



Town of Westfield, Vermont
TOWN REPORT
2014

Cover Story:

This year's cover is dedicated to the **Westfield Recycling Center**. Chairman of the Selectboard, Yves Daigle, was instrumental in starting the Recycling Center in 2007. Since that time residents and non-residents have been encouraged to bring their trash (for a fee) and recyclables (for free) to Recycling Center. The fee collected for trash and tire drop off allows the Recycling Center to operate in the black.

With the adoption of the Act 148 Universal Recycling Law, Vermont has taken an ambitious step to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill. Universal recycling gives all Vermonters the opportunity to keep valuable materials out of the trash through convenient and consistent services for recycling and composting throughout the state.

How does the new law work? Over the next seven years, it will become illegal to throw away mandated recyclables, leaf and yard debris, clean wood scraps, and food scraps everywhere in Vermont. The law is phased in by material and generator type and allows time for the services and infrastructure to be developed over the next seven years. The full extent of the law will be in effect by 2020.

What materials are being banned from the landfills?

Mandated recyclables: (beginning July 1, 2015)

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages
- PET and HDPE plastic bottles and jugs
- Corrugated cardboard
- White and mixed paper
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail and envelopes
- Box board
- Paper bags



Leaf/yard debris and clean wood debris (beginning July 1, 2016)

Food scraps (beginning July 1, 2020)

The Westfield Recycling Center currently accepts all of the mandated recyclables mentioned above. We're ahead of the game! Watch for more details at the Recycling Center as we phase in additional recyclables.

The Recycling Center is housed at the Town Garage, 757 Vt. Route 100. It is open every Saturday's 8 a.m. until Noon. *Trash and recyclables can only be dropped off during the posted Recycling Center hours.*

Visit the town website at www.westfield.vt.gov and click on the Recycling Center tab (left side of page) to view the Recycling Center Guide. Trash and tire prices are listed in the Guide or stop by the Town Clerk's office and pick up a copy.

**Join us for Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, June 13, 2015
and Green Up Day on Saturday, May 2, 2015.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 25, 2015: Last day to register to vote.
- March 3, 2015: Town Meeting Day - Westfield Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- Polling Place: Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd., 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- March 28, 2015: Rabies Clinic – Westfield Community Center, 3:00-3:30 p.m. Westfield dogs may be registered at this time with current proof of rabies certificate.
- April 1, 2015: Dog Licenses are due by 4 p.m.
- October 13, 2015: Normally property taxes are due October 10th each year but since the due date falls on a Saturday this year and the following Monday is a holiday, taxes are due by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Property taxes must be paid in full to avoid 8% delinquent penalty.

USEFUL TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICES

Mailing Address: 38 School St., Westfield, Vermont 05874

Telephone: 802-744-2484

Fax number: 802-744-6224

Email address: townofwestfield@comcast.net

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Town Clerk: LaDonna Dunn

Treasurer: Mary Lou Jacobs (available Wednesday evenings 5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Assistant Town Clerk: Connie LaPlume

Lister's & Zoning Administrator Hours: By appointment

HITCHCOCK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

1252 VT Route 100, Westfield, VT 05874

802-744-8258

Open Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Librarian: Rachel Gunn

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS: The Board of Selectmen meet at 6:00 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Westfield Town Office. They also hold special warned meetings as needed.

PROPERTY TAXES: Taxes are normally due each year on October 10th by 4:00 p.m. to the Town Clerk's office, 38 School Street, Westfield, VT 05874. Since the due date falls on a Saturday this year and the following Monday is a holiday, taxes are due by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. *Postmarks are not accepted. ALL taxes received after October 13, 2015 either in person OR by mail will be considered delinquent and are subject to delinquent penalties.*

COMMUNITY CENTER: The Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd., is available to rent for music events, tournaments, parties, meetings and exercise/dance groups. Fees are: Residents \$75 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Non-residents \$100 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Kitchen usage adds \$50; Exercise groups \$30. Contact LaDonna at the Town Clerk's office for reservations, 744-2484.

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WARNING
ANNUAL WESTFIELD TOWN MEETING AND
WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield School Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 3.** To elect one High School Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 4.** Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District vote to approve \$200,000 for 7th and 8th grade tuition and \$24,212.23 for local school expenses?
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be put into the Buildings & Grounds Reserve Fund for future renovations to the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School, contingent upon approval of Jay voters? **(Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)**
- Article 6.** Shall the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,284,679 dollars to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$438,717? **(Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)**
- Article 7.** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 8.** To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING:

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers.
- Article 3.** To elect all necessary town officials required by law.
- a. Town Clerk 3 year term
 - b. Town Treasurer 3 year term
 - c. Selectman 3 year term
 - d. Auditor 3 year term
 - e. Delinquent Tax Collector 1 year term
 - f. 1st Constable 1 year term
 - g. 2nd Constable 1 year term
 - h. Lister 3 year term
 - i. Town Agent 1 year term
 - j. Town Grand Juror 1 year term

- Article 4.** Shall the legal voters approve **\$59,744.55** for the following appropriations?
- a. **\$250** to American Red Cross
 - b. **\$300** to Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont
 - c. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation
 - d. **\$250** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.
 - e. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont
 - f. **\$450** to Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund
 - g. **\$250** to Jay Food Shelf
 - h. **\$800** to Jay Athletic Association
 - i. **\$200** to Jay Focus Group & the Jay Focus Group Children's Halloween Party
 - j. **\$200** to Jay Peak Post No. 28
 - k. **\$200** to Missisquoi River Basin Association
 - l. **\$10,628.04** to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service
 - m. **\$4,000** to Montgomery Fire Department
 - n. **\$75** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
 - o. **\$200** to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. (NEKCA)
 - p. **\$563** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)
 - q. **\$200** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)
 - r. **\$500** to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)
 - s. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.
 - t. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.
 - u. **\$250** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society)
 - v. **\$11,992.51** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department
 - w. **\$600** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc.
 - x. **\$1,500** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site
 - y. **\$22,591** to Troy Fire Department
 - z. **\$400** to Umbrella
 - aa. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)
 - bb. **\$100** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force- Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.

Article 5. Shall the legal voters approve the Selectboard to spend up to \$20,000.00 from reserve funds in the general fund to install an access ramp at the Hitchcock Museum & Library?

Article 6. Shall the legal voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$257,435.55, of which \$131,690.55 shall be raised by taxes and \$125,745.00 by non-tax revenues?

Article 7. Shall the legal voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$284,533.00, of which \$204,424.21 shall be raised by taxes and \$80,108.79 by non-tax revenues?

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Australian ballot items are voted at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, during the day on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The polls open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. Absentee ballots are available February 11, 2015 through 4 P.M. on March 2, 2015.

- Article 8.** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$743,598? **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 9.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2015-2016. **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 10.** To elect a Westfield School Treasurer for the school year 2015-2016. **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 11.** Shall the North Country Union High School District appropriate the sum of \$15,798,336 to defray its regular expenses and liabilities for North Country Union High School and the North Country Career Center for the ensuing year and to pay any balance left unpaid from the preceding year? **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 12.** Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$409,000 of undesignated FY2014 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? **(Australian Ballot)**
- Article 13.** Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to establish a Technology Reserve Fund and place \$208,000 of undesignated North Country Career Center FY2014 fund balance from the general fund operations in this fund? **(Australian Ballot)**

Article 14. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Article 15. To adjourn.

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 28th day of January, 2015.

Received for Record:

January 28, 2015 at _____ A.M.

Attest: _____

Westfield Town Clerk

Selectboard Members:

Westfield School Board Members:

Yves Daigle, Chair

Kevin Amyot

Jacques Couture

Loren Petzoldt

Richard Degre

Chad Prue

*Signed document is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Westfield Community Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Selectman Jacques Couture opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. On behalf of the Town, Jacques recognized and thanked Connie LaPlume for her 22 years of service as Town Clerk. As a retirement gift Connie was presented with an engraved clock plaque from the Town.

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year:

Motion by Mike Piper and seconded by Mary Lou Jacobs to elect Pat Sagui as Moderator for 1 year (2015). Pat was re-elected by voice vote.

Pat explained the procedural and voting practices for the meeting.

2. To act on the reports of the Town and Town School District Officers:

Motion by Mike Piper and seconded by Pauline Couture to bring the article to the floor. Article 2 passed by voice vote.

3. To elect all other Town and Town School District Officers:

A. Town Clerk: Motion by Connie LaPlume for LaDonna Dunn to fill the unexpired term of Connie LaPlume (2015). LaDonna was elected by voice vote.

B. Selectboard: Motion by Gordon Lesperance for Richard Degre to fill a 3 year term as Selectman (2017). Without objection the Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Richard.

C. Westfield School Directors:

i. Motion by Mike Piper for Kevin Amyot to fill a 3 year term as Westfield School Director (2017). Kevin was re-elected by voice vote.

ii. Motion by Mike Piper for Chad Prue to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence Berry as Westfield School Director (2015). Chad was re-elected by voice vote.

D. Union High School Director: Motion by Kay Courson for Karen O'Donnell to fill the unexpired term of Michael Murphy as Union High School Director (2015). Karen was re-elected by voice vote.

E. Auditor: Motion by Kay Courson for Gordon Lesperance to fill a 3 year term as Auditor (2017). Without objection the Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Gordon.

F. Delinquent Tax Collector: Motion by Mary Lou Jacobs to elect Joyce Crawford to fill a 1 year term as Delinquent Tax Collector (2015). Joyce was re-elected by voice vote.

G. Lister: Motion by Mike Piper for Danny Young to fill a 3 year term as Lister (2017). Without objection the Clerk cast one ballot to elect Danny.

H. Constables:

i. Motion by Mary Lou Jacobs for Normand Piette to fill a 1 year term as 1st Constable (2015). Normand was re-elected by voice vote.

ii. Motion by Kay Courson for Mike Piper to fill a 1 year term as 2nd Constable (2015). Mike was re-elected by voice vote.

I. Town Agent: Motion by Kay Courson for Dianne Laplante to fill a 1 year term as Town Agent (2015). Dianne was re-elected by voice vote.

J. Town Grand Juror: Motion by Yves Daigle for Mike Piper to fill a 1 year term as Town Grand Juror (2015). Mike was elected by voice vote.

4. Shall the North Country Union High School District appropriate the sum of \$15,807,278 to defray its regular expenses and liabilities for North Country Union High School and the North Country Career Center for the ensuing year and to pay any balance left unpaid from the preceding year? (Australian Ballot)

YES - 46 NO - 12 BLANK - 1

5. Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$142,200 of undesignated FY2012 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? (Australian Ballot)

YES - 48 NO - 10 BLANK - 1

6. To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2014-2015. (Australian Ballot)

Tara Morse was re-elected to a one year term (2015).

Westfield: YES - 57 BLANK - 2 WRITE –IN - 0

Jay: YES - 56 BLANK - 0 WRITE –IN - 0

7. To elect a Westfield School Treasurer for the school year 2014-2015 (Australian Ballot)

Rita Petzoldt was re-elected to a one year term (2015).

Westfield: YES – 55 BLANK - 3 WRITE –IN - 1

8. Shall the legal voters of the Town of Westfield authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$694,978.00? (Australian Ballot)

Discussion: Yves Daigle explained that 49 towns belong to the district and share in this amount. The district had a \$49,302.46 surplus last year. Their income is received by selling recyclables, through a grant and also through a \$22/ton surcharge paid to the Waste Management District by the haulers. Paul Tomasi is the Executive Director of the Waste Management District. Yves reported that the Westfield Recycling Center accepts all electronic waste for free. Dianne Laplante complimented Yves on a job well done at the Recycling Center.

YES – 51 NO - 7 BLANK - 0

9. Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District vote to approve \$138,000 for 7th and 8th grade tuition and \$40,581 for local school expenses?

Motion by Mike Piper and seconded by Noreen Shapiro Berry to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: School Board members explained there are currently ten Jr. High School students. Westfield does not belong to a district so students can select the school they wish to attend. It costs approximately \$13,500 per student per year for tuition. Westfield currently doesn't pay for bussing. It is difficult to budget for the tuition amount needed

because students may move in or out of the area throughout the year changing the tuition amount needed. Special needs (I.E.P's) also arise for students throughout the school year that this money would be used for.

Article 9 passed by voice vote.

10. Shall the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District vote to establish a Tuition Reserve Fund in the amount of \$101,931.88 to help defray unexpected tuition costs at the 7th and 8th grade level?

Motion by Mike Piper and seconded by Kay Courson to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: School Board member Loren Petzoldt explained this is a new article that was identified during the school audit as an item that needs to be voted on each year by the taxpayers. The money in this account is money that has been accumulated over the years since the Westfield School has been in existence. A citizen asked if the money could be used for other 7th & 8th grade needs besides tuition. Loren felt the answer was yes, but whatever the money had been used for would have to be voted on by the voters the following year. He will get clarification on this. Yves Daigle asked if the money had been invested over the years. Loren reported it had been in various cd's and was currently in a sweep account.

Article 10 passed by voice vote.

11. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to be put into the Building & Grounds Reserve Fund to replace the heating system at the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School, contingent upon approval of Jay voters? (Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)

Motion by Mary Lou Jacobs and seconded by Kay Courson to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: School Board member Kevin Amyot explained there is currently \$10,000 from Westfield and \$10,000 from Jay in the Building & Grounds Reserve Fund. The additional \$21,000 from Westfield and \$21,000 from Jay being requested in this article would be added to the fund to purchase a new heating system. Kevin stated the current 20 year old heating system is still functioning but is beginning to incur repair costs and the School Board is recommending replacing the system. A new system would last approximately 20-25 years and would give a 5-7 year payback in fuel and energy savings. If approved by the voters the new system would be installed this summer.

Article 11 passed in Westfield by paper vote.

Westfield: YES – 44 NO - 1

Jay: YES – 24 NO - 3 (per Jay Town Clerk, Tara Morse 3/5/14)

12. Shall the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,304,761 dollars to defray the expenses and liabilities for Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$445,967? (Paper ballot to be co-mingled with Jay)

Motion by Theresa McAvinney and seconded by Kay Courson to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: School Board member Loren Petzoldt introduced Principal of the Jay/Westfield Elementary School, Kristy Ellis. Kristy said she would be happy to answer any questions people have about the school.

Moderator Pat Sagui reported when the votes were counted the votes cast did not match the voter checklist. The first vote was discarded and a second vote was taken.

Moderator Pat Sagui introduced State Representative Mark Higley who gave a brief talk during the counting of the second vote for Article 12.

The second vote for Article 12 passed in Westfield by paper vote.

Westfield: YES – 42 NO - 3

Jay: YES – 29 NO – 6 (per Jay Town Clerk, Tara Morse 3/5/14)

13. Shall the legal voters of the Town of Westfield authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend up to \$20,000 from reserve funds in the general fund for capital improvements at the Community Center?

Motion by Mike Piper and seconded by Theresa McAvinney to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: Selectboard Chair Yves Daigle explained this money would be used to paint the outside of the Community Center, replace some windows and purchase a generator so it can be utilized as an emergency shelter.

Article 13 passed by voice vote.

14. To see if the legal voters of the Town of Westfield will appropriate on EACH of the following:

Motion by Denny Lyster and seconded by Kay Courson to bring the article to the floor.

Moderator Pat Sagui explained if all were in agreement she would read the letter of each appropriation request and anyone wishing to discuss or make an amendment to the amount could do so before she would move on to the next item. She stated if all were in agreement a total dollar amount would be voted on at the end of the appropriation reading which would include the amended amounts. With no objections, Pat read the appropriations and noted where increases over last year's amounts were being requested. The 2013 amount is noted in parenthesis following the items that had requested increases.

A. \$250 to American Red Cross

Motion by Gordon Lesperance and seconded by Theresa McAvinney to **amend the amount of Article 14A to \$500.** Article 14A amendment passed by voice vote.

B. \$300 to Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont

C. \$250 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.

D. \$50 to Green Up Vermont

Motion by Yves Daigle and seconded by Sue Scott to **amend the amount of Article 14D to \$100.** Article 14D amendment passed by voice vote.

E. \$450 to Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund (was \$400 in 2013)

F. \$250 to Jay Food Shelf

Motion by Rosemary Croizet and seconded by Mary Lou Jacobs to **amend the amount of Article 14F to \$500**. Article 14F amendment passed by voice vote.

G. \$800 to Jay Athletic Association

H. \$200 to Jay Focus Group and the Jay Focus Group Children's Halloween Party

I. \$200 to Jay Peak Post No. 28

J. \$200 to Missisquoi River Basin Association

K. \$10,480 to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (was \$7545 in 2013)

Discussion: Jen Piette from the ambulance squad introduced herself and offered to answer questions. She explained the squad has changed how they are asking the towns for appropriations this year. They are now basing the appropriation requests on the town's Grand List rather than per capita as in the past. They feel this is more equitable way for all involved. She encouraged residents to take one of the squad's 5 year plans that were available at the meeting (and at the town clerk's office after Town Meeting). Roger Gosselin, who is soon to be a new Westfield resident and is on the ambulance squad, explained the new protocols being mandated by the state. The new protocols require the squads to spend thousands of dollars on new equipment. He also stressed the squads long term goal is to be a paramedic based service. Kevin Amyot supported the ambulance by saying it works out to \$19.55 per resident for the appropriation request. He stated this is small price to pay for someone who is probably a volunteer to leave their family to come to help you.

L. \$4,000 to Montgomery Fire Department

M. \$75 to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra (new request for 2014)

N. \$100 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. (NEKCA)

O. \$563 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)

P. \$200 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)

Q. \$500 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)

R. \$2,500 to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. (was \$2200 in 2013)

S. \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.

T. \$225 to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society) (was \$200 in 2013)

U. \$11,993.55 to Orleans County Sheriff's Department (was \$11,644.22 in 2013)

Discussion: Deputy Tyler Jacobs was present to answer questions. He stated the appropriation request reflects a 3% increase. Deputy Jacobs is a patrol officer and explained the Sheriff's Department spends about 5 hours a week on patrol in Westfield unless they are responding to a specific problem. Recently they assisted Yves Daigle with a problem of illegal trash dumping at the Recycling Center. The excessive traffic

and travel speeds on North Hill Road and Kennison Road were discussed and it was decided to explore this topic further under other business.

V. \$600 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

W. \$1,000 to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site

Motion by Denny Lyster and seconded by Sue Scott to **amend the amount of Article 14W to \$1500**. Discussion: Denny explained the Mealsite has been losing about \$700 per year for the past 3 years. They serve about 25 people per week and many of these seniors stay after to play cards. He felt this is a great community service. The Lions Club is considering increasing the \$3.00 cost of the meal but they really don't want to do that. Article 14W amendment passed by voice vote.

X. \$22,591 to Troy Fire Department

Y. \$250 to Umbrella

Z. \$95 to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)

AA. \$100 to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force c/o Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist. (new request for 2014)

THE NEW TOTAL FOR ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS (including amendments): \$59,772.55

Article 14 passed by voice vote in the amount of \$59,772.55.

15. To vote on how much money shall be raised to operate the business of the Town by department as follows:

a. General Operations

b. Summer Roads

c. Winter Roads

d. Bridge, Brush, Culverts

e. All other road expenses

Motion by Will Young and seconded by Sue Scott to vote on the amount of \$461,536.55 to fund Article 15. The Article passed by a voice vote.

16. To transact any other business:

A. Extending Recycling Center Hours: Dianne Laplante asked about extending the Recycling Center hours to possibly include another day. It is currently open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. It was the consensus of the group that the current hours are adequate at this time.

B. Speeding/Traffic Issue: Rosemary Croizet suggested some community members meet with the Selectboard to discuss the safety concerns and look for possible solutions to the excessive speed and traffic on some town roads. Phil Sheltra, Barbara LaPlume, Carolyn Ferrara, Rosemary Croizet and Ann Holdridge volunteered to participate. They will be invited to an upcoming Selectboard meeting.

C. Wild and Scenic Rivers Designation Update: Jacques Couture gave an update on the Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic designation. It passed the Senate and Representative Welch made a presentation in the House. He stated it looks very

positive for the project and would put this area on the maps for wild & scenic beauty and make grant monies available.

D. Balance Rock: Yves Daigle asked peoples opinion about buying land/access to Balance Rock. He said some people believe this area should belong to the town. It is currently privately owned but the owner kindly makes it accessible to the public. The consensus was to check into an easement from the landowner and possibly purchasing it if it were to go up for sale.

E. Emergency Disaster Shelter: Coordinator Dennis Neumann said we need more volunteers to help staff the shelter at the Community Center if we should have a disaster. He asked interested people to write their names on the sign-up sheet and said we would be having a mock drill in the spring.

F. Phil Gonyaw: Jacques Couture asked for a moment of silence to remember our friend Phil Gonyaw who passed away recently.

17. To adjourn:

Motion by Laurent Cody and seconded by Mike Piper to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. So moved.

Minutes prepared by:

LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

A true record this 12th day of March 2014

Reviewed and signed by:*

Pat Sagui, Moderator

Yves Daigle, Selectboard

Loren Petzoldt, Westfield School Director

*Signed document is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD OFFICERS PHONE LIST

Moderator: (term of 1 year)

Pat Sagui	2015	744-2345
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Town Clerk: (term of 3 years)

LaDonna Dunn (appointed to finish Clerk term)	2015	744-2484 / 673-9001
Connie LaPlume (Assistant Town Clerk)		744-2484

Town Treasurer: (term of 3 years)

Mary Lou Jacobs	2015	744-2484
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Selectmen & Tree Wardens: (term of 3 years)

Yves Daigle	2015	744-2247
Jacques Couture	2016	744-2733
Richard Degre	2017	744-2427

Road Foreman: (appointed)

Larry Kennison		744-6457
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School Treasurers: (term of 1 year)

Tara Morse (Jay-Westfield School District)	2015	988-2996
Rita Petzoldt (Westfield School District)	2015	744-6532

Westfield School Directors: (term of 3 years)

Chad Prue (Appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence Berry)	2015	923-6968
Loren Petzoldt	2016	744-6532
Kevin Amyot	2017	744-6230

Union High School Director: (term of 3 years)

Karen O'Donnell (Appointed to fill the unexpired term of Michael Murphy)	2015	
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Auditors: (term of 3 years)

Lara Starr	2015	744-2007
Kay Courson	2016	744-6447
Gordon Lesperance	2017	744-6880

Delinquent Tax Collector: (term of 1 year)

Joyce Crawford	2015	744-8085
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Constables: (term of 1 year)

Normand Piette-1 st Constable	2015	744-6888
Mike Piper-2 nd Constable	2015	744-6304

Listers: (term of 3 years)

Scott Dunn	2015	673-3521
Steve Dykeman	2016	744-8246
Danny Young	2017	744-6122

Town Agent: (term of 1 year)

Dianne LaPlante	2015	744-2335
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Town Grand Juror: (term of 1 year)

Michael Piper	2015	744-6304
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Health Officer: (appointed)

Mary Lou Jacobs		744-8269
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Zoning Administrator: (appointed)

Dennis Neumann		744-6128
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Planning Commission: (appointed)

Denny Lyster (Chair)		744-6839
Steve Dykeman		744-8246
Brian Dunn		744-2441
Dianne Laplante		744-2335
Yvan LaPlume		744-9927
Shawn Baraw		988-4008
Bill Millar		

Emergency Management Coordinators: (appointed)

Dennis Neumann		744-6128
Dan Backus		744-6827

Justices of the Peace: (term of 2 years)

Joyce Crawford		744-8085
Anne Lazor		744-6855
Yvan LaPlume		744-9927
Michael Piper		744-6304
Pat Sagui		744-2345

Fire Warden: (appointed)

Jim Crawford		744-8085
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Town Service Officer: (appointed)

Louis Berthiaume		744-6620
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AUDITORS STATEMENT 2014

The financial records of the Town of Westfield were reviewed by the auditors in January 2015. The auditors review consisted of accounting transactions, payroll documentation, and the reconciliation of the bank statements. Minor items were reviewed with the Selectboard who received a detailed report of the audit. There were no outstanding orders or payables; all actions were accomplished in 30 days or less.

Statement of Account Balances as of December 31, 2014

\$235,718.31	Community National Bank - Checking account reconciliation amount.
\$250.00	North Country Credit Union - Business Checking
\$50.07	North Country Credit Union - Regular Savings
\$11,339.42	North Country Credit Union 60 MO CD – North Hill Cemetery
\$15,838.13	North Country Credit Union 60 MO CD - Reappraisal
\$40,140.70	North Country Credit Union 60 MO CD – Westfield Cemetery
\$11,898.69	North Country Credit Union 60 MO CD – Neighbor to Neighbor
\$28,723.25	North Country Credit Union 60 MO CD - Grader
\$17,671.68	North Country Credit Union 60 MO CD - Reappraisal

Respectfully submitted:

Westfield Auditors
Kay Courson
Gordon Lesperance

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015
INCOME-GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1-6-01 TAX RELATED			
1-6-01-01.00 Property Taxes - School	0	1072360.89	0
1-6-01-01.01 Property Taxes - Municipal	0	0	151690.55
1-6-01-03.00 Delinquent Tax Interest	1200	219.76	500
1-6-01-04.00 Delinquent Penalties	1000	5555.42	6000
1-6-01-05.00 Prop. Taxes Paid Early	0	450	0
1-6-01-06.00 Prev. Yr. School Tax Refund	0	27957.69	0
Total TAX RELATED	2200	1106543.76	158190.55
1-6-02 STATE OF VERMONT			
1-6-02-01.00 Land Use	30000	35276	35000
1-6-02-02.00 Pilot	27500	26077.56	25000
1-6-02-03.00 Listers Training	0	387.59	400
1-6-02-04.00 Reappraisal - State \$	0	4398.5	4000
Total STATE OF VERMONT	57500	66139.65	64400
1-6-03 CLERKS OFFICE			
1-6-03-01.00 Recording Fees	4000	4953	4500
1-6-03-02.00 Copies	750	1501.8	1000
1-6-03-03.00 Animal License	750	818	750
1-6-03-04.00 Liquor License	100	70	70
1-6-03-05.00 Permits	100	324	0
1-6-03-06.00 Civil Fines	1500	1020.5	0
1-6-03-06.01 Liens	0	60	0
1-6-03-07.00 Zoning Permits	0	409	700
1-6-03-08.00 Cemetery Lot Sales	0	425	0
Total CLERKS OFFICE	7200	9581.30	7020
1-6-09 MISCELLANEOUS			
1-6-09-01.00 Interest on Investments	650	4954.35	600
1-6-09-02.00 Good Neighbor Fund - Wind	10000	10000	10000
1-6-09-03.00 Web-Site Grant Money	0	600	0
1-6-09-04.00 Donations to Play Ground	0	295	0
1-6-09-99.00 Edward Jones Inv.	2350	1926.78	2000
Total MISCELLANEOUS	13000	17776.13	12600
1-6-40 COMMUNITY CENTER			
1-6-40-01.01 Community Center Rent	5000	3125	3000
Total COMMUNITY CENTER	5000	3125	3000
1-6-45 LIBRARY			
1-6-45-01.01 Library - Cash Donations	100	80.79	100
1-6-45-01.02 Library - Books Sales	0	20	0
1-6-45-01.03 Library - Copies	50	9.2	0
Total LIBRARY	150	109.99	100

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015
1-7-50 RECYCLING			
1-6-50-01.00 Recycling Revenue	11000	11356.1	11000
1-6-50-01.01 Tire Revenue	1600	1055.5	1000
1-6-50-01.02 Electronics Revenue	125	0	125
Total RECYCLING	12725	12411.6	12125
TOTAL INCOME-GENERAL GOV'T	97775	1215687.43	257435.55

EXPENSES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1-7-10 PAYROLL

1-7-10-10.02 Selectboard	3850	3800	3800
1-7-10-10.03 Town Clerk	21000	22223.25	21000
1-7-10-10.04 Treasurer	5000	4185	6000
1-7-10-10.05 Office Assistant	7000	6117	7000
1-7-10-10.06 Listers	3500	5511	5500
1-7-10-10.07 Auditors	1000	648	700
1-7-10-10.08 Election Officials	1200	855	500
1-7-10-10.09 Delinquent Tax Collector	6000	5727.5	6000
1-7-10-10.10 Constables	800	1000	600
1-7-10-10.12 Community Center labor	1000	0	0
1-7-10-10.20 Zoning Administrator	0	774.08	700
1-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	5000	4718.8	5000
1-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	2700	1715.61	2700
1-7-10-13.00 911 Coordinator Payroll	300	444	300
Total PAYROLL	58350	57719.24	59800

1-7-15 TOWN OFFICE

1-7-15-20.00 Town Office - Supplies	3000	2015.36	2000
1-7-15-20.01 Town Office - Postage	1000	385.99	500
1-7-15-21.00 Town Office - Equip. Maint.	2300	1627.61	2000
1-7-15-22.00 Town Office - Equipment	0	-39.87	0
1-7-15-30.00 Town Office - Electricity	1000	1031.56	1050
1-7-15-31.00 Town Office - Heat	2000	1587.9	2000
1-7-15-32.00 Town Office - Telephone	2000	1590.74	1500
1-7-15-33.00 Town Office - Water	408	408	408
1-7-15-34.00 Preserve Town Records	2000	2067.71	2100
1-7-15-35.00 NEMRC	2200	4159.7	2500
1-7-15-36.00 Town Office - Maintenance	2500	2691	2500
1-7-15-99.00 Town Office Misc.	0	379.56	0
Total TOWN OFFICE	18408	17905.26	16558

1-7-20 GENERAL EXPENSES

1-7-20-30.00 Electric Street/Common	4800	4902.63	5000
1-7-20-42.00 Membership Dues	2000	2200	2600
1-7-20-43.00 Employee Training	1000	1008.75	1000
1-7-20-46.01 Legal Fees	0	140	150
1-7-20-47.01 Mileage Reimbursement	1000	1485.17	1500
1-7-20-48.01 Property & Casualty Ins	12300	9402.26	13400
1-7-20-48.02 Workman's Comp Ins	3500	2599.99	3000
1-7-20-50.00 Supplies for Town	400	147.63	150
1-7-20-62.01 North Hill Cemetery	1000	898.08	1000

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015
1-7-20-62.02 Westfield Cemetery	3150	3180.12	3150
1-7-20-63.00 Town Landscaping/Maintenance	0	3323.84	1500
1-7-20-71.00 County Taxes	10500	10671.76	10700
1-7-20-72.00 Advertising	200	44.75	100
1-7-20-80.00 Medical insurance	11500	11793.68	12500
1-7-20-81.00 Print Town Report	1000	846.6	850
1-7-20-94.00 Generator Expense	0	0	250
1-7-20-95.00 Lister's Expense	500	1740.61	1000
1-7-20-96.00 Unemployment Expense	0	0	200
1-7-20-98.00 Maps	0	0	1725
1-7-20-99.00 General Misc. Expense	0	37.75	0
Total GENERAL EXPENSES	52850	54423.62	59775
1-7-30 PLAY GROUND			
1-7-30-20.00 Playground Maintenance	900	2632.27	900
Total PLAY GROUND	900	2632.27	900
1-7-40 COMMUNITY CENTER			
1-7-40-30.00 C.C. - Electricity	2500	1594.92	1500
1-7-40-31.00 C.C. - Heat	5500	5153.23	5500
1-7-40-32.00 C.C. - Telephone	640	662.6	675
1-7-40-33.00 C.C. - Water	408	408	408
1-7-40-34.00 C.C. - Supplies	500	1110.99	200
1-7-40-35.00 C.C. - Gas	0	0	1000
1-7-40-62.00 C.C. - Maintenance	2500	4398.46	2500
1-7-40-98.00 C.C. - Cap. Improvement	20000	15255.16	5000
Total COMMUNITY CENTER	32048	28583.36	16783
1-7-45 LIBRARY			
1-7-45-10.11 Librarian Payroll	5100	4332	4500
1-7-45-19.00 Library - Books Purchases	500	219.69	500
1-7-45-20.00 Library - Supplies	500	25.82	100
1-7-45-30.00 Library - Electricity	650	661.46	675
1-7-45-31.00 Library - Heat	3400	3621.19	3400
1-7-45-32.00 Library - Telephone	550	524.19	550
1-7-45-60.00 Library - Membership Dues	50	0	50
1-7-45-62.00 Library - Maintenance	1500	3427.33	1500
1-7-45-63.00 Library - Cap. Imp. / ADA	0	0	20000
Total LIBRARY	12250	12811.68	31275
1-7-50 RECYCLING			
1-7-50-10.00 Recycling Expenses	8000	7890.49	8000
1-7-50-10.14 Recycling Payroll	3600	3480	3600
1-7-50-10.15 Tire Expense	1300	384.75	500
1-7-50-10.16 Recycling Mileage Reimburse	500	236.32	500
Total RECYCLING	13400	11991.56	12600
TOTAL EXPENSES-GENERAL GOV'T	188206	186066.99	197691

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015
1-8-95 APPROPRIATIONS			
1-8-95-07.00 Taxes to School	0	859165	0
1-8-95-95.01 Fire Protection-Troy	22591	22591	22591
1-8-95-95.02 Fire Protection-Montgomery	4000	4000	4000
1-8-95-95.03 Orleans County Sheriff	11993.55	11905.45	11992.51
1-8-95-95.04 Missisquoi Valley Ambulance	10480	10480	10628.04
1-8-95-95.05 Orleans Essex VNA	2500	2500	2500
1-8-95-95.06 Jay Peak Post-Am. Legion	0	0	200
1-8-95-95.07 American Red Cross	0	0	250
1-8-95-95.08 Area Agency on Aging	0	0	300
1-8-95-95.09 Felines & Friends Foundation	0	0	100
1-8-95-95.10 Green Mt. Farm to School	0	0	250
1-8-95-95.11 Green Up Vermont	0	0	50
1-8-95-95.12 Hazen's Notch Assoc. Camp	0	0	450
1-8-95-95.13 Jay Food Shelf	0	0	250
1-8-95-95.14 Jay Athletic Association	0	0	800
1-8-95-95.15 Jay Focus/Halloween Party	0	0	200
1-8-95-95.16 Missisquoi River Basin Assoc.	0	0	200
1-8-95-95.17 No. Co. Friends of VT Symphony	0	0	75
1-8-95-95.18 NEK Comm. Action Inc. NEKCA	0	0	200
1-8-95-95.19 NEK Human Services	0	0	563
1-8-95-95.20 NEK Learning Services	0	0	200
1-8-95-95.21 Orleans Co. Citizen Advocacy	0	0	500
1-8-95-95.22 Pope Mem. Front. Animal Society	0	0	500
1-8-95-95.23 Old Stone House Museum	0	0	250
1-8-95-95.24 Rural Comm. Transport. RCT	0	0	600
1-8-95-95.25 Troy & Area Lions Club-Meal Site	0	0	1500
1-8-95-95.26 Umbrella	0	0	400
1-8-95-95.27 VT Center for Independent. Living	0	0	95
1-8-95-95.28 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	0	0	100
1-8-95-95.99 Other Agencies	7158	8208	0
Total APPROPRIATIONS	58722.55	918849.45	59744.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-GEN. GOV'T	246928.55	1104916.44	257435.55
NET PROFIT/LOSS-GENERAL GOV'T	149153.55	110770.99	0

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-HIGHWAY FUND

	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY-2014	Budget FY - 2015
INCOME-HIGHWAY FUND			
2-6-01 REVENUE			
2-6-01-01.00 Property Taxes - Municipal	233558	233558	204424.21
2-6-02-01.00 State Aid To Highways	50000	51631.65	50000
2-6-02-02.00 Road Fines	0	0	1000
2-6-02-05.00 Structure Grant Revenue	0	29108.79	29108.79
2-6-09-01.00 Interest on Investments	0	522.18	0
TOTAL INCOME-HIGHWAY FUND	283558	314820.62	284533
EXPENSES-HIGHWAY FUND			
2-7-10 PAYROLL			
2-7-10-10.01 Payroll	30000	24960	30000
2-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	2300	1816.45	2300
2-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	1650	1309.88	2100
Total PAYROLL	33950	28086.33	34400
2-7-15 TOWN GARAGE			
2-7-15-20.00 Town Garage - Supplies	200	61.65	200
2-7-15-30.00 Town Garage - Electricity	900	911.77	925
2-7-15-31.00 Town Garage -Heat	3000	2940.17	3000
2-7-15-33.00 Town Garage - Water	408	408	408
2-7-15-99.00 Town Garage - Maintenance	1000	1016.65	1000
Total TOWN GARAGE	5508	5338.24	5533
2-7-20 GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE			
2-7-20-51.00 Fuel	2500	0	0
2-7-20-52.00 Equip. Repairs & Maintenance	2500	1986.24	2500
2-7-20-53.00 Major Repairs	2500	0	0
2-7-20-54.00 Grader Expenses	0	1152.54	5000
2-7-20-62.00 Town Garage Maintenance	0	13.39	0
2-7-20-95.02 Transfer To Grader Reserve	4500	4500	5000
Total GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	12000	7652.17	12500
2-7-25 ROAD MAINTENANCE			
2-7-25-45.00 Hired Equipment	120000	90338.5	120000
2-7-25-45.01 Road side maintenance	11000	7052	9000
2-7-25-55.01 Gravel & Sand	25000	19011.5	25000
2-7-25-55.02 Sta-pac	1000	747.54	1000
2-7-25-55.03 Salt	3000	5305.77	5000
2-7-25-55.05 Paving	30000	30227.02	30000
2-7-25-55.06 Chloride & Calcium	8000	7466.58	8000
2-7-25-55.07 Cold Patch	100	45.56	100
2-7-25-56.00 Culverts	5000	3184.04	5000
2-7-25-57.00 Road Signs	1000	1038.51	1000
2-7-25-58.00 Guard Rails	3000	2999.25	3000
2-7-25-58.01 Guardrails - Grant	0	30226.25	0
2-7-25-63.00 Balance Rock Road Repairs	25000	31494.55	25000
Total ROAD MAINTENANCE	232100	229137.07	232100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-HIGHWAY FUND	283558	270213.81	284533
NET PROFIT/LOSS-HIGHWAY FUND	0	44606.81	0

REPORTS OF THE JAY/WESTFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 2015

Dear Jay and Westfield Community Members,

It is with great excitement that I sit to compose this letter for the town report. We are making some important program changes that I believe will create meaningful and lasting differences for our learners and families. However, I would be remiss if I did not start with a thank you for your overwhelming community support. I feel so fortunate to be your educational leader. The convergence of skilled and compassionate teachers, engaged learners and community support here at the Jay/Westfield Elementary School creates an environment ripe for meeting the challenges of the future.

Last year preschool became an important topic in the legislature resulting in a new universal preschool law. In a nutshell, the law states that towns are responsible for providing 10 hours of universal preschool to all three and four year old children. This law has not necessarily met with great resistance, but has created some unintended financial consequences and stress for existing programs. This truth has resulted in a yearlong grace period as towns move toward implementation of the law.

What does this mean for Jay/Westfield? Actually, the timing could not be better. Our current K-6 student enrollment is taking a significant hit with the graduation of three big classes and smaller Kindergarten classes coming in. This means the increase in student enrollment resulting from the addition of a preschool program will allow us to continue with necessary strategies for our older learners.

So we have a synergistic relationship and with some careful restructuring of our existing program and creation of quality, meaningful preschool experiences, we can meet the needs of ***all*** our children. As a former preschool director, I have seen the importance of increased preschool opportunities for our youngest learners. Accessible, full day programs with a focus on developmentally appropriate activities rapidly increase cognitive, language, and social/emotional growth. With some funding reallocations from Central Office and a restructuring of our K-6 program, we are running full speed ahead with a five day a week, full day program for four year olds and a half-day program for threes. All of this will be accomplished with an anticipated level funded budget and a decrease to your overall town assessment.

I hesitate to highlight school spending because I prefer to talk about school quality and the strong outcomes resulting from our Jay/Westfield School programs. But I also understand the current context of school revenue streams and the impact on your property taxes. Along with your Board of Directors, I feel an obligation to be fiscally responsible. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about your school and thank you again for your strong support. It makes a difference for all our learners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Ellis, Ed.D.
Principal, Jay/Westfield Elementary School

JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Phone: (802) 988-4042/988-2627 - Fax: (802) 988-9813

PRINCIPAL	Kristy Ellis
SECRETARY	Peggy Laurie
TEACHERS	
Kindergarten/Reading Recovery	Krista Landrigan
Grade 1 & 2	Donna Petit
Grade 1 & 2	Jane Halbeisen
Grade 3 & 4	Gerardo A. Ortiz
Grade 3 & 4	Julie Ste Marie
Grade 5 & 6	Susan Pigeon-Vanier
Grade 5 & 6	Patricia Ovitt
Special Educator	Kelley Stafford
Special Educator/Interventionist	Ruth Klansky
Music (40%)	Wendell Hughes
Physical Education (50%)	Amy Clements
Speech/Language (20%)	Kathy Hill
Northeast Kingdom Human Services (60%)	Ashley Sevigny
Art K-6 (20%)	Hosanna McAllister
Nurse (40%)	Joanne Fortin
PARAPROFESSIONALS	
Special Ed Assistant	Eva Lemieux
Special Ed Assistant	Sheila Burger
Speech/Language Assistant/Kindergarten	Emily May
Special Ed Assistant	Dawn Blau
Lunch Program Agent	Helen Before
CUSTODIAN	Paul LeGrand
BUS CONTRACTOR	Harold Morse
JAY TOWN CLERK	
Jay/Westfield School Bookkeeper	Tara Morse
WESTFIELD TOWN CLERK	
	LaDonna Dunn
WESTFIELD BOOKKEEPER	
	Rita Petzoldt
WESTFIELD TOWN CLERK ASSISTANT	
	Connie LaPlume
SCHOOL DIRECTORS	
	Sally Rivard (J)
	Loren Petzoldt (W)
	Jeff Morse (J)
	Chad Prue (W)
	Myra Alix (J)
	Kevin Amyot (W)
NCUHS BOARD MEMBER	
	Le-Ann Tetrault (J)
	Karen O'Donnell (W)

"In the 2014-2015 school year 100% of Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary teachers are Highly Qualified to teach their assigned grades and content. 11 of our 13 teachers are licensed for their teaching assignment and two teachers are on a provisional."

Jay/Westfield Elementary School Enrollment

Alix, Sage	J	Kennison, Kaiden	W
Amyot, Hannah	W	Kennison-Prue, Jacob	JW
Arkley, Bailey	J	Kennison-Prue, Adelle	JW
Arkley, Hayden	J	Lucier, Emma	O
Baraw, Gabriel	W	MacFarlane, Mercedes	W
Baraw, Shauna	W	Malm, Lola	J
Beloin, Dustin	J	Mayhew, Connor	J
Beloin, Jordan	J	Mead, Ericka	J
Bourbeau, Jason	W	Mead, Logan	J
Bourbeau, Jennessa	W	Melo, Zander	J
Burger, Alexis	J	Morse, Brady	J
Burger, Alicia	J	Mount, Laura	W
Burger, Amelia	J	Paxman-Baraw, Hazel	W
Caffrey, Monica	J	Petzoldt, Paul	W
Caffrey, Ryan	J	Petzoldt, Ruth	W
Clements, Kape	J	Pierce, Seth	W
Clements, Willow	J	Pillsbury, Allison	W
Cote, Marisa	J	Pillsbury, Elizabeth	W
Cote, Marina	J	Prive, Harlee	J
Cowgill, Kylie	J	Prive, Keegan	J
Dagesse, Jaden	W	Prue, Libby	W
Daigneault, Destiny	J	Randall, Landen	J
Delabruere, Connor	W	Randall, Lylee	J
Demers, Clarissa	JW	Rappold, Ryleigh	J
Dunn, Dominick	W	Reynard, Adrianna	J
Ellis, Chase	J	Reynard, William	J
Ellis, Logan	J	Robinson, Malykie	O
Fitz, Emily	W	Robinson, Trent	O
Glass, Connor	J	Sanville, Jade	J
Goff, Elliott	J	Schurman, Charlie	J
Goff, Haley	J	Simpson, Zackary	J
Goff, Quinn	J	Smith, Mathieu	J
Goodwin, Gretchen	W	Soule, Autumn	W
Hamel, Shea	J	Soule, Jackson	W
Heath, Garrett	W	Tetreault, Lillie	O
Hisman, Hannah	J	Whitaker, Jack	O
Hisman, Violet	J	Wright, Destiny	J
Johansson, Lex	J	Wright, Faith	J
Johansson, Zander	J	Wright, Jordan	J
Jones, Norah	J	Young, Jackson	J
LaPlume, Isaiah	W		
Keefe, Mason	J		
		Jay	50
		Westfield	24
		Total Jay/Westfield	74
		Jay/Westfield	3
		Unassigned	5
		Total Students	82

**JAY/WESTFIELD
JOINT ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET AS
OF 6/30/14**

ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$158,049	
Petty Cash	\$100	
Due From HL Program	\$12,170	
Accounts Receivable	\$11,097	
Prepaid Expenses	-	
Total Assets		\$181,416

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$16,042	
Accrued Wages	\$104,304	
Restricted-NEKESSA Dues	\$34	
Restricted-Life Insurance	\$199	
Restricted-Sunshine	\$1,005	
Restricted-Misc	\$765	
Teacher Retirement Withheld	-\$3,893	
Health Insurance Liability	\$1,942	
Dental Insurance Withheld	-\$229	
LTD Liabilities	-\$110	
Total Liabilities		\$120,059

FUNDS:

Building & Grounds Fund Balance (Undesignated)	\$3,553	
	<u>\$1,656</u>	
Total Fund Balance	\$5,209	
Total Liabilities & Funds		\$61,357

NOTE: All figures in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**Jay/Westfield
Elementary School
Revenue & Expense
Statement
Fiscal 13/14
REVENUES**

Code	Name	Actual 13	Actual 14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
61510	Interest	\$1,151	\$664	\$1,000	\$500
61935	Assessment-Jay	\$720,207	\$801,429	\$858,794	\$845,960
61935	Assesment-West	\$478,604	\$453,964	\$445,967	\$438,717
61980	Refund Pr Yr		\$55		
61990	Miscellaneous	\$1,522	\$2,216		
62481	Medicaid	\$2,500	\$10,253		
62651	Title II A Teacher	\$957	\$5,696		
62555	Tobacco Sub Grant		\$78		
62785	School Wide	\$40,776	\$35,779	\$39,219	\$59,687
62790	Reimburse OENSU	\$17,499	\$1,000		
63205	State Place Student	\$5,027			
		\$1,268,243	\$1,311,134	\$1,344,980	\$1,344,864
		EXPENDITURES REGULAR EDUCATION			
71100					
110	Teacher Salaries	\$321,778	\$367,269	\$368,533	\$336,301
110	Pre-K Teacher Salary				\$32,445
	Pre-K Aide				\$16,742
	Pre-K Benefits				\$22,707
111	Salary-Class Aide	\$7,267			\$12,951
	Salary Aide Benefits				\$1,789
112	Art/Music Salaries	\$24,380		\$25,890	
113	Physical Education	\$7,312		\$19,462	
115	Salary Aide		\$20,825	\$8,802	
119	ASP	\$1,000			\$5,000
120	Substitute Teachers	\$5,533	\$6,118	\$3,000	\$3,500
130	OT Wages	\$424			
210	BCBS Insurance	\$86,976	\$106,409	\$110,631	\$99,746
220	Fica Expense	\$27,382	\$28,715	\$32,565	\$25,728
230	Life Insurance	\$269	\$176	\$300	\$187
240	Retirement		\$325		
250	Workmen's Comp	\$2,100	\$2,197	\$2,465	\$1,815
260	Unemployment Comp	\$200	\$203	\$230	\$167
270	Tuition Reimburse	\$6,583	\$8,399	\$11,000	\$11,000
280	Dental	\$2,626	\$2,467	\$2,535	\$2,151
290	Long Term Disability	\$1,408	\$1,187	\$1,159	\$1,217
300	Purchased Services		\$4,806		
440	Copier Lease	\$3,650		\$2,185	\$3,000
519	Field Trips		\$3,004		
550	Medicaid		\$3,175		
580	Travel	\$315	\$470	\$1,000	\$1,000
610	Teacher Supplies	\$4,328	\$7,232	\$4,000	\$4,000
610	ASP Supplies	\$16		\$3,000	
611	Copier Supplies	\$48		\$3,500	\$3,500
640	Textbooks	\$515	\$398	\$5,000	\$5,000
670	Computer Software		\$743		
730	Equipment/Furniture	\$790	\$889	\$500	\$500
810	Dues/Fees		\$150		
	SWP Retirement				\$6,000
890	Misc Student Body	\$3,758		\$2,500	\$2,500
890.01	Sunshine Fund	\$160	\$88		
891	Ski/Gym Program	\$3,284			
	TOTAL REGULAR	\$512,102	\$565,245	\$608,257	\$598,946

		Actual 13	Actual 14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
71121					
110	SWP Salary	\$24,645	\$23,303	\$27,673	\$28,222
110	SWP Salary Pre-K				\$13,905
	SWP Benefits Pre-K				\$5,527
210	SWP BCBS	\$3,733	\$4,244	\$8,970	\$9,419
220	SWP Fica Expense	\$1,485	\$1,729	\$2,117	\$2,159
230	SWP Life Insurance	\$23	\$7	\$18	\$16
250	SWP Workmen's Comp	\$123	\$103	\$161	\$153
260	SWP Unemployment Comp	\$13	\$10	\$11	\$11
270	SWP Tuition	\$5,643	\$299		
280	SWP Dental	\$235	\$250	\$192	\$192
290	SWP Long Term Disability	\$90	\$75	\$77	\$85
300	SWP Purchased Serv		\$6,030		
610	SWP Supplies	\$1,256			
640	SWP Books	<u>\$4,398</u>	<u>\$1,708</u>		
	TOTAL SWP Regular	\$41,644	\$37,758	\$39,219	\$59,689
71122					
110	Salary		\$3,528		
220	Fica Expense		<u>\$270</u>		
	TOTAL TITLE IIA SU		\$3,798		
71200					
110	Salary	\$97,566	\$100,591	\$75,936	\$80,340
115	Para Salary	\$30,452	\$33,984	\$35,280	\$36,339
116	Salary-Summer		\$633	\$2,400	\$1,500
117	Salary-State Placed	\$4,400			
120	Substitute Salary	\$3,743	\$2,895	\$2,400	\$1,500
210	BCBS	\$33,788	\$49,052	\$34,919	\$36,625
220	Fica Expense	\$9,880	\$9,965	\$8,875	\$8,926
230	Life Insurance	\$98	\$45	\$45	\$47
240	Retirement		\$1,355		
250	Workmen's Comp	\$656	\$717	\$646	\$696
260	Unemployment Comp	\$83	\$83	\$77	\$73
270	Tuition Reimburse	\$2,001	\$5,579	\$2,700	\$2,700
280	Dental	\$705	\$1,167	\$756	\$756
290	Long Term Disability	\$337	\$325	\$213	\$241
330	Prof Serv Evaluation		\$6,744	\$5,000	\$5,000
561	Turning Points	\$3,519			
580	Transport Individual	\$1,358		\$1,500	\$5,200
580	Travel			\$1,000	\$1,000
610	Supplies	\$318	\$1,026	\$2,000	\$2,000
640	Textbooks	\$23	\$105	\$500	\$500
730	Equipment			<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$188,927	\$214,266	\$176,247	\$184,443
72210					
110	Wages	\$60	\$1,597		
210	BCBS		\$106		
220	Fica Expense	\$4	\$121		
240	Retirement		\$64		
280	Dental		<u>\$3</u>		
	TOTAL IMPROVE OF INSTRUCT	\$64	\$1,891		

		Actual 13	Actual 14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
72120					
670	Student Support	\$1,181			
	TOTAL STUDENT SUPPORT	\$1,181	\$0		
72130					
110	Salary	\$14,179	\$14,618	\$15,057	\$15,656
120	Substitutes		\$85		
210	BCBS	\$400		\$400	
220	Fica Expense	\$1,115	\$1,125	\$1,152	\$1,198
230	Life Insurance	\$36	\$22	\$30	\$31
250	Workmen's Comp	\$73	\$58	\$87	\$85
260	Unemployment Comp	\$21	\$21	\$22	\$21
270	Tuition	\$86		\$720	\$720
280	Dental		\$67		
290	Long Term Disability	\$54	\$47	\$42	\$47
430	Equipment Repairs	\$126		\$100	\$100
610	Supplies	\$634	\$1,139	\$500	\$500
739	Equipment	<u>\$100</u>		<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>
	TOTAL NURSE	\$16,824	\$17,182	\$18,210	\$18,458
72140					
323	Evaluations	\$4,050		\$0	\$0
330	Contract Services	\$39,173	\$31,050	\$25,000	\$15,000
332	Beh Purchased Serv	\$6,210			
	TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL	\$49,433	\$31,050	\$25,000	\$15,000
72150					
115	Speech Aide	\$10,875	\$12,276	\$13,202	\$12,951
220	Fica	\$795	\$939	\$1,010	\$991
240	Retirement		\$491		
250	Workmen's Comp	\$56	\$69	\$77	\$70
260	Unemployment	\$12	\$12	\$13	\$11
332	Speech Services	<u>\$14,354</u>	<u>\$15,159</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
	TOTAL SPEECH	\$26,092	\$28,946	\$34,302	\$29,023
72170					
330	Physical/Occup Ther	<u>\$10,037</u>	<u>\$7,300</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
	TOTAL PHYS/OCCUP	\$10,037	\$7,300	\$15,000	\$15,000
72213					
325	Inservice	<u>\$292</u>			
	TOTAL TRAINING	\$292	\$0		
72222					
110	Salary				
220	Fica Expense				
250	Workmen's Comp				
260	Unemployment Comp				
610	Supplies				
640	Textbooks	\$127			
730	Equipment				
	TOTAL MEDIA/LIBRARY	\$127	\$0	\$0	\$0

		Actual 13	Actual 14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
72230					
330	Contract Service		\$2,182	\$3,344	\$3,229
431	Tech Services	\$16,447	\$7,980	\$17,448	\$13,262
610	Supplies	\$2,364	\$329		
670	Computer Software	\$863	\$56	\$1,500	\$1,500
735	Internet Connection			\$1,000	\$1,000
737	Computer Hardware	<u>\$1,680</u>	<u>\$11,488</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	
	TOTAL COMPUTER	\$21,354	\$22,035	\$43,292	\$18,991
72290					
110	Path Stipend		\$1,000		
220	Fica		<u>\$77</u>		
	TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES		\$1,077		
72321					
331	OENSU Assessment	<u>\$23,983</u>	<u>\$25,715</u>	<u>\$30,271</u>	<u>\$32,261</u>
	TOTAL OENSU	\$23,983	\$25,715	\$30,271	\$32,261
72311					
810	Board Dues & Fees			\$1,200	\$1,200
812	Share of Retirement	\$4,207		\$5,057	\$5,981
890	Misc Expense Board	<u>-\$317</u>		\$500	\$500
	TOTAL BOARD OF ED	\$3,890	\$0	\$6,757	\$7,681
72315					
360	Legal Services	<u>\$1,184</u>	<u>\$80</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
	TOTAL LEGAL	\$1,184	\$80	\$1,000	\$2,000
72405					
522	Liability Insurance	\$3,230	\$3,405	\$3,199	\$3,295
540	Advertising	\$233	\$832	\$300	\$300
550	Printing	\$3		\$100	\$100
890	Miscellaneous	\$1,351	\$100	\$100	\$100
890	Board Training	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	TOTAL BOARD TRAINING	\$4,817	\$4,337	\$3,699	\$3,795
72410					
111	Salary	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564	\$67,491
114	Secretary	\$25,592	\$32,276	\$29,750	\$25,379
120	Sub Secretary	\$1,533	\$641	\$800	\$800
210	BCBS	\$19,161	\$23,587	\$21,906	\$30,572
220	Fica Expense	\$6,864	\$7,449	\$7,353	\$7,108
230	Life Insurance	\$187	\$90	\$120	\$124
240	Retirement		\$1,218		
250	Workmen's Comp	\$459	\$493	\$553	\$502
260	Unemployment	\$42	\$42	\$44	\$42
270	Tuition	\$260	\$100	\$1,800	\$800
280	Dental	\$1,109	\$931	\$1,252	\$1,607
290	Long Term Disability	\$217	\$204	\$184	\$203
530	Postage	\$219	\$74	\$500	\$500
580	Travel			\$500	\$500
610	Supplies	\$240	\$37		
730	Equipment		\$184	\$2,000	\$3,500
810	Dues & Fees	\$265	\$1,105	\$800	\$800
890	Miscellaneous	\$1,088			
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$119,036	\$132,085	\$133,126	\$139,928

		Actual 13	Actual 14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
72520					
110	Salary-Bookkeeper	\$7,800	\$8,034	\$9,360	\$9,641
220	Fica Expense	\$597	\$615	\$716	\$738
250	Workmen's Comp	\$40			
260	Unemployment	\$20	\$21		
330	Tyler Tech ADS		\$2,002	\$1,500	\$1,650
530	Postage	\$228	\$518	\$350	\$350
610	Supplies	\$506	\$979	\$400	\$400
	TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$9,191	\$12,169	\$12,326	\$12,779
72526					
370	Audit Service	<u>\$3,800</u>	<u>\$3,200</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
	TOTAL AUDIT	\$3,800	\$3,200	\$6,000	\$7,000
72600					
119	Salary	\$20,522	\$20,386	\$19,968	\$20,567
120	Substitutes		\$54		
210	BCBS		\$8,567		
220	Fica Expense	\$1,570	\$1,552	\$1,528	\$1,573
240	Retirement		\$765		
250	Workmen's Comp	\$1,058	\$908	\$943	\$963
260	Unemployment	\$21	\$21	\$22	\$21
280	Dental		\$234		
411	Sewer	\$4,273	\$4,273	\$4,273	\$4,273
412	Water	\$1,362	\$619	\$1,300	\$1,300
413	Water Testing	\$2,063	\$500	\$2,500	\$2,500
421	Rubbish Removal	\$2,315	\$2,422	\$2,500	\$2,500
430	Contracted Bldg Ope	\$75	\$29,272	\$1,000	\$7,000
521	Property Insurance	\$1,817	\$1,681	\$2,040	\$2,975
531	Telephone	\$749	\$1,015	\$3,200	\$3,200
580	Travel		\$54		
610	Supplies	\$3,037	\$3,769	\$2,500	\$2,500
622	Electricity	\$15,753	\$14,103	\$17,000	\$17,000
624	Heat	\$17,830	\$11,110	\$20,000	\$20,000
730	Non-Instructional Eq	<u>\$5,051</u>	<u>\$3,078</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
	TOTAL OPERATION	\$77,496	\$104,383	\$79,774	\$87,372
72621					
430	Contracted Services	\$508		\$5,000	\$3,500
610	Supplies	<u>\$397</u>		<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
	TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP	\$905	\$0	\$7,000	\$5,500
72630					
424	Mowing	\$2,300	\$2,725	\$2,500	\$2,500
610	Supplies	\$107		\$500	\$1,000
736	Playground	<u>\$60</u>			<u>\$1,000</u>
	TOTAL GROUND	\$2,467	\$2,725	\$3,000	\$4,500

		Actual 13	Actual 14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
72640					
430	Contracted Service	\$8,900		\$500	\$500
890	Misc Expense	<u>\$1,468</u>			
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$10,368	\$0	\$500	\$500
72711					
115	Bus Monitor		\$486		
210	BCBS		\$193		
220	Fica		\$37		
240	Retirement		\$19		
280	Dental		\$6		
431	Contracted Service	\$8,789	\$1,313		
519	Transportation Indivd	<u>\$70,614</u>	<u>\$82,459</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>
	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$79,403	\$84,513	\$90,000	\$90,000
72720					
513	Field Trips	<u>\$2,092</u>	<u>\$2,460</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
	TOTAL FIELD TRIPS	\$2,092	\$2,460	\$2,000	\$2,000
75310					
930	Transfer To Food	<u>\$1,189</u>	<u>\$7,263</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	\$1,189	\$7,263	\$10,000	\$10,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,207,898	\$1,309,478	\$1,344,980	\$1,344,866
	Less Revenues Applied	-\$64,405	-\$55,741	\$26,144	\$60,187
	TOTAL to be raised by Assess.	\$1,142,767	\$1,258,946	<u>\$1,318,836</u>	<u>\$1,284,679</u>
	Excess of Expend over Revenue	\$60,345	\$1,656		
	Prior Yrs Fund Balance	-\$726	\$59,614		
	Fund Bal-(Current Yr Deficit)	\$60,340	\$1,656		
	Fund Balance-Ending	\$59,614	\$61,270		

Jay Assessment FY15-16 (65.85% of general Ed/Spec Ed 1,284,677
TOTAL ASSESSMENT JAY=845,960

Jay Assessment FY14-15 (65.82% of general Ed/Spec Ed 1,304,761
TOTAL ASSESSMENT JAY=858,794

Jay Assessment FY13-14 (63.95% of general Ed/Spec Ed 1,245,393
TOTAL ASSESSMENT JAY=796,429

Westfield Assessment FY15-16 (34.15% of general Ed/Spec Ed=1,284,677
TOTAL ASSESSMENT WESTFIELD=438,717

Westfield Assessment FY14-15 (34.18% of general Ed/Spec Ed=1,304,761
TOTAL ASSESSMENT WESTFIELD=445,967

Westfield Assessment FY13-14 (36.05% of general Ed/Spec Ed=1,245,393
TOTAL ASSESSMENT WESTFIELD=448,964

**JAY/WESTFIELD HOT LUNCH
INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT
FISCAL 13/14**

	Actual 12/13	Actual 13/14	Budget 13/14	Budget 14/15	Budget 15/16
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Interest	\$5	\$7	\$5	\$5	\$5
Cash Sales	\$12,129	\$15,481	\$14,241	\$13,830	\$14,219
Misc.	\$201	\$1,233			
Gen Fund Trans	\$1,189	\$7,263			\$6,177
Foodservice					
Local	\$33,825	\$37,593	\$42,377	\$41,292	\$39,473
Est Rev-Student	\$461				
Total Revenues	\$47,810	\$61,577	\$56,623	\$55,127	\$59,874
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Cook Salary	\$16,888	\$21,179	\$18,963	\$19,415	\$19,987
Wages-FFV	\$2,094	\$1,361			\$1,728
Wages-Summer		\$1,958			\$2,000
Substitutes	\$373	\$170	\$500	\$500	\$500
Medical Benefits	\$4,325	\$8,475	\$6,310	\$7,389	\$7,569
Dental Benefits		\$246			\$180
Fica Expense	\$1,434	\$1,808	\$1,489	\$1,525	\$1,852
Retirement		\$980			\$950
Worker's Comp	\$339	\$307	\$382	\$346	\$386
Unemployment	\$21	\$21	\$31	\$22	\$22
Repairs	\$80	\$610	\$250	\$250	\$500
Travel		\$118	\$100	\$100	\$100
Propane	\$601	\$736	\$1,200	\$800	\$800
Food/Milk	\$22,773	\$21,127	\$26,998	\$24,530	\$23,050
Storage			\$150		
Misc. Expense	\$62	\$22	\$250	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>
HL Equip		<u>\$2,459</u>			
Total Expenses	\$48,990	\$61,577	\$56,623	\$55,127	\$59,874

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM BALANCE
SHEET**

AS OF 6/30/14

Assets:	
Checking Account	\$940
Petty Cash	\$100
Accounts Receivable	\$9,096
Inventory	<u>\$2,062</u>
Total	\$12,198
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	
Due To Gen. Fund	<u>\$12,170</u>
Total	\$12,170
Fund Balance	\$28

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Revenues:		Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
1000	Local				
1500	Interest	200.00	372.95	200.00	200.00
	Total 1000	200.00	372.95	200.00	200.00
3000	State				
3110	Ed fund and Education Prop Tax	505,953.91	510,954.00	541,556.00	571,153.64
3145	Small Schools Grant	27,492.09	32,943.00	25,020.00	30,687.53
3150	Transportation Reimbursement	11,911.00	11,895.00	12,250.00	12,795.91
3201	Sp Ed Block Grant	15,613.00	15,613.00	15,171.00	13,266.00
3202	Sp Ed Reimbursement	25,000.00	34,574.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
3204	EEE Grant	5,655.00	5,655.00	5,351.00	2,361.00
3450	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		197.33		
3453	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		34.80		
3474	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		170.80		
	Total 3000	591,625.00	612,036.93	624,348.00	655,264.08
4000	Federal				
4120	Ed Jobs Fund				
4448	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		783.42		
4449	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		1,921.89		
4450	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		5,426.35		
4452	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		1,594.65		
	Total 4000		9,726.31		0.00
	FY14 Surplus				7,465.15
	Total Revenues	591,825.00	622,136.19	624,548.00	662,929.23
Expenditures					
1100	Regular Programs				
561	7 and 8th grade tuition	98,976.00	106,000.00	135,000.00	195,000.00
	7 and 8th grade excess costs	3,000.00	2,268.69	3,000.00	5,000.00
	7 and 8th grade homeschoolers	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
562	J/W Assessment	448,964.00	453,964.00	445,967.00	438,717.00
591	Hot Lunch	500.00		500.00	
	Hot Lunch Reimbursement to J/W		10,129.24		
591	Ski Program	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Total 1100	552,940.00	573,861.93	585,967.00	640,217.00

1211	Special Programs				
301	EEE - State	5,655.00	5,655.00	5,351.00	2,361.00
300	EEE - Local	28,000.00	29,081.00	28,000.00	13,501.23
	Total 1211	33,655.00	34,736.00	33,351.00	15,862.23
2311	Board of Education				
110	Stipends	1,350.00	1,140.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
2520	Fiscal Services				
339	Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Audit	2,500.00	3,800.00	2,500.00	4,500.00
	dues	250.00		250.00	
	Checks		112.96		0.00
8XX	Sweep Account Fees	130.00	20.15	130.00	0.00
	Total 2520	3,880.00	4,933.11	3,880.00	5,500.00
	Total Expenditures	591,825.00	614,671.04	624,548.00	662,929.23

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

Dear North Country School-Community:

Our community schools are at a cross-roads. Schools across our supervisory union, and the state, will continue to have discussions about governance, consolidation and challenges around funding. All of these issues have the potential to alter the direction of our schools and impact many communities. However, the most critical decisions related to the direction of schools must remain on student learning. I am confident that North Country Supervisory Union schools are on the right road and making steady progress.

Just as one faces a decision when they come upon an intersection in a road, school leadership teams are facing many decisions regarding what path to follow. There are many uncertainties regarding the continued influence of our state and federal government on education. The Common Core Standards call for substantial shifts in approach regarding math and literacy. This past year, the Vermont Board of Education adopted new "Educational Quality Standards" that will cause us to challenge many assumptions about how we define student outcomes. If we are waiting for the federal government, or even our very own Agency of Education, for direction with regard to meaningful and transformational change, we will wait too long. Our school-communities must "take the wheel" and determine our own direction.

NCSU schools are excellent and share a culture of continuous improvement. We are committed to providing quality instruction that engages students and advances meaningful outcomes. We promote inquiry and project-based learning opportunities at all grade levels. In addition to increasing outcomes in the areas of literacy, math or other content areas, we are fostering skills in critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration. We are increasing personalized learning and the integration of technology as we go forward. A number of our schools are moving forward with the development of school-based pre-school programs as we discontinue center-based programs. All schools continue to look at ways to provide the most effective supports and services to meet the needs of all learners. We are moving in a positive direction thanks to the many contributions of talented, compassionate and committed staff, teachers, administrators and school board members.

During the budget process this year, school boards continued to face tough choices in sustaining programs and services while considering the financial limitations of our communities. Our Boards are thoughtful and responsible in building budgets while remaining steadfast to a quality education for all students. Unfortunately, local budgets are all impacted by the changing context at the state level. We believe the state will increase the base education amount per equalize pupil. We expect to see the state-wide tax rate rise two cents for FY2016. There are also concerns that we will see an elimination of the small schools grant and "hold harmless" provision that protects schools with declining enrollments. For many of our schools, the number one pressure on school budgets is declining enrollments. Fortunately, our boards continue providing steady navigation through these various twists, turns and bumps in the road.

We cannot idle at the intersection waiting for direction. We are on the move. Now, more than ever, the challenges ahead require us to hold a collective sense of purpose across NCSU. To that end, we are committed to increasing and broadening the dialogue about our direction throughout our school-community. There is much for us to collectively consider as we balance tradition and transformation in establishing the best contemporary practices for student learning. I share in the enthusiasm of our staff, school boards and community in moving our schools from excellent to exceptional. With your continued support, and our shared commitment to **character, competence, creativity** and sense of **community**, we will provide a road to success for our children.

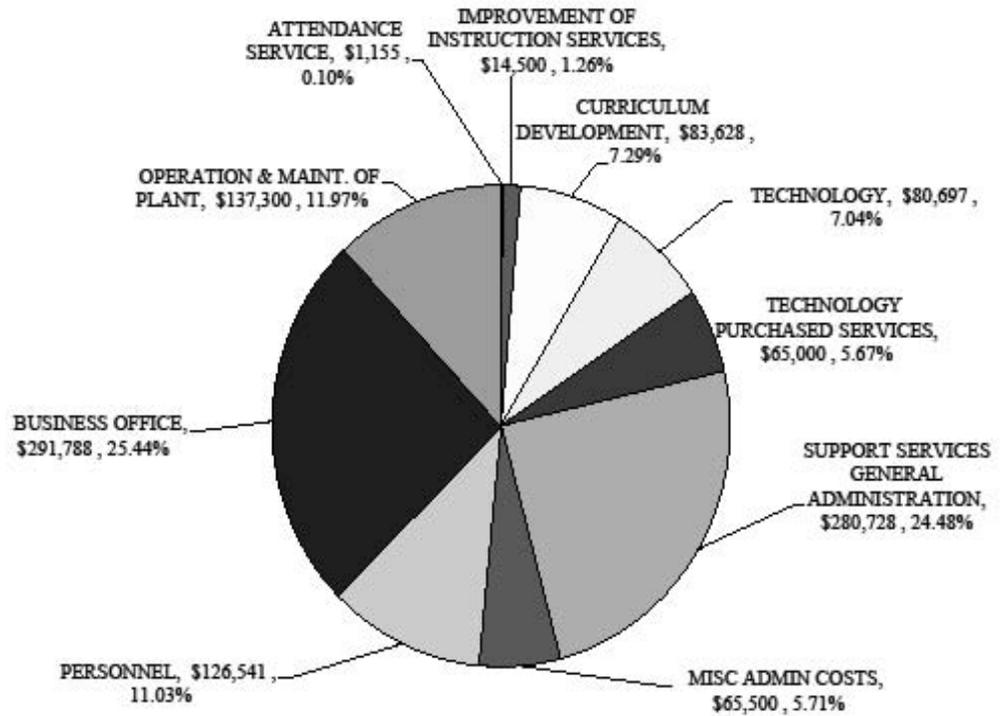
With great respect and appreciation,

John A. Castle
Superintendent of Schools

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL
FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

		General Fund
Revenues		
Assessments	\$	956,354
Investment earnings		6,541
Service income		815,043
Refunds & reimbursements		249,836
Federal		4,496,315
State		2,027,234
Other grant & miscellaneous		319,330
State on-behalf payments		244,736
Total revenues		9,115,389
Expenditures		
Salaries & benefits		4,328,584
Contracted services		512,921
Legal & audit		6,661
Repairs & maintenance		53,030
Rental & lease		109,925
Transportation		18,600
Insurance		507,303
Postage, internet service, & telephone		26,342
Printing & advertising		15,434
Travel, conferences, & dues		194,538
Supplies, books, & periodicals		330,907
Equipment & software		84,240
Food Service		1,068,401
Miscellaneous		42,525
Other school district		1,808,091
State on-behalf payment		244,736
Total expenditures		9,352,238
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(236,849)
Fund balance - beginning		1,531,636
Fund balance - ending	\$	1,294,787

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2016 BUDGET



NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY2016 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2015 Adopted Budget	FY2016 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016
ASSESSMENT REVENUE		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$6,800)	(\$3,000)
INTEREST REVENUE	(\$10,800)	(\$7,000)
ASSESSMENTS	(\$1,066,100)	(\$1,099,837)
TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT	(\$1,066,100)	(\$1,099,837)
1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE		
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
MISC REVENUE	(\$700)	\$0
TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	(\$40,700)	(\$40,000)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE	(\$1,117,600)	(\$1,146,837)
ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES		
2110 ATTENDANCE SERVICE		
SALARY ATTENDANCE OFFICER	\$1,000	\$1,000
F.I.C.A.	\$75	\$75
W COMP	\$5	\$5
TRAVEL	\$75	\$75
TOTAL 2110 ATTENDANCE SERVICE	\$1,155	\$1,155
2210 Improvement of Instruction Services		
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$10,000	\$8,000
SP PROJECTS PRINCIPAL MENTORING	\$14,000	\$0
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$4,000	\$3,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$3,500	\$3,500
SPEC.PROJ.-SOFTWARE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2210 Improvement of Instruction Services	\$31,500	\$14,500
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$38,711	\$41,485
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$13,982	\$15,481
BCBS	\$17,121	\$16,541
FICA	\$4,031	\$4,358
LIFE INSURANCE	\$75	\$75
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$700	\$832
WORKERS COMP	\$270	\$270
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$40	\$40
TUITION	\$770	\$770
DENTAL	\$360	\$360
LTD	\$200	\$170
TRAINING	\$750	\$750
TRAVEL	\$645	\$645

SUPPLIES	\$600	\$600
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$750	\$750
TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$79,505	\$83,628
2230 TECHNOLOGY		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$22,422	\$32,400
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	\$10,300	\$10,454
SUPPORT TECH WAGES	\$7,200	\$7,380
BCBS	\$9,120	\$9,120
FICA	\$3,054	\$3,843
LIFE INSURANCE	\$150	\$168
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$2,640	\$3,020
WORKERS COMP	\$250	\$250
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$100	\$262
TUITION	\$660	\$920
DENTAL	\$240	\$295
LTD	\$155	\$155
TRAVEL	\$700	\$1,530
ROOMS & MEALS	\$400	\$400
SUPPLIES	\$500	\$500
SOFTWARE	\$4,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$7,000	\$5,000
DUES & FEES	\$1,000	\$1,500
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$70,391	\$80,697
2231 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED SERVICES		
PURCHASED TECH SERVICE CONTRACT	\$65,000	\$65,000
TOTAL 2231 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED SERVICES	\$65,000	\$65,000
2300 Support Services - General Admin		
ANNUITY	\$10,000	\$0
SUPT SALARY	\$106,793	\$117,875
SECRETARY WAGES (2)	\$62,773	\$67,704
BCBS	\$31,459	\$51,205
FICA	\$12,972	\$14,143
LIFE INSURANCE	\$190	\$190
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$3,050	\$3,639
WORK COMP	\$1,050	\$1,050
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$330	\$330
DENTAL	\$600	\$1,068
LTD	\$630	\$525
AUDIT NCSU	\$12,200	\$12,200
LODGING & MEALS	\$2,000	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$4,500	\$4,500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$200	\$200
PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$800	\$1,600
TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin	\$252,547	\$280,728

2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS		
HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT	\$0	\$2,000
LEGAL MISC TOWNS	\$2,500	\$250
STORAGE PURCHASE SERVICE	\$700	\$700
LEGAL SERVICES	\$2,000	\$2,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,000	\$1,050
EQUIP MAINT	\$2,000	\$2,000
PHONE EQUIP MAINT	\$2,162	\$2,800
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$8,500	\$10,800
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$9,000	\$5,000
TELEPHONE	\$6,500	\$8,000
POSTAGE	\$10,500	\$12,500
INTERNET	\$1,600	\$1,000
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$250	\$400
ADVERTISING	\$2,000	\$2,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$1,000	\$1,500
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$500	\$500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$8,000	\$8,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$1,000
EQUIPMENT	\$2,500	\$0
PHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$1,000
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$500	\$500
TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS	\$65,212	\$65,500
2323 PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL WAGES	\$70,211	\$78,193
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$37,459	\$32,458
PERSONNEL FICA	\$5,371	\$5,982
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$45	\$45
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$3,598	\$4,203
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$350	\$350
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$200	\$200
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$3,450	\$3,450
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$648	\$592
PERSONNEL LTD	\$300	\$219
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$100
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$250	\$250
TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL	\$122,482	\$126,541
2520 BUSINESS OFFICE		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$73,293	\$66,093
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$48,574	\$54,974

WAGES BUSINESS ADM ASST	\$26,137	\$26,790
WAGES COURIER	\$600	\$600
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANT	\$40,000	\$41,000
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$65,246	\$51,240
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$14,383	\$14,852
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$230	\$230
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$8,500	\$11,622
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$900	\$900
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$675	\$675
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$0	\$3,500
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$720	\$1,008
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$500	\$554
PURCHASE SERVICE BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,500	\$2,500
MAINT CONTRACT ADS	\$2,800	\$7,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$1,400
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$350	\$350
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,000	\$1,500
TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE	\$293,808	\$291,788
2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
WAGES CUSTODIAN	\$5,000	\$1,400
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$1,500	\$1,500
CUSTODIAN-P.SERV	\$1,000	\$6,500
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$3,900	\$3,900
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$11,400	\$13,300
2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
RENT	\$124,000	\$124,000
TOTAL 2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$124,000	\$124,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,117,000	\$1,146,837

REPORTS FROM TOWN AGENCIES

(NON-APPROPRIATION)

SELECTBOARD REPORT FOR 2014

The year 2014 has zipped right by us. How fast time seems to go by or is it just me? The Board of Selectmen has worked hard once again this year to meet the needs of the people who live in Westfield while focusing on keeping it affordable to reside in our homes and businesses. I think we have been successful in doing this. Figuring the Selectmen's Budget for 2015, we came up with a final projected budget that is level funded from the year 2014. The road State Aid, from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation, is projected to be \$50,000, the same as last year.

We wish to thank Larry and Eric Kennison for the quality maintenance of our roads. As the old saying goes, "we all want summer roads in the winter." We almost have that with the service and care the Kennison's provide.

Fortunately, there were no major disastrous storms to damage our roads in 2014, so FEMA was not called upon.

Balance Rock Road: In 2014, we applied for and received financial assistance from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation in the form of a \$38,000 grant. This grant was for a culvert on the Balance Rock Road that measures 72" wide by 44" high and 44 feet long. This grant was paid for with 90% state funding and 10% town funding. The job is completely done. The culvert has cement abutment walls on each end and steel guardrails on both sides of the road.

We also spent approximately \$25,000 to continue the construction on Balance Rock Road. It has been a long time coming, but for the first time we will be plowing the Balance Rock Road all the way through in the fall of 2015. This will result in a real shortcut for our Road Commissioner. He will no longer have to travel the Lowell roads to plow out the Westfield folks who live on the other end of Balance Rock Road.

Community Center: The Community Center continues to be a very busy place with many activities going on. The Board of Selectmen has designated the Community Center as a "Disaster Emergency Relief Shelter". If a disaster occurs and we lose power the Community Center would be of no use without electric power, so in July of 2014 we purchased a generator to remedy this problem. The cost of the generator was \$6,262. The Town Office is the Command Center and we already have a generator there. That being said, we are well covered if a disaster should occur. It's always better to be well mitigated before it happens.

We also have a 12 member Disaster Shelter Initiative (DSI) team. They have practice drills in order to know what to do if a disaster does happen. The Red Cross is also involved. The Red Cross furnishes training, training materials and supplies to stock the shelter. In the event of an emergency the 12 local volunteers led by Team Coordinators Dennis Neumann and Dan Backus would staff the shelter for the first 48 hours until the Red Cross staff would arrive. The Selectboard wishes to thank this team for their interest and help.

The outside of the Community Center building needed a face lift. In order to accomplish this, the entire outside of the building was painted. The front porch needed a new floor and railings. This work has been completed. Our town buildings are all in good shape because we repair them as the need arises. Our insurance adjuster comes annually and inspects all of the town buildings. We continually score high on the reports he mails us. That's the way we want to keep scoring!

Street Lights: The Selectboard plans on changing all of our street lights over to LED replacements. The reason for this will be to cut the towns costs for lighting our streets in the village. Here's how it will work: Vermont Electric Coop will do the work and furnish the LED lights at a cost of \$3850. Once this is completed, Efficiency Vermont will reimburse the town \$2200 through a grant program. That will leave the town with a cost of \$1650 for the complete job. We will have a choice of paying the Coop this \$1650 spread over 25 months or paying this in a one-time payment. The Selectboard thinks this is a good deal because we will be using less energy and paying less for our street lighting program. We estimate a \$1000 per year savings on our electric bill. Every little bit helps.

Recycling: The Recycling Center has been doing very well again this year. More and more people are recycling as time goes on. Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Recycling Center is a very busy place. I would say that approximately 60% of the people who reside in Westfield are presently recycling. This is quite a bit above the state average. The question that is often asked is, "why do you accept recyclables from people who do not reside in Westfield?" The answer is that we are not supposed to refuse anybody who comes to recycle no matter where they live. We have folks from 6 different towns that recycle in Westfield. Many from Troy village recycle in Westfield because they live so close to us. Our recyclables are picked up by the Solid Waste District at no cost to the town. Therefore, there is no added cost for residents from other towns to recycle here. Actually, we welcome all these people because it is to our benefit as they bring their trash. Trash brings revenue into the Recycling Center and this is what helps our recycling program break even.

We have a written contract with our hauler for trash. He keeps 2/3 and the Town keeps 1/3 of trash fee. That 1/3 has been enough to pay the expenses of running the Recycling Center. We do not budget money to operate recycling. Very few towns can say that.

The Legislature recently passed a new Solid Waste Law called "the Vermont Universal Recycling Law-Act 148." Effective July 1, 2015, it will be illegal to throw anything that is recyclable into a landfill. I plan to talk about this on Town Meeting Day. I still represent the Town of Westfield as a Board Member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District. This Board meets monthly in Lyndonville and keeps me posted on what is happening in the recycling and trash business. If you have questions, don't hesitate to be in touch with me. I'll tell you what I know and what I don't know!

State Education School Tax: The state education tax rate was a real shocker and downside for all property owners in 2014. When we opened our envelopes and read the property tax comparison statistics we all took a deep breath because we were smacked with a 24% increase in our education property taxes. The state projects to raise it another 3% this year. I can't think of anybody who lives in Westfield who is against a good education for our children. We are all for that!! But, the burden of paying for it has to be taken off the backs of the property taxpayers. After all, we need to afford to stay in our homes and the 'for sale' signs need to come off the lawns of the people living here. Personally, I think a moratorium should be put in place on education tax rates by the State Legislators, and a referendum overhaul on the way education is paid for. We need to be in touch with our legislators and let them know how we feel about this subject. In my opinion, there are a lot more important and bigger fish to fry in the legislature this winter than the current talk about what breed of dog should be the "state dog." I believe the legislators should be talking about important issues that will improve the lives of folks who live in Vermont.

In closing, the Selectboard wishes to thank all of those who volunteered on Boards, those who participated in clean-up on Green Up Day and everybody else who did something positive for the Town of Westfield to make it a good place to live.

Have a prosperous and happy 2015.

Yves Daigle
Chairman of the Selectboard

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**Submitted by: Gordon Lesperance-Outgoing Zoning Administrator
& Dennis Neumann-Incoming Zoning Administrator**

Please allow me to introduce myself, Dennis Neumann, as Westfield's Zoning Administrator beginning January 1, 2015.

Please contact me early if you have any building plans, so that I can assist you in understanding the Westfield's zoning bylaws and to determine if a zoning permit is required.

In general, normal building maintenance that does not alter the 'footprint,' or change the use of a structure, does not require a permit. An addition to an existing structure, a new building, a pond, or screening fence, among others, would require a permit.

I can also help put you in contact with state agencies to determine if state permits are required.

I can be contacted by email (townofwestfield@comcast.net) or phone: 744-6128.

Dennis Neumann

Permit No. 2014	Issue Date	Owner	Applicant	Location	Permit Application
2014-001	03/24/14	St of VT, Forests, Parks & Recreation	T-Mobile Northeast LLC	830 Jay Peak Rd, Tram Bldg	TeleComm Antennas
2014-002	03/24/14	Patrick&Karen O'Donnell	T-Mobile Northeast LLC	649 Loop Rd, Barn Silo	TeleComm Antennas
2014-003	04/21/14	Edward&Rachel Quintal	Same	2491 VT RT 100	New Drilled Well
2014-004	05/08/14	Paul & Shari Gagne	Same	1579 Buck Hill Road	Home Addition
2014-005	05/15/14	Alice Gonyaw	Same	632 North Hill Road	Home, Garage, Carport
2014-006	07/01/14	Joseph&Christine Callahan	Same	Ballground Road	Cabin & Outbuildings
2014-007	07/07/14	William Treadwell	Same	2286 Buck Hill Road	Garage
2014-008	07/19/14	Chad Prue	Same	RT 100	Sugar House
2014-009	08/05/14	Cornell&Merril Letourneau	Same	2452 Loop Road	Garage
2014-010	08/05/14	Barry Shaw	Same	973 Sniderbrook Road	Solar Panel
2014-011	09/19/14	Paul Barrenger	Same	1102 Kennison Road	Home
2014-012	09/12/14	Roger&Bev Gibeault	Same	171 Kennison Road	Covered Carport
2014-013	10/03/14	Joseph Shimek	Same	123 Evergreen Rd Alpine Haven	Home Addition
2014-014	10/11/14	Erlah/Eric Kennison	Same	1955 Kennison Road	Mobile Home Camp
2014-015	10/22/14	Lyle Edwards	Same	3786 VT RT 100	Heifer Barn
2014-016	12/10/14	Anne Holdridge	Hank Holdridge	1788 Kennison Rd	Shed

Current as of:

1/17/2015

Category Of Permits Issued	Qty
Houses	3
Home Addition	2
Garages	2
Shed	1
Covered Carport	1
New Drilled Well	1
Farm Barn	1
Camp	1
TeleComm Antennas	2
Sugar House	1
Solar Panel	1

TOWN CLERK REPORT

It has been a busy year for me making the transition from Assistant Clerk to Town Clerk. I thank each of you for your kind words of encouragement and support. My hope is to continue in this position for many more years.

For those of you on Facebook please be sure to 'Like Us' at *Town of Westfield, Vermont* if you would like to receive reminders such as property tax and dog license due dates and other pertinent community information. If there were ever an emergency this is one of the ways town officials would communicate important information. The Town website continues to be a work in progress with useful information, demographics, minutes and agendas of town meetings, zoning permits, etc. The web address is www.westfield.vt.gov. Check it out and please feel free to give me your feedback.

The Town Clerk's office is available to assist you with these services:

- Marriage Licenses: Issuing, recording & certified copies.
- Birth Certificates: Recording & issuing certified copies.
- Death Certificates: Recording & issuing certified copies.
- Land Records: Recording and copies of deeds, property transfers, mortgages, zoning permits & trusts.
- Vault time: Assist property owners, realtors, lawyers, appraisers & title searchers with land record searches, tax maps, tax bills & Lister cards.
- Notary Services: Free. Please bring identification
- DMV Renewals & Literature: Issuing of temporary registration stickers for vehicles and snowmobiles.
- Dog Licenses: Issue licenses to all dogs 6 months or older with current rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter by April 1 each year.
- Property Taxes: Pay your taxes by mail, in person or deposit them in the locked drop box next to the front door at the Town Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. October 13, 2015 to avoid penalties. Checks or money orders are the preferred method of payment.
- Community Center Rental: Rental applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.
- Assist other municipal departments such as: Selectboard, Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, Lister's, Planning Commission, Constables, Health Officer, Justices of the Peace, Emergency Management, Auditors, Delinquent Tax Collector and School Board.

Our office is here to serve the communities needs Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

LaDonna Dunn
Town Clerk

WESTFIELD VITAL STATISTIC RECORDS FOR 2014	
Births	4
Marriages	1
Deaths	5



HITCHCOCK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

1252 VT Route 100
Westfield, VT 05874
802-744-8258

The Hitchcock Memorial Library/Museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. We would be very happy to see you there! Here are a few things that we offer to the community:

- Books for adults - both non-fiction and fiction. Throughout the year we have been given and have bought many different books to add to our collection.
- Books for Young Adults/Teens - we have an assembly of different genres and thrilling book series!
- Books for Kids - come see our children's section in the back that ranges from picture books to more advanced chapter books.
- The museum - we have many different critters and interesting artifacts.
- Old and rare books.
- A movie selection that includes movies that are based off of books (The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, The Notebook, A Series of Unfortunate Events).
- Free Wifi.
- Two available computers.
- A finished basement where you can sit and read.

I hope to see you soon and would appreciate any feedback that you might have. Contact me at hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com or call 744-8258.

Sincerely,

Rachel Gunn, Librarian

A BRIEF WORD ABOUT WINTER MAILBOX SAFETY from the Road Commissioner.....

Generally, mailboxes should be installed at a height of 41-45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox and the front face no closer than 1 foot from the road edge to ensure maximum protection from the snowplow. We do everything possible to avoid mailbox mishaps, but occasionally accidents do happen. Your understanding is appreciated.

Westfield Emergency Management

The Westfield Disaster Shelter Initiative (DSI) volunteer team currently has seventeen members. The team held two organizational meetings and conducted its required annual drill in 2014.

We are adequately staffed and prepared to open the Community Center to shelter Westfield residents in the event of an emergency.

The Community Center is also a back-up shelter for the Westfield-Jay Elementary School.

With the installation of a generator, the shelter can now operate during power outages.

Should a town resident need shelter services, contact the town office (744-2484) or a Selectboard member. The Selectboard will declare an emergency and the shelter will open.



Family Emergency Preparedness



We recommend that each family have a personal plan for disaster or emergency situations. A minimum plan would include water, flashlights with spare batteries, portable storage for important documents, an evacuation plan, and a meeting place or contact person in the event family members become separated or are not together when the emergency conditions arise.

Better yet, there are Emergency Preparedness Workbooks available in the town office and will also be available at the

Town Meeting. These booklets contain a wealth of information to help prepare and protect families in the event of an emergency.

Please pick-up a booklet. Follow the steps pertinent to your family and keep it handy along with supplies recommended in the booklet.

Dennis Neumann & Dan Backus
DSI Coordinators

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a valuable 3-digit phone number to remember for information about health, community, and human services in your community and throughout the state. At Vermont 2-1-1, callers will speak with specialists who problem solve and make referrals to the appropriate local and state government programs and services, or community-base organizations, support groups, and other valuable resources as needed.

Dialing 2-1-1:

- is a local call from anywhere in Vermont for accurate, updated information from a database of over 850 agencies and organizations
- provides free, confidential telephone assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- enables live translation services for non-English speakers
- provides access for persons who have special needs
- provides the ability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 when necessary

WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT #1

P.O. Box 142
Westfield, VT 05874

16 December 2014

TO: Westfield Fire District #1- Members

1. The following is provided as a breakdown of all items contained on the Westfield Fire District #1 balance sheet for the period of 1 December 2013 through 30 November 2014.

Assets:

Parcel ID 06-001-21 Property on North Hill – as listed on the Town of Westfield Grand List Tax Year 2001. In June the town changed the appraisal to \$137,600.00.

Balance Savings and Checking – As shown on attached Balance Sheet \$76,363.15.

Income:

Water Service Fees:

Attached “Income by Customer Summary” shows total of \$20885.70 by customer. This figure is actually a little above annual billing amount of \$19,176.00 because of past due amounts some accounts paid during the period. Our Accounts Receivable Summary is less than past years in overdue accounts.

Savings Interest:

Attached “Profit and Loss” statement indicates a total of \$2,337.81 from our Savings account, and the CD account. Our present CD account as of November 30th is \$73,727.87 earning 3.2% has been locked in through 6/12/15, and earns us about \$190.00 per month in interest. After June 2015 it is looking like the best we will do for interest is around 1% for the CD account, thus our interest earned is going to reduce from \$190 per month to \$60 per month.

Total Income:

Attached “Profit and Loss” statement indicates a negative (-\$17,666.22) net loss for the reporting period. This year the net loss is due to installing the emergency generator (\$5966.75) and drilling the new well (\$12,395.35).

Total Liabilities and Equity: See Balance Sheet: \$76,327.15 a decrease of \$21,021.01 from last years \$97,348.16.

Liabilities:

Expense:

Total expenses from Profit and Loss statement are \$40,889.73. This amount makes up the real operating cost of the system as shown on the statement. Equipment, materials, insurance, office supplies, postage, water testing, repairs, snow plowing, lawn mowing, electric, gas, phone, permit to operate. This amount is higher than our proposed budget amount of \$21,655.00 for the following reasons.

Generator:

In February we sent out a memo detailing the situation when the power is out and asking for approval to install a propane fired backup generator. In total 20 homes responded with 34 votes in favor of the generator, no one voted against it. The generator was installed in June at a cost of \$5,966.75 by D&D Electric. It is completely automatic and comes on if the power is interrupted for just a few seconds. This prevents the reservoir from being drained during a

power outage with no way to keep it filled. It also prevents the homes close to the reservoir from depleting the pressure system, thus they do not lose their water within an hour of being without power.

Drilled Well –Replacement

On the 15th of October our drilled well failed. After a couple days of work and investigation we found that we could not re-drill the well. The reservoir construction design loads would not allow us to put a drilling rig close enough to re-drill the well.

We got state permission to drill a new well, determined a location, and drilled on October 30th and hit a 70-80 GMP yield when we needed at-least 25 GMP.

Total cost of this work is \$12,395.35, as of this report. We are still in the process of testing and determining when we can begin using the well. Our last update was mailed out on the 10th of December.

2. Breakdown by report and attachments:

Balance Sheet:

\$76,327.15 a decrease of \$21,021.01 from last years \$97,348.16.

Profit & Loss:

Significant items.

Income from fees at \$20,885.70. There were no changes in billing rates during the reporting period.

Total Repairs \$14,598.07 is a combination of the repairs detailed in the Expenses paragraph above and other repairs made during the year.

The Professional Fees Accounting of \$50.00 was paid to a representative of the Community National Bank for auditing the books in January 2014. The reports are on file, there were no errors found or corrective actions to be taken.

Income by Customer Summary

The report shows all customers and amounts paid for the year of the report totaling \$20,885.70.

Expense by Vendor Summary

Most vendors listed are normal expenses for the system.

D&D Electric - \$5966.75 –Emergency Generator

Gosselin Water Wells - \$9897.85 – Drill New Well

Kennison & Son EX Inc. - \$1155.00 – Excavation work at well house

Fred's Energy - \$1,523.23 – Some of this cost was addition work and a second tank for the emergency generator.

Treasurer State of Vermont - \$1073.03 Permit to Operate & Permit for New Well

Laurent Cote -\$470.00 – Reimbursements for water testing kits he purchased

Gordon Lesperance (\$669.28) and Rick Danforth (\$375.00) – These payments are for reimbursements or additional time; maintenance, new well, etc., beyond normal duties which are compensated at \$12.50 per hour.

A/R Aging Summary

There are seven accounts on the A/R Aging Summary (Overdue Accounts). The total amount of \$2,621.51 compares to \$3,314.89 at the end of 2013. Notices are sent out monthly. As noted in last year's report the late fees are now added soon after the bill is 30 days old.

Note: James & Megan Roberge are actually paid ahead, they appear on this list because of the way QuickBooks reports the transaction as a negative.

Note: Berchick/Hayward-136 and Bouchard-121 paid their bills since the November 30th listing was completed.

The total Aging accounts as of this report are \$2,397.11.

Proposed Budget

Our 2014 actual expenses were \$40,889.73 higher than the budgeted amount of \$21,655.00 for the year, as explained above.

The 2015 Budget Proposed items are almost same as last year; adjusted for current costs of the line items. As noted in this report we anticipate staying within the budget in the coming year.

Our proposed budget is \$21,755.00 for the next year, our user fees of \$19,176.00 and anticipated interest of \$1,500.00 for a total of \$20,676.00 will not cover the proposed budget. Any overrun will come from our total equity.

3. Looking to the future:

In the last three years we ran in the red, the first time since we organized in 1999. Our system was rebuilt in 2003 and is now 11 years old. We have not had a rate increase since about 1998 (15 years) at the present basic rate of \$102.00 per quarter. The cost of everything is going up, it is only a matter of time before we will need a rate increase to maintain the system and be ready for future changes. Our reserve of funds is taking us through this difficult period; but we must look to the future and preserving the water system.

We also need to look at replacements for the Prudential Committee positions. Those of us filling the positions are not getting any younger and have been doing the work for 15-20 years. If we do not find people who will take them over and do it for free water \$408.00 per year we would need to contract out the work. That would cost thousands of dollars, which would add significantly to the operating costs of the system.

We are not making any changes to the water rates this year but it is certainly something the Prudential Committee must consider. We invite your comments or suggestions!

4. This report is respectfully submitted as a full accounting of the current financial standing of the Westfield Fire District #1 for the period of 1 December 2013 to 30 November 2014. If at anytime, any member of the Fire District desires to see records of the system they will be made available for review. If you have comments or questions please call me at 744-6880.

Gordon Lesperance
Prudential Committee Member

*Financial Reports are available for review at the Town Clerk's office.



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NEKWMD)**

224 Church St., P.O. Box 1075
Lyndonville, VT 05851
802-626-3532

The NEKWMD finished 2014 with 40 of 49 towns reporting increased recycling volumes. This resulted in a District-wide increase of 15% more recycling compared to 2013. Recycling markets were steady to declining through the end of the year. Unfortunately, the steep drop in global oil prices drove the cost of many commodities, including recyclables, down in 2014.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2014. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The Vermont legislature passed Act 148, the Universal Recycling Law, early in 2012. This piece of legislation includes, among other things, mandatory pay-as-you-throw for trash disposal and phased-in landfill bans for certain recyclables, leaf and yard wastes, and source separated organics. The NEKWMD assisted 14 towns in implementing unit-based pricing, held two hauler meetings, and served on a statewide committee relating to the Universal Recycling Law in 2014. 2015 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with the law.

The NEKWMD is entering 2015 with a proposed budget of \$743,598 - an increase of 7% percent. The increase is in response to the provisions of the Universal Recycling Law. We will be entering 2015 with a surcharge rate increase of 5.6%. The surcharge on non-recycled waste (trash) will increase \$1.25 per ton to \$23.25 per ton in 2015. Our surcharge on trash remains just below the State average of \$24.04.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and one part-time employee in 2014. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 50,500 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee



*Financial Reports are available for review at the Town Clerk's office.

NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA)

36 Eastern Ave., Suite 1, P.O. Box 630
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0630
802-748-5181

To the voters of Westfield:

Since 1950 the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the region's advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the only combined regional planning commission and economic development corporation, we serve the largest geographic region in the state.

Each year, we request an appropriation from every member community. These appropriations are vital to us, because they help cover the costs of directly assisting the 50 municipalities in our region:

- Land use planning at the local and regional levels – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administrative support for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support to the employers in our region.

NVDA is increasing its municipal appropriation for the first time since 2005. We've seen our service offering expand greatly since then, partly due to increased statutory demands on municipalities, but also in response to new opportunities for economic expansion. New services include:

- Emergency planning – including Local Emergency Operations Plans and All-Hazard Mitigation Plans; and assistance with flood hazard planning and regulation;
- Local economic development planning – now required within town plans;
- Reporting activities for the region's USDA Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone – enabling millions of dollars to come into the region;
- The regional Foreign Trade Zone designation to improve the competitiveness of companies in our region;
- Municipal education and training services for local officials.

How have we served Westfield? In 2014, our staff provided training sessions for the town's road crew.

Municipal appropriations are based on a per capita amount, with a cap set at \$3,500. Since 2005, that amount was \$0.42, with a minimum of \$100. Our new rate of \$0.75 with a minimum of \$500 is still the lowest of all the other 10 regional planning commissions in the state, which range from \$0.96 to \$1.78 per person. We're the only regional entity that does "double-duty" as an economic development corporation, so this low rate is certainly a testament to our cost efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Westfield has been "confirmed" as a planning community by the NVDA board, which allows your community to benefit from a number of planning initiatives. We look forward to pursuing these opportunities with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker
Executive Director

APPROPRIATION REPORTS

To save on printing costs some reports have been abbreviated. Additional reporting/financial information is available at the Town Clerks office and at the Polling Place (Community Center) on Town Meeting Day.

AMERICAN RED CROSS (Requesting \$250)

Regional Headquarters: 29 Mansfield Ave.

Burlington, VT 05401-3323

Phone: 802-660-9130; Fax: 802-660-9136 or Toll Free in VT 800-660-9130

On the web: www.redcross.org/vermont

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first “neighbor on the scene” after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

Fiscal year 2014 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross was there providing vital services to our community.

- Responded to 206 disasters/emergencies in our region
- Collected 45,000 pints of local blood and blood products
- Assisted 163 members of the military and their families from our area
- Empowered more than 1,200 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need
- Provided free babysitter training to over 250 youths in our region
- Please see the reverse side of this letter for local statistics.



Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation based on its current population. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$250 this year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities like the Town of Westfield and throughout Vermont and the Upper Valley when they need it most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Crist". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Crist

Regional Executive

Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
FOR NORTHEASTERN VERMONT (Requesting \$300)
481 Summer Street, Suite 101, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Phone: 802-748-5182; Fax: 802-748-6622 or email: info@nevaaa.org
On the Web: www.nevaaa.org

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit, organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Agency connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency, but many of those we assist donate to help support our work.

During the past year your support allowed us to provide assistance to 19 residents of Westfield as well as more than 1,500 seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Sincerely,

Lisa Viles
Executive Director

FELINES & FRIENDS FOUNDATION (Requesting \$100)
Helping Cats & Communities in the Kingdom

P.O. Box 1316, Newport, VT 05855
802-323-4793
On the Web: www.FFFVT.com

Felines and Friends Foundation strives to stabilize barn cat colonies and greatly reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), with the goals of improving the health and welfare of cats, minimizing the negative impacts on people and wildlife, reducing the number of cats/kittens entering local shelters.

We humanely trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate for rabies un-owned or loosely-owned cats in neighborhoods and on farms for FREE. When possible we also assist low income residents with free cat spay/neuter services and request a small donation to cover the cost of vaccines. Many cats we service are re-homed through regional animal shelters and local adoptions; others are returned to caretakers or owners to live a better life but with reduced nuisance behaviors.

Since Felines and Friends Foundation began on April 1, 2013 we have spayed/neutered and vaccinated almost **1,300** cats mostly in Orleans County, including **18** in Westfield. The approximate expense per each cat is \$75 for a total value of service to date to Westfield of \$1,320.

We are seeking an appropriation of \$100

to continue this work in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bonnie Geisler
President, Felines & Friends Foundation



FIRE DEPARTMENTS

TROY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. (Requesting \$22,591)

P.O. Box 51, Troy, VT 05868

Fire Station Phone: 802-744-2231 or Emergency: 911

For the year 2014, the Troy Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 24 fire and emergency calls.

The Troy Fire Department continues to grow and currently has a dedicated roster of 30 members. Our members continue to train to familiarize themselves with various pieces of equipment, techniques, and most importantly, safety in the fire service.

We continue to update our equipment as is necessary, and we recently had our 100 ft. aerial truck tested and certified to meet the required safety and operating standards. We also are in the process of updating our SCBA air bottles as some of our current bottles are outdated. The allocation from the Town of Westfield helps to fund these upgrades and the costs of maintenance and upkeep of our existing equipment.

For the year 2015, the Troy Fire Department is asking for the same amount requested last year, which was \$22,591.00.

We would like to thank the community for the donations and support that we continue to receive.

Thank you,

Bobby Jacobs, Chief
Troy Vol. Fire Dept.



MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT (Requesting \$4,000)

P.O. Box 356, Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Fire Station Phone: 802-326-5558 or Emergency: 911

In 2014 we responded to a variety of calls in our Westfield coverage area. We had motor vehicle accidents, down power lines, one chimney fire in Alpine Haven, and a gas detection call.

We as a department attended a number of both county and state training classes. We had four members attend the Vermont Fire Academy and all received their Pro Board Certifications.

In a combined effort of fundraising and town contributions the department began upgrading our PPE (personal protective equipment) to bring us into compliance with NFPA standards. Our goal for 2015 is to continue the process of meeting these guidelines. The focus will be on SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus).

We request \$4000 of support from Westfield for 2015. This is the same level as 2014. This will help us to continue providing the service to those homes and roadways in our coverage area.

Respectfully,

Montgomery Fire Department

GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-TO-SCHOOL, INC. (Requesting \$250)

194 Main Street, Suite 301

Newport, VT 05855

802-334-2044

On the Web: www.GreenMountainFarmtoSchool.org

Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting to an appropriation in the amount of \$250.00 from the town of Westfield to support the Jay/Westfield School Garden Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to over 10,000 students at schools across northern Vermont.

GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Jay/Westfield School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in planting and harvesting the garden. Students started seeds for the garden at the school and the entire school participated in a spring Garden Dedication Ceremony. All of the produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria. GMFTS also delivered garden-based summer programming at the school and coordinated community volunteers who helped maintain the garden over the summer.

With the town's help, we can continue to provide the School Garden Program at the Jay/Westfield School, producing fresh food for the cafeteria and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. Funding from the school covers a portion of GMFTS' staff time and materials to lead Farm-to-School activities during the school day like in-class workshop, taste tests, and farm field trips. This funding does not fully cover the cost of the program and the balance comes from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses. These funds from the town pay for supplies including tools, seeds, equipment, and staff time to deliver our school garden program.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Westfield in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Sims
Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT (Requesting \$50)

P.O. Box 1191, Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191

802-229-4586 or 1-800-974-3259

Email: greenup@greenupvermont.org or on the Web: www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! 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 volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New for 2015 on the Vermont Income Tax Form will be the chance to support Green Up Day by a check mark for charitable donation to Green Up Vermont!

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



Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 14 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years! Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.

HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$450)

P.O. Box 478, Montgomery Center, VT 05471

On the Web: www.hazensnotch.org

We are writing to ask the votes of the Town of Westfield to approve a request for a contribution of \$450 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2015, our 22nd year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 125 children ages 6 to 14 attend 1-week camp sessions at the Hazen's Notch Association on the Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery. Last year the HNA Campership Fund raised \$4,275 enabling 18 children from 10 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past twelve years the votes of Westfield at Town Meeting have approved a request for a contribution to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund. If voters approve this request for a \$450 contribution, school administrators in the Jay/Westfield School may then recommend one or more students from Westfield who wish to attend the HNA Summer Camp to receive partial or full financial assistance towards the camp fee. Camp fees are \$225 for the Day Camp and \$450 for the Overnight Camp.

On behalf of the families served by the campership fund, thank you for your continued support of the Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund.

Yours Truly,
Rolf Anderson, President



JAY AREA FOOD SHELF (Requesting \$250)

1036 Vt. Route 242

Jay, VT 05859

802-988-2996

Sincere thanks to the voters of each town for the voted appropriation at Town Meeting 2014. A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the food shelf. With all the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

For information, whether you qualify for the food shelf program, or the USDA Commodities, please visit the food shelf site in the Jay Municipal Building, on Thursday during operation hours of 9 am to 12:00 pm.

For individuals who wish to make a donation of money, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, c/o Jay Town Clerk's Office, 1036 VT RTE 242, Jay, VT 05859.

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. Berry Creek Farm for the 2014 season had a \$830 in kind donation.

REVENUE:

Appropriations:

Jay	\$	250
Westfield		500
Troy		500
Lowell		250

EXPENSES:

Food Bank	\$	2053
Grocery Store		1687
Gas		415
Dollar Tree		107
Wal-Mart (Coat Fund)		<u>67</u>

Donations:

Orleans Country Board of Realtors	1600
Friend Class Reunion	200
Friends of Mark Higley Campaign	150
Newport Rotary Club	134
Francis Azur	1250
Ben & Jerry's Foundation	2000
Community Service Award (Kim)	500
Jay Peak Area Chamber	500
Jay Focus Group	1200
American Legion-Auxiliary Post 28	200
Individual Donations	<u>702</u>

Total **\$9,936**

Total **\$4,329**

Beginning Balance	4218
Receipts	9936
Expenses	<u>(4329)</u>

Ending Balance \$9825

JAY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION-JAA (Requesting \$800)

The JAA continues to provide the children of Jay and Westfield with the opportunity to play organized sports. We participate each season in Little League Baseball, Soccer, and Basketball.

The JAA is an all-volunteer organization of members of both communities whose sole purpose is to provide recreational opportunity for our children. We work in close cooperation with the Jay-Westfield School, but our programs are open and available to all the children who live in the towns.

Anyone from our communities, who may have ideas, recommendations, or some time or energy to help improve our programs, please contact one of the directors. We always welcome new help.

President Loren Petzoldt
Vice-pres.
Secretary David Sanders
Treasurer Tara Morse
School Liaison Sheila Burger

JAA INCOME & EXPENSES

REVENUE:

APPROPRIATIONS:

Jay 800
Westfield 800

REGISTRATIONS:

Basketball 310
Soccer 350
Jay Focus Group 100

Total \$2360

EXPENSES:

Insurance 425

Total \$425

Beginning Balance \$4638
Receipts \$2360
Expenses (\$ 425)
Ending Balance \$6573



JAY FOCUS GROUP & the Children's Halloween Party (Requesting \$200)

The Jay Focus Group requests appropriation of \$100.00 for the Annual Children's Halloween Party at Jay Peak Resort. Your appropriation will help the Jay Focus Group give free passes to all Jay/Westfield Elementary School students who wish to attend the party. We thank the town of Westfield for their generous appropriation of \$100 in 2014 and hope you will consider doing so again for 2015. This party is a labor of love for the Jay Focus Group and Jay Peak Resort volunteers who make it happen.

The Jay Focus Group requests appropriation of \$100.00 towards operating expenses from the Town of Westfield. The Jay Focus Group, a 501(c) 3 non-profit Charitable Organization, promotes town spirit through town events and fundraisers. In 2014 we distributed over \$16,000 to local organizations that included the Jay Vol. Fire Dept., Jay Community Recreational Centre (Land Trust) development, Jay Area Food Shelf (plus Food & Clothing Drives and Christmas Gift Tree for Food Shelf Children), Jay/Westfield Elementary School Enrichment Programs, Jay Athletic Association, Annual Children's Halloween Party at Jay Peak Resort, Jay Community Center; NCUHS Visual Arts Travel Program; Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program; and Green Mountain Farm to School as well as a \$500 Community Service Scholarship was awarded to a NCUHS Senior for Continued Education and 10 Jay/Westfield Elementary students were awarded scholarships to attend Summer Day Camp.

2015 events include but are not limited to:

- March 15 - Leprechaun Scamper
- March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt on the JCRC
- March 28 - Monte Carlo Casino & Texas Hold'em Night
- May 2 - Green-Up Day
- August 8 - 8th Annual Jay Summer Fest
- Columbus Day Weekend Coin Drop
- Annual Children's Halloween Party at Jay Peak Resort
- 1st Friday of December - Annual Tree Lighting/Caroling/Santa Visit

Jay Focus Group monthly meetings are normally the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00pm, Jay Town Hall. If you have ideas for events/ fundraising, have experience writing grants, are willing to help find sponsors and/or sponsor our events, are willing to help at an event or have an organization in need please do attend a meeting. . You do not have to be a resident of Jay to help. We have several members from Troy, North Troy, Newport Ctr. and Westfield. Email jayfocusgp@gmail.com, visit www.jayvt.com or call Peggy 988.4706. We appreciate and are humbled by the scope and generosity of our sponsors - Individuals, Local Businesses, Foundations and Corporations. A great big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered their time and energy, sponsored and attended our events. We all feel blessed to be part of this great organization, and the great Northeast Kingdom. Visit www.jayvt.com for all our events and fundraisers.

Like us on Facebook.

Respectively submitted by:

- Peggy Loux - Executive Director and Treasurer
- Kathy DiCarlo - President
- Janice Kruse -Vice President
- Pat Sanders - Secretary
- Denise Rossignol – Grant Writer

JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC.-AMERICAN LEGION (REQUESTING \$200)

1229 Cheney Road, Lowell, VT 05847
802-744-6625

Again I would like to thank the voters of Westfield for their support of the Veterans graves. I am asking for \$200 for the 2015 season. Any monies remaining will be utilized in our ongoing Legions Children & Youth Programs.

George Frisbee
Commander A.L. Post 28, North Troy, VT



**MEAL SITE
TROY AND AREA LIONS CLUB (requesting \$1,500)**

Community Center: 59 North Hill Road
Westfield, VT 05874
802-744-6839 (Denny Lyster)
802-744-9927 (Connie LaPlume)

Every Thursday the Westfield Meal Site offers a dinner to the public. When the meal site began in 1996 the suggested donation was \$2, then \$3 about 10 years ago and just this year we have had to increase it to \$4. Inflation and the escalating cost of food have taken their toll. The town, through your appropriation, has allowed the site to remain financially viable at this level. In addition, as things wears out over time, we have had to buy new equipment, including an oven, a refrigerator and a freezer.

We have been fortunate that Berry Creek Farm, for the past several years, has donated a CSA to the meal site. For 2014 the donation in kind was \$800. This not only reduced our costs but, more importantly, supplied us with fresh vegetables and fruit from June into October.

The average attendance (sit-downs) in 2014 was 19 compared to 24 for 2010-2011. The number of take-outs adds another 3 to 4 each week. Generally there is a lower attendance in the winter and an increase in the summer when camp ground people are around.

The meal site is operated by the Troy & Area Lions Club. It functions because of its many volunteers who are recognized as follows:

- Cooks: Connie LaPlume, Alice Gonyaw, Denny Lyster, Sue & Dennis Neumann, Carol Currier
- Helpers: Kay Courson, Vickey Wursthorn, Fran Elliott, Stacey & Katina Dykeman, Isaac & Abby Gunn, David Wursthorn, Scott Josselin

Thanks to Dennis Neumann for bringing fresh bread rolls when he is on duty.

Come and enjoy a good meal and join in a game of poker or whist that usually follows. If you would like to volunteer contact Connie or Denny.





MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$200)

9534 Rt. 36, Unit 5
East Fairfield, VT 05448
802-752-7247
Email: mrba@pshift.com

Our goal is to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water.

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) is a volunteer organization. Since 1996 we have been implementing our mission “To restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water”. We have generated over 20,000 volunteer hours to plant trees and perform other types of streambank stabilization, clean up trash from the river banks, and conduct water quality sampling in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources laboratory. Each year, local elementary teachers borrow our educational tools and bring ‘Bugworks’ (a program made available free of charge which links stream health to water bugs and fish) to their students. We have also hosted many tree planting workdays with watershed students and regularly hold public information meetings on water quality issues—we held two of these at the Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Westfield last field season.

We assist farmers and other landowners who want to implement techniques to reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff. These techniques range from planting trees in streambank buffer areas, to installing waterbars, to lining culvert outlet basins, to seeding down areas of bare earth and seeding cover crops in corn fields. Our assistance can be in the form of hands-on fieldwork or cost-sharing on specific projects designed to meet these goals. We have received recognition for our efforts to help achieve a ‘Clean and Clear’ Lake Champlain and the streams that feed it.

Our volunteers come from many sources – school groups, retirees, employees of local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers and landowners, to name a few. In order to continue making all these programs available free of charge next year, we respectfully request the Town’s support of MRBA through a \$200 donation. Your donation would be used to help us meet our overhead expenses (rent, telephone, internet, postage, planning meetings, and newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually and which are virtually impossible to cover through grants.

Your support of our organization last year is greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2015 request.

Sincerely,

John Little
Chair



MISSISQUOI VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE (Requesting \$10,628)

1390 Cross Road
Jay, VT 05859
802-383-8199

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance would like to ask the citizens of Westfield for an appropriation of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars, \$10,628.00. If approved, this will guarantee that Missisquoi Valley Ambulance will be your prehospital emergency care provider for 2015.

We will not increase funding by ¼ percent this year as we indicated at last Town meeting even though we have seen our expenses and purchases increase again this year mostly due to the costs of renovating the ambulance bay and buying the newly required equipment mandated by the state EMS office. We will continue to use the grand list based approach to funding as we believe it more evenly and fairly spreads the cost of our services to all of the towns we serve.

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-383-8199 or email to missisquoivalleyambulance@comcast.net. Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Rappold, President
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

**THE NORTH COUNTRY FRIENDS
OF THE VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Requesting \$75)**

285 North Jay Road
Jay, VT 05859

The North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra are requesting an appropriation of \$75.00 to support SymphonyKids programs for the school children in your town. The mission of SymphonyKids is for the children to gain a lifelong enthusiasm for music. The program brings small ensembles from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to perform for the students in your local community. SymphonyKids in our region reached nearly 4,500 school children in 37 presentations serving 35 schools in 27 communities.

The VSO has a long history of bringing Musicians-in-the-Schools programs to the Jay-Westfield School. Last year, our DrumShtick Percussion Trio performed for 86 students in November.



Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sally Rivard, Chair
North Country Friends of the VSO Board

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.–NEKCA (Requesting \$200)

71 Seymour Lane, Newport, VT 05855
802-334-8224
NEKCA Administrative Office
P.O. Box 346, 70 Main Street, Newport, VT 05855

Court Diversion is a community response to juvenile and adult offenders. A Review Board comprised of community residents reviews cases after the offender has met certain program criteria. The Review Board designs a contract which specifies the conditions of the offender's participation. If the offender satisfactorily completes the contract, the State's Attorney dismisses the charges. The contract typically includes an apology and restitution to the victim, community service and other remedial, educational, or corrective services. Approximately 87% of those referred to Court Diversion successfully complete their contracts. In addition, Diversion is cost effective; it takes far less money to process a case through Diversion than through Court, and the Diversion process is controlled by community people with vested interest in making sure there are not repeat offenses.

Three (3) Westfield residents completed eight (8) hours of community service.

Your support at Town Meeting is vital to the continuation of the program.

Sincerely,

Stephanie R. Bowen, MS, HS-BCP
Diversion Director

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES-NKHS (Requesting \$563)

181 Crawford Road, Derby, VT
P.O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855
Phone: 802-334-6744 or Toll Free: 800-696-4979
Fax: 802-334-7455
On the Web: www.nkhs.org

Annual Summary for July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

NKHS serves residents through our programs for Children, Youth, and Family Services, Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Community Rehabilitation Treatment, Developmental/Intellectual Ability Services, and 24/7 Crisis Intervention. Fees are charged based on the person's ability to pay. No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay.

We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

FY 2014 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE Town of Westfield

2010 Census Count for your town: **536**
We served **30** and employ **4** from your community.

Our 2015 request for support is calculated on \$1.05 per person based on the last census, the same amount as requested last year.

Thank you for your support.

D. W. Bouchard
Executive Director

Andy Barter
President, Board of Directors



NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.-NEKLS (Requesting \$200)

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11
Newport, VT 05855
Phone: 802-334-6532
Fax: 802-334-6555
On the Web: www.neklsvt.org

For almost 50 years, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS) has been serving the residents of Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties. Adult education, job skills, transitional support, supplemental education services, early education and family services are some of the many programs that are available to the residents of the area. NEKLS is requesting a town appropriation of \$200 to help support the programs that we deliver in your area.

NEKLS has full service Community Education Centers located in Hardwick, Newport, and St. Johnsbury, with part time centers located in Canaan, Island Pond and Gilman. Services are provided to anyone wanting to earn a high school diploma or GED, learn basic computer skills, improve college and career readiness, and for support in job search activities. Our Adult Education & Literacy program meets these needs through a wide variety of free services. In 2014, 128 adults over the age of 16 earned a high school diploma or GED through NEKLS. On average, our AEL staff provides more than one thousand hours of education per month.

In 2013, NEKLS introduced the NEKLS Mobile Lab to the Northeast Kingdom. In 2014, the lab consisting of 6 laptops and a printer provided connectivity and instruction to hundreds of community members at their work, career and job fairs, training programs and for GED testing. This is just one more way that NEKLS brings services to the most rural areas of the Northeast Kingdom.

Partnering with local schools, the NEKLS Tutorial program provides academic support to students of all grade levels K-12 who are struggling in school. In 2014 the tutorial program served 126 students in the tri-county region. Another supplemental education program provided by NEKLS is the Migrant Education Program. Our migrant workers live and work on our Northeast Kingdom farms and provide valuable support to our local agricultural economy.

Parents with children ages 0 to 6 are able to access services through our Children's Integrated Services programs. Early Intervention provides many support services to families with children ages 0 to 3 who are at risk of developmental delays. Family Support Workers support families during pregnancy/postpartum and their child's early years by providing and connecting them to needed resources so they can support their child's growth and development.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact the funding of community non-profit organizations such as NEKLS. As a result, town appropriations are vital to our efforts to introduce new instructional options and maintain the same level of high program quality. We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being an integral partner in your community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Tarryk
Executive Director

THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM (Requesting \$250)

109 Old Stone House Road

Brownington, VT 05860

802-754-2022

Email: information@oldstonehousemuseum.org

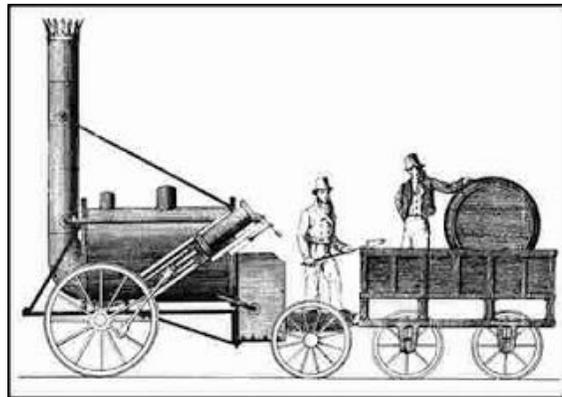
On the Web: www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington and organizes programs and events that celebrate the history and cultural heritage of the area. At annual town meetings we ask residents of the towns in Orleans County for appropriations to help maintain the museum and fund our operations, as well as demonstrate local support for our work, which helps us get grants.

The four story granite block Old Stone House, built by Alexander Twilight in 1836 to serve as the dormitory of the first secondary school in the county, opened as the historical museum of Orleans County in 1925, with exhibits of furniture, textiles, ceramics, paintings, folk art, tools, toys, and town histories. Two barns house equipment used in farming, logging and transportation. These buildings are open to the public from May 15 to October 15. The library in the Cyrus Eaton House is open by appointment, and the visitors' center and office, located in the Alexander Twilight House, is open year-round. Events and classes, as well as private functions are scheduled in the restored Samuel Read Hall House

The museum sponsors educational programs for children and adults throughout the year, including the Collectors Fair, the NEK History Fair every other year, the Antique Engine Show, spring and fall field days for elementary students, Time Travelers Day Camp for children 8-12, classes in traditional crafts and small-scale agriculture for adults, and special programs focusing on history and historical preservation. Our special events include Old Stone House Day, the Cheese and Apple Tasting, the Fall Foliage Run. We thank you for your support in the past, and we promise to continue to work to preserve the history of Orleans County and enrich the culture of our communities.

This summer we will invite the community to participate in an archaeological dig at the base of Prospect Hill to find the original location of the Orleans County Grammar School, which was moved down the road in 1869 to become the Brownington Grange Hall. We also plan to make packed dirt, wheelchair and walker friendly paths around the museum grounds.



ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY-OCCA (Requesting \$500)

P.O. Box 982

Derby Line, VT 05830

802-624-0877

On the Web: www.occavt.org

Town Voters of Westfield,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy's mission is "to build and support one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members (called advocates) and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered."

OCCA's goal is for people with developmental disabilities to be valued and accepted in their communities. The mutually beneficial relationships, created by Citizen Advocacy, grow to be enriching and important friendships not only for the person with disabilities but also for the advocate. In turn, these deep personal commitments between neighbors result in strong vibrant communities from which we all benefit.

Our non-profit organization operates with money raised at annual fundraisers as well as from individual & business donations. **OCCA does not receive any federal or state funding or United Way monies. Town Meeting Day appropriations from towns across Orleans County are one of our largest sources of revenue, and are very much needed for the viability & sustainability of our program.**

Since our program began in 1989 over 90 matches have been made, thanks to the support from large-hearted people in our communities. Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) facilitates community connection, friendship, support and advocacy between those with developmental disabilities who may be isolated from the greater community, and unpaid community members. We are currently supporting 20 such relationships which re-create a sense of healthy interdependence among community members. We would appreciate your support to continue connecting people from **Westfield** with others, preferably in the same area, that would benefit from an OCCA friendship.

We, at OCCA, are proud to have celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2013, and to have been, for several years now, the ONLY association of our type left in Vermont among the many that used to match disabled people with local volunteers in a one-to-one friendly relation. Orleans County Towns have played a major role, through their unflinching support, in assuring such long life, regardless of better or worse times. The people of each and every of those Towns have great reason to be proud of such a unique heartwarming record. Thank you for being that kind of better place, with such kind hearted people.

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Board of Directors looks forward to your assistance again this year. Anyone interested in learning more about Citizen Advocacy, please call Ann Stannard, Board Chair, at 802-723-4425.

Sincerely,

Ann Stannard, Board Chair

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (Requesting \$11,992.51)

P.O. Box 355, Newport, VT 05855
Phone: 802-334-3333 Emergencies: 911

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided 273 hours of patrol services to the Town of Westfield during 2014. The enclosed chart breaks down the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available to you through your Town Clerk or from the Sheriff's Department.

The year 2014 has once again seen many changes and upgrades to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. In the fall of 2014 we lost a valued patrol officer from our team. Deputy Kyle Ingalls left the department to seek other ventures. Deputy Dustin Horne, a native of Danville, Vermont, was hired to fill the position and will be attending the Vermont Police Academy for full-time officer training in the fall of 2015. Another addition to the department in 2014 was Deputy K9 "Kilo". Kilo is a German Shepard and is the K9 partner of Deputy Tyler Jacobs. Deputy Jacobs and "Kilo" will be attending training in 2015 for various K9 functions, such as tracking, drug detection, and patrol functions.

The year 2014 saw a 38% reduction in fatal car crashes in Vermont, in part due to aggressive programs funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Program aimed at traffic safety measures. As in years past, the department has been the recipient of several grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for targeted enforcement activities as well for new and updated equipment. We have received limited grant funds for targeted speed, accident, and DUI patrols. The Governor's Highway Safety Program also provided the department with updated equipment for DUI detection.

As mentioned last year, the fall of 2013 saw a major upgrade to the department's radio communication system. We continue to work on the communication system as a whole and have received an additional grant from the Homeland Security Division of Vermont Emergency Management to replace our mountaintop repeater on Jay Peak. The equipment that is currently in place there is still usable and will be repurposed to another tower site in the Derby area. This will greatly enhance the communication with the deputies and dispatch in the Derby area and on the eastern side of the county.

In December, 2014, the sheriff's department celebrated the 7th anniversary of "Operation Santa". This program challenges area law enforcement and public safety agencies to help provide Christmas gifts to area schoolchildren. We also received generous support from many local area businesses and several individuals.. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 188 school children.

As 2015 rolls around I am proud to report that our request for funds remains the same as last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk J. Martin, Sheriff

Town of Westfield - Total Law Incident Report
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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist	1
Alarm	2
Burglary	5
Citizen Assist	1
Directed Patrol	20
Controlled Substance Problem	1
Litter/pollution/Public Health	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Property/Home Watch	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	2
Theft	1
Unlawful Mischief	1
VIN Inspection	1
Total Incidents for Town of Westfield	38

Town of Westfield - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	32
Total Warnings	27

ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE (Requesting \$2,500)

46 Lakemont Road
Newport, Vermont 05855
Phone: 802-334-5213
Fax: 802-334-8822

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2014.....	38,431
Total Visits FY 2014 - Town of Westfield.....	796

During Fiscal Year 2014, home based services were provided to 30 individuals in Westfield for a total of 796 multi-disciplinary visits. 41 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2015 \$2,500.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director



**POPE MEMORIAL
FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER, INC. (Requesting \$500)**

4473 Barton-Orleans Road
Orleans, VT 05860
802-754-2228

On the Web: www.frontieranimalsociety.com

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. continues to take in, spay or neuter and care for unwanted and stray dogs and cats from all of the towns of Orleans County. Over the past twelve months, nearly 400 animals have come into the shelter. Although the larger areas of Derby, Newport and Barton utilize the shelter services the most, every town benefits from the existence of this facility. This past year, 15 low cost cat spay/neuter clinics have been held at the shelter. These clinics are available to all, regardless of income, and the cost remains at \$45 per cat for spaying or neutering and vaccinations. Over 475 cats have been altered through these clinics this year, and every town has residents taking advantage of this program. Each town's support is truly needed, and we thank you all for your continued assistance.

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.-RCT (Requesting \$600)

1161 Portland Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Phone: 802-748-8170
Fax: 802-748-5275

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2015 for an appropriation in the amount of \$ 600.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provided over 207,379 rides last year.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments.

Last fiscal year RCT provided 27 Westfield residents with 1,019 trips traveling 29,311 miles.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Grant
Executive Director

UMBRELLA (Requesting \$400)
1222 Main Street, Suite 301
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Phone: 802-748-1992 or 800-916-8645

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships.

In 2014 we:

- **supported at least 485 individuals with direct advocacy**
- **housed 14 adults and 6 children in our shelter for a total of 846 bed-nights**

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we offered 935 hours of visitation to help 91 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 21,500 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 15 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 1 of Westfield households were served directly by Umbrella in 2014, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Westfield's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Fay
Executive Director

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (Requesting \$95)

11 East State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone: 802-229-0501
Voice & TTY: 800-639-1522
Fax: 802-229-0503
Email: info@vcil.org
On the Web: www.vcil.org

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Final numbers for our FY'14 (10/2013-9/2014) show VCIL responded to over **2,383** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **304** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **12** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **6** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **215** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 51 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **125** individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **447** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '14, **2** residents of **Westfield** received services from the following program:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: 1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.



Sincerely,

Sarah Wendell Launderville
Executive Director



**VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE-RFP (Requesting \$100)
c/o Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)**

P.O. Box 566
Waitsfield, VT 05673
802-828-4582

On the Web: www.vacd.org

The Rural Fire Protection (RFP) program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps towns identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to help finance the costs of construction. During the 16 years of the program, 968 grants totaling \$2 million have been provided to 213 Vermont towns for installation of new dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair after the floods of 2011.

Over the past year, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful, evolutionary transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with land-owners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state. VACD represents and supports its member districts and manages state-wide technical programs.

The Town of Westfield and the Troy-Westfield FD has received \$3,500 over the years to help improve rural fire protection for the community through this program.

For more information please contact Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Program Manager, at 802-828-4582 or dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Tom Maclay, Chair
Rural Fire Protection Task Force



