last spring, Cornwall School students took the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's (SBAC) assessment to measure their proficiency in reading and math. While some classes are too small for reporting of scores, the two classes with scores reported - last year's 3rd and 6th grades - again showed that Cornwall students exceeded statewide performances by sizeable margins. For more details, please see the presentation on our website.

While students did well on SBAC measures, it is only a snapshot of student learning, so we continue to look for multiple ways to measure student growth and learning. The purpose of all of these measurement tools is to allow teachers to analyze student achievement and growth data. In this way, we can ensure instruction meets individual student needs.

School Climate

This fall, teachers, students, and staff worked together to create shared expectations for the classroom and school. These expectations are grounded in the Responsive Classroom and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) philosophies and are part of all we do at Cornwall School.

We continue to have all school meetings each Monday morning. These community-building opportunities foster relationships across grades and strengthen school culture, so it is common for 6th graders to find kindergartens at recess for games and students to write their own books to share with classmates.

Once a week, the 3rd-6th grade students have multi-age lunches to practice conversation skills around different topics. These lunch tables are assigned and set for 8-10 week stretches. Each week they talk about different topics - from recess expectations to the purpose of Veteran's Day.

Our focus on the school climate ensures a positive, safe learning environment for all students.

Community

In addition to fostering a sense of community here at school, we also look to be part of a larger community. Cornwall School has collaborated this year with Friends of Cornwall School (FOCS), the Vermont Folklife Center, Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP), various farmers, the Middlebury College football and women's ice hockey teams, HOPE, and the Middlebury Congregational Church's Community Supper Program to enrich our students' learning. We are grateful for all of the opportunities these groups have provided for our students.

We have also been working on ways to communicate what we are doing at school. We have a new website and a newsletter format this year that are filled with photos, videos, and student stories. We have been hosting monthly Tea and Conversations meetings that are open to anyone in the community to talk about things happening at Cornwall School and in education.

Cornwall School is a wonderful school and we are so grateful for the community's support for what we do. We welcome you in to visit school to see the learning as well as talk with students and teachers about the great work they do here.

Sincerely,
Jen Kravitz

TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF

Jennifer Kravitz	Principal
Valerie Calzini	Kindergarten
Lisa Beck	1 st Grade
Susan Sears	2 nd Grade
Emily Hoyler	3 rd Grade
Mindy Harvey	4 th Grade
Andrew Hirsch	5 th & 6 th Grade
Lynda Burt	Literacy Support Specialist*
Constance Cannon	5 th Grade Mathematics*
Linda Kautzman	Library Media Specialist*
Stephanie Gallas	Art*
Kendra Gratton	Music*
Francis Paquette	Physical Education*
Wendy Whaley-Sauder	Special Educator & School Counselor*
Chelsea Purinton	Nurse*
Mark Pelletier	Speech/Language Pathologist*
Judith Larson	Special Education Paraprofessional
Debora Tier	Regular Programs Paraprofessional
Donna Severy	Administrative Assistant/First Aid Designee
Lauren Honican	Cook/Food Service Manager*
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	8	10	10	13	18	6	12	77
Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Students	11	19	10	18	9	14	81	

STUDENTS ATTENDING UNION DISTRICT #3

- GRADE 7:** Olivia Audet, Lydia Deppman, Drew Gill, Evan Gregory, Silas Jackson, Ella McKhann, Astrid Olsen, Jarod Richmond, Kieran Sheridan, Clara Wolff, Ireland Young
- GRADE 8:** Jesse Audet, Teagan Baumann, Nicholas Carrara, Camden Devlin, Eryn Diehl, Katherine Donahue, Lillian Fleming, Jasmine Gero, Liam Hamilton, Malia Hodges, Ebenezer Jackson, Kira Kemp, Ethan Kent, Rosemary Munkres, Ryan Nadeau, Eva Phair, Olivia Pottinger, Nadya Sato, Franklyn Wolff
- GRADE 9:** Silas Conlon, Derek Felkl, Henry Hodde, Catherine Isham, Michael Kilbreth, Emily Laframboise, Jacob Peluso, Emily Pottinger, Katelyn Stearns, Katherine Wallace
- GRADE 10:** Bridget Audet, Jack Deppman, Skyeler Devlin, Jackson Donahue, Lucy Groves, Tulley Hescok, Samuel Hodges, Jesslyn Houchell, Brynn Kent, Katherine Koehler, Gabe Lamphere, Ezra Marks, Sophia Marks, Raven Payne, Bastiaan Phair, Isabel Rosenberg, Gaia Sheridan, Katalin Tolgyesi
- GRADE 11:** Joshua Bechhoefer, Kyra Diehl, Anna Hickley, Ronan Howlett, Phillip Jerome, Charlotte Keathley, Alexander Marohnic, Maverick Payne, Douglas Sandler
- GRADE 12:** Claire Armstrong, Dillon Costigan, Emma Donahue, Emily Fleming, Madelyn Gardner, Dana Gero, Cole Gregory, Gretchen Groves, Jackson Houchell, Nora Keathley, Justin Northrup, River Payne, Kyle Pecsok, Grey Sutor

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

As we write this annual letter, we find ourselves preparing for large changes in educational governance. Act 46 has prompted school districts across the state to either form Unified Districts, or face significant cuts in funding. You, as members of this community, must be prepared to make a big decision about our school when you head to the polls in March. We urge you to read the available information, participate in the upcoming forums and discussions, and ask questions so that you can make an educated decision. That said, there is one thing that you can be sure of—the educational experience that you know to be true at Cornwall School will remain. We are all fortunate to be a part of such a special place where students, parents, community members, teachers, and staff come together to provide the best possible learning environment.

The past few years have brought many transitions and changes to Cornwall School, but through it all, the teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to provide students and families with the high quality education that Cornwall School is known for. We would like to express our gratitude to all of the teachers, staff, parents, and community members who persevered through challenges and changes—your dedication, flexibility, and hard work does not go unnoticed! We would like to thank Abi Sessions for serving as our interim principal last year—her leadership kept Cornwall School on track and she was instrumental in fostering a smooth transition for the new principal. The board would like to formally welcome our new principal, Jen Kravitz. Jen comes to us from Rutland High School where she taught Social Studies and was a teacher leader and 2012 Rowland Fellow. Jen has really hit the ground running and we are thrilled to have her strong leadership and progressive vision as we move forward.

In addition to welcoming a new principal, we also welcome Val Calzini, as our kindergarten teacher; Connie Cannon, as our 5th grade math teacher; and Lauren Honican, as our Food Services Director. We would like to thank Linda Brown for her 14 years of dedicated teaching at Cornwall School. Her kind, gentle way with our youngest learners will certainly be missed, and we wish her all the best in her retirement. In addition, we extend our thanks to Susan Pratt for her wonderful leadership as Food Services Director for the past 6 years. Both Susan and Linda were instrumental in our participation in the Farm to School Program and we know that their initiatives will carry on. Lastly, we thank all of you. Your continued monetary support, as well as the time so many of you spend volunteering and participating in school functions, is instrumental in making Cornwall school the truly special and unique place that it is. We are fortunate to be part of such a supportive community that values providing the best possible education for our children.

Budget—For the upcoming school year, the School Board has approved a budget of \$1,479,162. This represents a decrease of \$18,136 or 1.21% less than last year's budget of \$1,497,298. This is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the School District's educational program. The decrease results largely from the decision to combine two grades into a multi-age class, thereby eliminating a teaching position; this decision was made in response to declining enrollment numbers.

In addition to our decreased budget, our revenue is expected to increase by 38.93%. Much of this increase is the result of the \$62,792 that we are requesting the voters approve be placed in our Capital Projects Fund to be used for improvements in FY 17. That sum comes from two places. \$32,592 is our Education Reserve. \$30,200 is the revenue from the sale of Schoolhouse #5 and we would like to express our appreciation to Benj Deppman for his work throughout the process of

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the Schoolhouse sale. This budget represents an overall decrease of 2.59% in Education Spending and a 1.67% decrease in Education Spending per Pupil.

Taxes—The Tax Commissioner for the State of Vermont has recommended an increase of \$.01 in the Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 fiscal year with a new formula using property yield. The Elementary Component of the equalized homestead tax rate for Cornwall School is a 2.17% decrease. The overall Homestead tax rate for elementary and secondary is projected to drop 4.1% with this budget. When prorated and adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the homestead tax rate attributed to the elementary school represents a decrease of \$12 on \$100,000 of appraised value. When combined with the UD#3, the homestead tax rate represents a decrease of \$67 on \$100,000 of appraised value.

Enrollment—This fall we welcomed a kindergarten class of eight. The K-6 school enrollment is currently at 79 students with a projected enrollment of 71 students for next year. Our enrollment data continues to predict fluctuations over the next few years; enrollment in a small school will always be a concern, but we are confident that our positive reputation and the high quality education we offer will help keep our enrollment numbers strong.

The Cornwall School continues to accept 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 15 is \$14,055 and the tuition rate for FY 16 is calculated to be \$15,031

ACSU Update—The Addison Central Supervisory Union has worked tirelessly over the past year updating our Mission and Vision statements as well as creating our 5-year strategic plan. The new statements are as follows:

Vision— All students will reach their full academic potential and be prepared for success as engaged citizens.

Mission—Our mission is to provide an innovative, rigorous, and supportive educational community that inspires a passion for learning and cultivates empathy and responsibility.

In addition, the Strategic Plan has been completed and can be downloaded from www.acsu.org (>About Us >Strategic Plan). There are hard copies available at the Town Clerk's office and the Cornwall School.

With the passage of Act 46, ACSU has been charged with creating a plan for district unification. In the fall of 2015 a Charter Committee was formed and has since created the Articles of Agreement. ACSU is looking to voters to approve the formation of a new unified district, the Addison Central School District, and to elect individuals from each town to create a 13-member board to oversee the unified district. The unified district will be comprised of all the schools that currently make up the Addison County Supervisory Union. More information can be found at www.acsu.org/domain/92 and the Articles of Agreement can be downloaded from www.acsu.org/Page/925.

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—

Sarah Kemp, Chair; Maureen Deppman; Gabe Hamilton; Cindy Peet; Kristianne Tolgyesi

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED 2016 - 2017 BUDGET

		ACTUAL 2014 - 2015	BUDGET 2015 - 2016	PROPOSED 2016 - 2017	
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS					
110	Salaries	\$ 461,741	\$ 497,944	\$ 494,239	
112	Salaries - Aides	47,093	24,665	24,001	
120	Substitutes	10,395	4,800	10,000	
121	Salaries - Summer	-	1,536	1,800	
210	Health Insurance	98,670	109,381	77,117	
220	Social Security	36,989	40,464	40,617	
230	Life Insurance	371	390	328	
270	Course Reimbursement	5,302	3,500	3,500	
280	Dental Insurance	3,318	3,385	2,833	
290	Disability Insurance	1,620	1,836	1,696	
320	Professional Education Services	-	450	450	
321	PreK Contracted Services	2,684	8,000	18,552	
332	Purchased Ed Services - Summer	864	-	-	
333	Purchased Ref Ed Services - ACSU	6,643	-	6,825	
430	Equipment Repair	-	400	400	
443	Computer Lease	3,424	5,885	5,885	
610	Supplies	4,914	6,300	6,300	
640	Books & Periodicals	3,763	3,500	4,500	
660	Manipulatives	-	300	300	
670	Technology	907	1,000	1,000	
730	Equipment	702	1,000	1,000	
	1100 Total	\$ 689,400	\$ 714,736	\$ 701,343	-1.9%
1190 SHARED PERSONNEL					
120	Substitutes	180	375	375	
220	Social Security	14	29	29	
320	Shared Personnel	52,288	50,156	60,922	
610	Supplies	-	600	600	
	1190 Total	\$ 52,482	\$ 51,160	\$ 61,926	21.0%
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION					

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.

		ACTUAL 2014 - 2015	BUDGET 2015 - 2016	PROPOSED 2016 - 2017	
331	Special Education Assessment	183,891	195,851	183,695	
338	EEE Assessment	28,660	19,106	22,980	
	1200 Total	\$ 212,551	\$ 214,957	\$ 206,675	-3.9%
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES - REGULAR					
322	Occupational Therapy	1,058	500	500	
323	Physical Therapy	90	300	300	
327	Other Contracted Services		1,500	1,500	
	2100 Total	\$ 1,148	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	0.0%
2120 GUIDANCE					
332	Shared Personnel	30,993	31,424	32,005	
610	Supplies	-	100	100	
	2120 Total	\$ 30,993	\$ 31,524	\$ 32,105	1.8%
2130 HEALTH					
332	Shared Personnel	16,364	16,597	17,000	
610	Supplies	-	400	400	
	2130 Total	\$ 16,364	\$ 16,997	\$ 17,400	2.4%
2220 MEDIA SERVICE					
110	Salary	34,283	37,538	42,126	
112	Salary - Aide	4,008	-	-	
210	Health Insurance	18,551	10,827	9,149	
220	Social Security	2,723	2,872	3,223	
230	Life Insurance	47	28	28	
280	Dental Insurance	492	290	292	
290	Disability Insurance	214	129	160	
299	Benefits Reimbursement	(6,488)	-	-	
610	Supplies	203	1,000	600	
640	Books & Periodicals	1,196	1,000	1,200	
680	Technology	425	1,000	1,000	
730	Equipment	-	5,000	5,000	
	2220 Total	\$ 55,654	\$ 59,684	\$ 62,778	5.2%
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION					
119	Board Salaries	300	500	500	
220	Social Security	23	38	38	
250	Workers Compensation	4,763	5,500	5,205	
260	Unemployment Insurance	148	165	1,500	
311	Flex Spending Admin	109	175	175	

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
		2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	
332	Audit	3,500	3,500	3,605	
360	Legal Fees	-	600	600	
810	Dues & Fees	1,020	1,000	1,000	
890	Miscellaneous	43	-	-	
	2310 Total	\$ 9,906	\$ 11,478	\$ 12,623	10.0%
2320 ASSESSMENT					
331	ACSU Administration	49,751	53,104	51,442	
333	ACSU Prof Dev/Student Assessment	2,362	2,133	2,007	
334	ACSU Technical Support	19,566	21,604	20,460	
335	ACSU Student Information System	631	736	642	
336	ACSU Insurance Pool	197	201	193	
337	ACSU Advertising	704	473	859	
	2320 Total	\$ 73,211	\$ 78,251	\$ 75,603	-3.4%
2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE					
110	Salary - Principal	64,700	75,000	74,160	
111	Salary - Secretary	29,286	29,297	30,180	
210	Health Insurance	7,609	25,655	29,523	
220	Social Security	7,137	7,979	7,982	
230	Life Insurance	214	225	225	
270	Course Reimbursement		200	200	
280	Dental Insurance	393	484	472	
290	Disability Insurance	242	285	282	
431	Service Contracts	359	370	370	
442	Copier Lease	3,092	3,480	3,600	
530	Communications/Postage	149	200	200	
580	Travel	223	300	300	
610	Supplies	886	800	800	
730	Equipment	561	500	500	
810	Conferences & Dues	275	400	700	
	2410 Total	\$ 115,126	\$ 145,175	\$ 149,494	3.0%
2600 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE					
110	Salary	26,236	26,270	27,016	
220	Social Security	2,007	2,010	2,067	
332	Facility Maintenance Manager	6,234	6,444	6,693	
421	Disposal Services	1,979	1,903	2,100	
424	Lawn Mowing	2,788	2,800	2,957	
430	Repairs & Maintenance	18,865	22,000	13,000	

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
		2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	
431	Water Testing	554	800	800	
522	Volunteer Insurance	57	58	60	
523	Property/Liability Insurances	6,596	6,916	7,123	
530	Communication/Telephone	11,762	13,400	12,478	
610	Supplies	6,644	3,900	3,900	
622	Electricity	10,158	12,500	10,777	
624	Fuel Oil	16,415	17,500	12,000	
730	Equipment	11,686	1,000	1,000	
	2600 Total	\$ 121,981	\$ 117,501	\$ 101,971	- 13.2%
2700 TRANSPORTATION					
518	Fuel Surcharges	356	2,107	470	
519	Contracted Services	44,949	45,828	43,474	
520	Field Trips	348	600	2,000	
	2700 Total	\$ 45,653	\$ 48,535	\$ 45,944	-5.3%
5310 FOOD SERVICE					
918	Subsidy to Food Service	9,099	5,000	9,000	
919	Paid Lunch Equity Subsidy	-	-	-	
	5310 Total	\$ 9,099	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,000	80.0%
	Grand Total Budget	\$ 1,433,568	\$ 1,497,298	\$ 1,479,162	- 1.21%

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016 - 2017 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	Actual	Budget	Proposed	%
<u>Estimated Education Spending:</u>	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	Change
Elementary Budget	\$ 1,433,567	\$ 1,497,298	\$ 1,479,162	-1.21%
Special Article - Capital Project Fund	-	-	62,792	
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 1,433,567	\$ 1,497,298	\$ 1,541,954	2.98%
Less Anticipated Receipts:				
Special Education Block Grant	\$ 28,840	\$ 32,207	\$ 29,209	-9.31%
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	45,152	68,260	53,565	-21.53%
Special Education Extraordinary	8,985	4,626	7,284	57.46%
Small Schools Grant	81,285	81,858	86,190	5.29%
Interest Income	81	175	175	0.00%
Transportation Aid	18,373	18,713	20,489	9.49%
Miscellaneous	12	1,000	25	-97.50%
Education Reserve	-	-	32,592	
Schoolhouse #5 Revenue	-	-	30,200	
Prior Year Fund Balance	(5,943)	(5,983)	19,325	-423.00%
Total Estimated Receipts	(176,785)	(200,856)	(279,054)	38.93%
Estimated Education Spending	\$ 1,256,782	\$ 1,296,442	\$ 1,262,900	-2.59%
<u>Tax Rate Estimates</u>				
Equalized Pupils	79.09	79.73	78.99	-0.93%
Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil	\$ 15,891	\$ 16,260	\$ 15,988	-1.67%
Debt Exclusion for Act 46 Calculation			\$ -	
10% Extraordinary SPED Cost Exclusion for Act 46 Calculation			\$ (13)	
Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil	\$ 15,891	\$ 16,260	\$ 15,976	-1.75%
Base Tax Rate/Tax Yield	\$ 9,382	\$ 9,459	\$ 9,870	4.35%
Adjustment for Spending above Base Per Pupil	169.37 %	171.90 %	161.86 %	-5.84%
Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	\$ 0.980	\$ 0.990	\$ 1.000	1.01%
Adjusted Total/Elementary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$ 1.660	\$ 1.702	\$ 1.619	-4.89%
% Elementary pupils	42.21 %	42.50 %	43.68 %	2.78%
Estimated Elementary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$ 0.701	\$ 0.723	\$ 0.707	-2.25%
Adjusted Secondary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$ 1.772	\$ 1.840	\$ 1.730	-5.98%
% Secondary pupils	57.79 %	57.50 %	56.32 %	-2.06%
Estimated Secondary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$ 1.024	\$ 1.058	\$ 0.974	-7.91%
Estimated Total Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$ 1.725	\$ 1.781	\$ 1.681	-5.61%
Estimated Common Level of Appraisal	107.10 %	109.12 %	108.85 %	-0.25%
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.610	\$ 1.632	\$ 1.545	-5.38%
Base Non-Residential Equalized Tax Rate	\$ 1.510	\$ 1.535	\$ 1.538	0.20%
Estimated Non Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.410	\$ 1.407	\$ 1.413	0.44%

District: Cornwall County: Addison		T053 Addison Central		Property dollar equivalent yield 9.870	Homestead tax rate per \$0.070 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00
				11.065	Income dollar equivalent yield per 1.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,378,132	\$1,451,290	\$1,503,281	\$1,479,162
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	\$62,792
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,378,132	\$1,451,290	\$1,503,281	\$1,541,954
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$1,378,132	\$1,451,290	\$1,503,281	\$1,541,954
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$216,077	\$229,719	\$205,736	\$279,054
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$216,077	\$229,719	\$205,736	\$279,054
14.	Education Spending	\$1,162,055	\$1,221,571	\$1,297,545	\$1,262,900
15.	Equalized Pupils	76.93	79.09	79.73	78.99
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$15,105.36	\$15,445.33	\$16,274.24	\$15,988.10
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	-	-	\$13
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 48, 2015)	Threshold = \$15,450	Threshold = \$16,100	Threshold = \$17,100	District Threshold
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$16,435.35
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,105	\$15,445	\$16,274	\$15,975.10
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	165.068%	166.347%	172.050%	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,975.10 + (\$9,870.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.5516 Based on \$0.94	\$1.6302 Based on \$0.95	\$1.7033 Based on \$0.96	\$1.6186 Based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Cornwall equalized pupils not in a union school district	42.13%	42.21%	42.50%	43.68%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (43.68% x \$1.62)	\$0.6537	\$0.6881	\$0.7239	\$0.7070
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	105.52%	107.10%	109.12%	108.85%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7070 / 108.85%)	\$0.6195 Based on \$0.94	\$0.6425 Based on \$0.95	\$0.6634 Based on \$0.96	\$0.6495 Based on \$1.00
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.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 35) [(\$15,975.10 + \$11,065) x 2.00%]	2.97% Based on 1.80%	2.99% Based on 1.80%	3.10% Based on 1.80%	2.89% Based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (43.68% x 2.89%)	1.25% Based on 1.80%	1.26% Based on 1.80%	1.32% Based on 1.80%	1.26% Based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Middlebury UHSD	57.87%	57.79%	57.50%	56.32%
37.		-	-	-	-
- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065. - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.					

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2014-15 FUND BALANCE

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Education Spending from Town & State	1,221,571.00	
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	81,285.00	
State Aid - Transportation	18,373.00	
Interest Income	80.83	
Special Education - Block & Intensive	82,976.57	
Miscellaneous	11.50	
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Total Revenue		\$1,404,297.90

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Regular Programs	741,881.14	
Special Education	212,551.00	
Support Services	1,147.50	
Guidance	30,993.00	
Health Service	16,364.00	
Media Services	55,653.66	
Board of Education	9,906.85	
ACSU Assessments	73,211.00	
Principal's Office	115,126.41	
Operations & Maintenance	121,980.48	
Transportation	45,653.09	
Food Service Subsidy	9,099.11	
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Total Expenditures		(\$1,433,567.24)

Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(29,269.34)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2014	<hr/> 12,411.25
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2015	(\$16,858.09)

The Fund Balance is Reserved as follows:

Future Reduction in Taxes	\$	-
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Net Unreserved General Fund Balance - June 30, 2015	(\$16,858.09)
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CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2014-15 FUND BALANCE
(continued)

<u>TRUST FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Donald Murchie	\$ 531.34	\$ 0.16	\$ -	\$ 531.50

<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Food Service	\$ 2,216.13	\$ 48,518.86	\$ (50,734.99)	\$ -

<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Capital Improvements	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -

<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
Education Reserve *	32,592.04	0.00	0.00	32,592.04
Gilligan Fund	14,783.65	13,400.00	-14,412.96	13,770.69
JP Morgan/Wilson Foundation	1,567.29	0.00	0.00	1,567.29
VCF History of Agriculture Award	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
NE Grassroots Environmental Fund Grant	2,000.00	0.00	-881.43	1,118.57
ACSU Essential Early Education	0.00	11,609.00	-11,609.00	0.00
ACSU Act 230	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.00
Neat Repeats - Artist in Residency Grant	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.00
FOCS - Artist in Residency	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.00
Playground Fund	0.00	3,020.50	-230.54	2,789.96
Totals	\$51,442.98	\$29,179.50	-\$28,283.93	\$52,338.55

* 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 2015 records were audited in September of 2015 and the audit report is available at the office of the Superintendent or on the Addison Central Supervisory Union website.

Cornwall Town School District Combined Balance Sheet - - 6/30/2015

Cornwall Town School District Combined Balance Sheet 6/30/2015						
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Enterprise Fund	Totals
ASSETS						
<i>Current Assets</i>						
Cash	\$69,367.37				\$531.34	\$69,898.71
Accounts Receivable		\$0.00			\$1,749.18	\$1,749.18
Inventory					\$1,017.50	\$1,017.50
Prepaid Expense	\$56.33					\$56.33
<i>Current Assets Total</i>	\$69,423.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,766.68	\$72,665.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$69,423.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,766.68	\$72,721.72
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
<i>Current Liabilities</i>						
Due To Other Funds	\$51,457.75	(\$52,633.96)			\$1,176.21	\$0.00
Accounts Payable	\$34,824.04	\$295.41			\$1,590.47	\$36,709.92
<i>Current Liabilities Total</i>	\$86,281.79	(\$52,338.55)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,766.68	\$36,709.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$86,281.79	(\$52,338.55)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,766.68	\$36,709.92
FUND EQUITY						
<i>Fund Balances</i>						
Unassigned Fund Balance	(\$16,858.09)					(\$16,858.09)
Committed/Restricted Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$52,338.55				\$52,338.55
Retained Earnings					\$0.00	\$531.34
<i>Total Fund Equity</i>	(\$16,858.09)	\$52,338.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,011.80
TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY	\$69,423.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,766.68	\$72,721.72

FEDERALLY FUNDED SERVICES to Cornwall Students 2015-2016

While Cornwall Elementary School does not receive federal funds directly, federal funds do pay for:

- 1) The salary and benefits of three elementary level Teacher Leaders in the areas of Math (1.0 FTE), Literacy (1.0 FTE) and Science (.2 FTE);
- 2) a portion of two school psychologists and a behavior specialist;
- 3) off-setting the cost professional development, and
- 4) off-setting the cost of two English as Second Language Teachers. Many of these services are accessed by Cornwall Elementary School.

*These dollar amounts and services are anticipated. Actual amounts will not be determined until the spring of 2016 and may vary. There are a number of determining factors that come into play when allocating funds.

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES – FY 2015

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, ACSU utilizes funds generated from the previous fiscal year. For example, the Medicaid money utilized in FY 2015 was generated during the 2013–2014 school year. For FY 2015, ACSU spent \$141,711.20 in Medicaid money on the following:

Medicaid Claims Administration, a portion of a 1.0 FTE Behavior Specialist, a portion of 2.0 FTE English as a Second Language teachers, a portion of 1.6 FTE School Psychologists, and facilities maintenance for the ACSU Early Education and Behavior programs.

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE ACSU CHARTER COMMITTEE

Over the past six years, the nine school boards of the Addison Central Supervisory Union (ACSU) have comprehensively studied school district governance. With the passage of Act 46, which compels communities to create unified school districts, our boards formed the ACSU Charter Committee in August to draft Articles of Agreement for a unified union school district.

In order to achieve the greatest overall financial benefits, including five-year tax benefits and eligibility for certain state grants, school boards have been required to work quickly. The Articles were approved by the State Board of Education on December 15, 2015. The voters in each town will decide whether or not to approve the Articles in an Australian ballot vote on Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2016.

The proposed Articles would create a prekindergarten through twelfth grade, unified Addison Central School District (ACSD), formed by the school districts of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury ID#4 (Mary Hogan School), Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge, and Union District #3 (Middlebury Union Middle and High Schools). The new school district would begin operations on July 1, 2017, when all existing school property, debt, fund balances, and contractual obligations would transfer from the current school districts to the new unified ACSD.

The new district would be overseen by a 13-member board of directors, with the same proportional membership as the current UD#3 Board – seven members from Middlebury and one each from the smaller forming towns. These board members would be elected at-large by the voters of all towns. The approval of at least 10 members would be required to close a school. A comprehensive budget would be voted on by Australian ballot in all towns, and would yield a uniform education tax rate.

In order to form the new district, the voters in each of the seven ACSU towns must approve the basic provisions of the school district. If one or more towns does not approve the new district, the proposal fails for all towns. Simultaneously, voters will elect the initial school board members for the proposed district. Each voter, regardless of residence, may cast votes for school board candidates from all towns. If approved, the new ACSD school board would begin work during 2016-17 in preparation for the new district for the 2017-18 school year.

The Charter Committee worked collaboratively to create the proposed Articles of Agreement, setting the tone for a successful unification and transition to a school governance structure that will support educational equity, efficiency, and opportunity for all of our students, schools, and communities. Please visit the ACSU website to read the full Articles of Agreement and Charter Committee Report (www.acsu.org/Page/925).

Thank you for your support of our schools!

Suzanne Buck (Bridport)
Ruth Hardy (Middlebury), Co-Chairs

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 excitement that I share this report on Addison Central Supervisory Union. As always, this year has been filled with much positivity, and has been grown at every step by the committed and boundless support of our community. The depth of our community in ACSU is unrivaled, and it is what makes our schools vibrant, connected, and alive. I would like to thank all of our community members for their impassioned and engaged involvement in the success of students in ACSU.

This year has marked the first year of the 2015-2020 ACSU Strategic Plan, which will be our roadmap over the next five years in reaching our educational goals for all students. This ACSU Strategic Plan is built upon shared vision and mission statements that reflect our objective to continue to promote a more personalized, engaging educational experience for our students. Our Strategic Plan is crafted with three foundational goals that we determined were vital to ACSU's development:

1. *Educational Success*: We will build a culture of innovation and continuous improvement that personalizes learning experiences, provides equitable opportunities, and results in high learning outcomes and achievement for all students.
2. *Community*: We will engage our communities in improving outcomes for all students.
3. *Systems*: We will develop operational and educational systems to support learning for all students.

Our first priority for this year has been working to establish Essential Learning Outcomes, to build a stronger foundation for our curriculum and assessment system that is coherent and aligned across all of our schools. In addition, we have begun an inquiry into International Baccalaureate, with workgroups from elementary, middle, and high school levels taking part in research and learning more about how International Baccalaureate and its focus on inquiry-based, personalized learning fit with many of the objectives we have determined within our Strategic Plan. To promote greater community engagement, we have established a Community Partnership Council to support the development of initiatives designed to improve outcomes for all students.

We look ahead to many wonderful learning opportunities with the students, parents, and community members of ACSU. Thank you again for your consistent and inspired involvement in our schools!

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Burrows, Superintendent

UD#3 SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The UD-3 board is proud to present a budget for the next school year that not only keeps spending in check while maintaining programs, but results in a decrease in the secondary education tax rate.

The proposed \$18.7 million budget represents a 0.61 percent increase from the budget approved last year, despite contracted salary increases of about 3 percent and health insurance increases of nearly 8 percent. The budget reflects no significant changes in programs, and adds a small amount of support in the high school guidance department. Much of the savings resulted from a high number of teachers taking advantage of an early retirement incentive. Their replacements, if they were replaced, generally started lower on the salary schedule.

The school administrators and the board also took very seriously the per-pupil spending caps imposed under Act 46 and crafted a budget to stay within those limits and avoid tax penalties.

When you enter the booth to vote on the UD-3 operating budget on March 1, the paper ballot will have two somewhat confusing but state-mandated explanations of the impact on per-pupil spending. One explanation refers to the direct impact of the budget listed on the ballot; the other refers to the impact of the budget plus \$300,000 in capital improvements that will have already been voted on at the UD-3 annual meeting on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at MUHS. As noted, the \$300,000 of capital improvements, if approved, is paid for with surplus funds, but still needs to be part of calculating per-pupil spending.

The majority of this spending will be on security upgrades at the two schools, including the construction of a new wall in the lobby of Middlebury Union Middle School so access to the school is better controlled during the school day. The remaining third is for locker room upgrades at the high school. This money would come from surplus funds from the previous fiscal year, not new revenue. It is required by law, however, to be stated in the per pupil spending.

Unfortunately, for over at least two decades, and probably not since MUMS was built, UD-3 has not had a dedicated capital improvement budget. Fortunately, we have had surplus budget funds most years, as well as voter approval to spend some of that money on improvements. As the bond for the MUMS construction and high school renovation of the 1990s winds down, we will revisit having dedicated building improvement money.

SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFICATION

Voters will also receive ballots this year for the proposed charter that would unify the Addison Central Supervisory Union under one board of 13 members, from its current eight boards of 50 members. It is interesting to note that more than half of our school system's children already attend the two UD-3 schools, which is a unified district with one board of 13 members. The proposed make-up of the new unified board—seven members from Middlebury and one each from the rural towns—is identical to the current UD-3 board.

I mention this simply to encourage folks who have concerns about how the proposed unified board might operate to talk with a UD-3 board member about his or her experience, and how town identity does or does not play a role. I would also encourage everyone to learn more about the unification charter vote by visiting the www.acsu.org web site and, under "*Boards and Community*," click on "*District Unification*." You can also call your local school board or UD-3 members, or attend a public meeting in any community about this important proposal.

Peter Conlon, UD-3 Board Chair

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION			
PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Salaries	688,452	762,811	755,875
Benefits	227,070	268,628	294,914
In-service	9,698	1,350	1,350
Audit	2,820	3,676	4,044
Professional Services	20,423	5,150	4,510
Technology Support	8,690	10,572	10,422
Legal	3,766	6,000	10,000
Payroll/Human Resources	1,156	1,330	1,380
CO Equipment Repairs	0	200	200
Copier Lease	5,339	5,354	5,354
Postage Meter Rental	1,610	1,604	1,658
Telephone	6,643	7,493	8,071
Postage	3,663	3,617	3,846
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	9,937	9,123	10,235
Office Supplies/Books	8,179	8,655	8,596
Central Office Software	0	1,000	1,000
Central Office Equipment	4,843	5,000	5,000
Conferences & Dues	16,013	13,103	13,103
Statistical Report Preparation	4,600	4,692	4,692
Finance Accounting System Support Fees	24,614	28,129	28,129
Finance Office Lease-Software/Equipment	26,554	26,554	26,554
Finance-Software Training/Conferences	0	3,500	3,500
Technology Professional Services	3,675	4,000	4,000
Technology Equipment Repairs	33	1,000	1,000
Technology Supplies/ Parts/Books	2,976	3,500	3,500
Technology Office Software	13,706	2,000	2,000
Technology Server/ Networking Equip.	2,336	10,000	10,000
Technology Conferences	902	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	5,042	2,882	2,882
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000
Custodial Support and Supplies	12,455	12,087	13,078
Utilities	10,125	11,734	11,831
Maintenance	842	1,500	1,500
Building Upgrade	5,363	1,000	1,000
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000
Property/Liability Insurance	4,780	3,113	4,965
Furniture/Equipment	945	750	750

Facilities Maintenance Manager	77,336	80,550	83,663
Advertising	22,706	20,000	20,000
Insurance Pool	4,933	4,500	4,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,246,227	\$1,343,157	\$1,374,102
PROPOSED 2016-17 REVENUE			
Prior Year Reserved Fund Balance		39,406	50,000
Grant Administration Fees		18,000	18,000
Assessments		1,285,751	1,306,102
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,343,157	\$1,374,102

ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS									
BASED ON PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET									
			2016-17	2015-16		2016-17	2015-16		Total
	Equalized	% of ACSU	ACSU	ACSU	ACSU	Special Ed	Special Ed	Special Ed	Assess
	Pupils	Budget	Assessment	Assessment	Incr/(decr)	Assessment	Assessment	Incr/(decr)	Incr/(dec)
Bridport	79.17	4.30%	\$61,399	\$63,032	(\$1,633)	\$184,114	\$193,279	(\$9,165)	(\$10,798)
Cornwall	78.99	4.29%	\$59,187	\$60,222	(\$1,035)	\$183,695	\$195,851	(\$12,156)	(\$13,191)
ID#4	460.18	25.02%	\$341,294	\$314,147	\$27,147	\$1,070,171	\$1,004,989	\$65,182	\$92,329
UD#3-MUHS	645.70	35.10%	\$429,112	\$437,320	(\$8,208)	\$1,501,607	\$1,550,643	(\$49,036)	(\$57,244)
UD#3-MUMS	318.03	17.29%	\$211,353	\$215,391	(\$4,038)	\$739,594	\$763,750	(\$24,156)	(\$28,194)
Ripton	36.78	2.00%	\$30,132	\$28,228	\$1,904	\$85,534	\$80,358	\$5,176	\$7,080
Salisbury	92.42	5.02%	\$73,383	\$71,278	\$2,105	\$214,927	\$215,210	(\$283)	\$1,822
Shoreham	79.87	4.34%	\$60,524	\$57,810	\$2,714	\$185,742	\$179,415	\$6,327	\$9,041
Weybridge	48.31	2.63%	\$39,718	\$38,323	\$1,395	\$112,347	\$111,941	\$406	\$1,801
TOTALS	1,839.45	100.00%	\$1,306,102	\$1,285,751	\$20,351	\$4,277,731	\$4,295,436	(\$17,705)	\$2,647

**ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET**

		2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries		\$ 2,035,242	\$ 1,556,919
Benefits		630,334	457,690
Purchased Para Services			1,110,617
Professional Services		313,250	328,000
Contracted Services		510	0
Tuition		604,917	251,000
Supplies		8,300	9,650
Equipment		9,000	17,000
Miscellaneous		0	0
Speech Services		423,261	461,313
Psychological Services		199,901	206,527
OT Services		27,225	30,400
PT & Other Support Services		32,900	17,100
Support Services		0	0
Administration		388,803	345,843
Other Support Services		0	0
Facilities		14,000	\$ 14,000
Transportation		166,000	160,000
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,853,644	\$ 4,966,059
PROPOSED 2016-17 REVENUE			
Local Assessment		\$2,033,978	\$ 2,237,635
EEE Reimbursement		42,150	20,642
State Block Grant		628,012	626,565
State Intensive Reimbursement		1,529,766	1,244,331
State Extraordinary Reimbursement		103,680	169,200
Other State Reimbursement		0	0
Excess Cost		102,541	275,000
Grants		12,383	1,046
IDEA-B		358,170	353,086
Medicaid		42,964	38,554
Carry Forward Sur/(Def)		0	0
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,853,644	\$ 4,966,059
Assessment		\$4,295,436	\$ 4,277,731

UNION DISTRICT #3					
PROPOSED 2016 - 2017 BUDGET - COMPOSITE					
	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017		Percent
	Actual	Budget	Proposed	Change	Change
MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Regular Programs					
High School	4,350,003	4,488,376	4,650,479	162,103	3.61%
Middle School	2,576,860	2,593,718	2,671,788	78,070	3.01%
Course Accounts					
High School	347,940	416,539	422,102	5,563	1.34%
Middle School	125,886	151,467	149,067	-2,400	-1.58%
Special Education					
High School	1,538,205	1,563,894	1,501,607	-62,287	-3.98%
Middle School	769,091	771,464	739,594	-31,870	-4.13%
Technical	18,934	19,305	19,884	579	3.00%
Athletics/Co-Curricular					
High School	638,852	679,869	710,043	30,174	4.44%
Middle School	86,878	108,591	109,129	538	0.50%
Support Services					
High School	0	90	90	0	0.00%
Middle School	1,707	0	0	0	0.00%
Guidance/School to Work/Prevention					
High School	554,762	603,310	665,941	62,631	10.38%
Middle School	254,555	271,287	312,252	40,965	15.10%
Health Services					
High School	129,323	136,932	152,928	15,996	11.68%
Middle School	87,944	88,284	90,552	2,268	2.57%
Media					
High School	154,477	139,510	171,106	31,596	22.65%
Middle School	108,322	110,018	114,426	4,408	4.01%
Board of Education & Treasurer					
High School	62,804	80,360	82,087	1,727	2.15%
Middle School	37,588	49,924	51,383	1,459	2.92%
Central Office Assessments					
High School	603,081	628,327	611,352	-16,975	-2.70%
Middle School	303,545	311,393	302,548	-8,845	-2.84%
Administration					
High School	511,149	551,430	558,929	7,499	1.36%
Middle School	392,966	421,570	435,091	13,521	3.21%

Short and Long Term Debt					
High School	169,419	162,788	161,513	-1,275	-0.78%
Middle School	326,857	314,912	311,536	-3,376	-1.07%
Computer Services					
High School	48,255	53,377	63,928	10,551	19.77%
Middle School	3,167	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
Support Staff Retirement					
	0	0	0	0	
UNION DISTRICT #3 TOTALS					
	16,557,752	17,287,008	17,425,906	138,898	0.80%

**UNION DISTRICT #3
ESTIMATED FINANCE CALCULATION
2016 - 2017**

Estimated Education Spending	Actual 2014 - 2015	Budget 2015 - 2016	Proposed 2016 - 2017	% Change
Middle and High School Budget	\$ 16,557,752	\$ 17,287,008	\$ 17,425,906	0.80%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Base Payment	524,706	534,824	522,094	-2.38%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Tuition Assessment	683,627	784,798	772,581	-1.56%
Special Article - Education Reserve	-	-	-	
Special Article - Capital Reserve and Replacement Fund	-	400,000	300,000	-25.00%
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 17,766,085	\$ 19,006,630	\$ 19,020,581	0.07%
Less Anticipated Receipts:				
Special Education Block Grant	\$ 332,168	\$ 328,192	\$ 326,722	-0.45%
Special Education Intensive	921,500	828,490	651,952	-21.31%
Special Education Extraordinary	106,316	56,151	88,650	57.88%
Interest Income	3,844	5,500	5,500	0.00%
Transportation Aid	187,293	194,107	189,434	-2.41%
Shared Maintenance Reimbursement	6,275	6,295	6,374	1.25%
Other	1,083			
Rental Income	12,093	11,000	11,000	0.00%
Driver Education Grant	9,461	11,000	11,000	0.00%
Education Reserve	-	-	-	
Tuition	212,097	135,000	135,000	0.00%
Fund Balance - Cash Carryover	214,630	416,718	589,569	41.48%
Total Estimated Receipts	\$ (2,006,760)	\$ (1,992,453)	\$ (2,015,201)	1.14%
Estimated Education Spending	\$ 15,759,325	\$ 17,014,177	\$ 17,005,380	-0.05%
Equalized Pupils	992.35	967.71	963.73	-0.41%
Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$ 15,881	\$ 17,582	\$ 17,645	0.36%
Debt Exclusion for Act 46 Calculation	-	-	(555)	
10% Extraordinary Sped Cost Exclusion for Act 46 Calculation	-	-	(13)	
Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$ 15,881	\$ 17,582	\$ 17,077	-2.87%
Base Per Pupil Spending	\$ 9,382	\$ 9,459	\$ 9,870	4.35%
Spending above \$9,382/\$9,459/\$9,870 Base Per Pupil	169.27%	185.87%	173.02%	-6.9%
Estimated Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.00	1.0%
Estimated Secondary Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$ 1.659	\$ 1.840	\$ 1.730	-6.0%

ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2015

The legal voters of the Cornwall Town School District met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School in said Cornwall, Vermont on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:50 PM, with approximately 65 people in attendance and transacted the following business:

Prior to the call to order, John Eagan, board Chair spoke for a few moments. He expressed thanks to Abi Sessions for stepping in as Interim Principal. John welcomed Jennifer Kravitz, who is the new Principal starting in July of 2015. John indicated that two long time teachers, Janne Giles and Dawn Mayer, left the school during the school year and have been replaced by Mindy Harvey and Emily Hoyler, who are doing an excellent job. John talked about the budget briefly and indicated that the increase of \$46,000 is a 3% increase. There is an Education bill working its way through the legislature (H361). Some of the items being discussed in the bill are: creating consolidated school districts using education systems and placing a 2% cap on budget increases per pupil. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

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

John Eagan called for nominations for School District Moderator. David Donahue nominated Cy Tall for a term of 1 year. Sherry Johnson seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the Chair proceeded to the vote and Cy Tall was elected Moderator for the Cornwall School District for one year.

ARTICLE 2: *To see if the Town School District will approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2014.*

Cindy Peet/Dave Donahue moved to approve the Town School District Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2014 as printed. 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.*

John Roberts/Tracy Isham moved to authorize the 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. There was no discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: *To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of \$1,497,298 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.*

Dave Donahue/John Roberts moved to approve the sum of \$1,497,298 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES, *continued*

Alicia Romero asked what the increases in the budget were. John Eagan went through the budget and gave an overview. John thanked Abi Sessions for looking at each line item to see where any adjustments could be made.

Bjarki Sears mentioned the Technology budget and indicated that the amounts seemed low to him. He wondered if we were meeting the Technology needs of the students.

Liz Marino asked about enrollment and wondered if multi-age classrooms were being discussed. There are fewer children forecasted to come into the school. The school has been holding at around 78 students. Multi-age classrooms are on the table for discussion.

David Donahue talked about the facility and wondered about the increases in the budget there. Abi Sessions pointed out that \$14,000 of the increase is budgeted to seal the roof, which hopefully will increase the life of the roof for another 10 years.

Raph Worrick mentioned the issue of declining student population and the fact that maintaining all of the Elementary schools in our area is not sustainable. He wondered where the board stood on consolidation. John E. indicated that the state is looking at various options. Regional schools are being discussed. The board is waiting to hear what the options will be once the legislature has completed work on the bill.

Sherry Johnson suggested that the School Board be proactive and not necessarily wait for mandates from the state. She thought it would be good for the board to have a plan in place before something is forced on the school. John E. indicated that the board would like to let the process play out and then be proactive. The VSBA is working in the legislature on behalf of the local school boards as much as possible.

Rick Greene reminded those present that the school board had gone through an exercise looking at consolidation several years ago. He felt that it would be best to wait for an indication from Montpelier as to what direction will be suggested, particularly if they have a plan to reduce the districts from 200 to 60. There will be another or continuation of the study committee from several years ago.

Chris Kramer indicated that he had been in town for a year, and was wondering what coordination and collaboration had been done. Peter Burrows and the VSBA are both working with the legislature to bring about reasonable change.

Alicia Romero, a former Principal and teacher, spoke to the fact that there are only 6 students in the 4th grade class. She questioned whether it is worth paying for a teacher for 6 students. She encouraged the School board to examine everything and do what makes sense for both the students and the taxpayers.

Marc Lapin mentioned that consolidation with other small towns in our district could be a community building process, not necessarily a loss of local control.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES, *continued*

Peter Conlon remarked that edicts will come down from Montpelier, when the local districts can't help themselves to manage budgets, etc.

Andrew Munkres would like to see some studies done that would show the costs associated with consolidation. He explained that no numbers have been presented to compare leaving the system alone vs. consolidation.

Jordan Young indicated that the multi-age classroom experience he had at Cornwall was not all bad. He feels that consolidation should be looked at. He felt that pushing students to go to a larger school with a higher cost per pupil may not be the answer to the budget issues. He also wondered about outcomes at the high school level, small school vs. larger school. Do the students from the small schools do better?

Bjarki Sears mentioned that Special Education services had been consolidated. He indicated that student outcomes are different at the high school level. He is concerned about Technology budgets and believes that Foreign Language at the Elementary level will be coming down the pike.

Chris Kramer wondered who was representing the schools. He is worried that only VSBA is representing the small schools. He wondered if there should be a group of local people that represents the schools in addition to the VSBA. John Eagan suggested that folks should contact their legislators to provide feedback and opinions related to education.

Dave Donahue reminded the voters that Montpelier will not be handing down mandates to maintain and fix the building. The building could be a community asset if school consolidation did take place. He felt it would be important to work with the Selectboard on capital funding for the maintenance of the building.

Marc Lapin mentioned that there was a great deal of education expertise in the room and in neighboring towns. He wondered if creating a subcommittee to discuss the various issues would make sense.

John Eagan pointed out that the ACSU is in the middle of developing a 5 year strategic plan. Alicia Romero commented that districts are always working on strategic plans, but John E. felt that Peter Burrows was not just going through the exercise, that he wanted to work on specific issues. Alicia R. offered to speak to Mr. Burrows about the possibility of creating a subcommittee.

Jordan Young/T Tall called the question. At least 7 voters were in agreement with ending discussion and proceeding with the vote. The motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Cornwall Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES, *continued*

Abi Sessions reported that the 4th and 5th grade students are doing a unit on the history of schooling in Cornwall. She asks that anyone who has information or recollections of Cornwall school history to please be in touch with her or the students or teachers in 4th or 5th grade.

Gail Isenberg asked if there was WIFI in the building. There is public WIFI. The password is available from the Principal.

Bjarki Sears is associated with the Superintendent's strategic plan and indicates that this is more than just a 5 year event. They are talking about involving communities. Changes are coming.

Rich Isenberg and Richard Carpenter both talked about the energy in the room related to working on the school issues. What are the next steps, when are the school board meetings?

David Sears said that the ideas that had been thrown out were great, but he worries about state mandates and thinks we should wait and see what will be forthcoming.

Peter Conlon mentioned that the next school board meeting was Wednesday, March 4 at the high school.

Bill Johnson wondered if it was possible to reach out to the community with questions about the future of the Cornwall school. Would they be willing to think about Cornwall without a school and other such questions?

The RED study that was done several years ago produced a result of "don't touch our school."

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

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

ARTICLE 8: To elect one Town School Director for a period of one year (unexpired term).

No action was taken on Articles 6, 7 and 8 as voting will take place tomorrow at the Cornwall Town Hall.

David Donahue/Rich Isenberg moved to adjourn the School District Meeting at 8:54 PM. No discussion. The motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Johnson, Town Clerk