

**ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT  
FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013**

**“LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”**



**BOLTON BEAR TRACK**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014  
AT SMILIE MEMORIAL SCHOOL, 7:00 P.M.**

**VOTING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014**

# TOWN MEETINGS | OFFICE HOURS | CALENDAR

## Selectboard Meetings

First and Third Mondays, 5:45 pm  
Town Office  
Clerk, Amy Grover

## Planning Commission

Second Monday, 6:00 pm  
Town Office  
Clerk, Carol Devlin

## Conservation Commission

Bimonthly, Third Monday, 6:00 pm  
Town Office  
Chair, Lars Botzjorns

## Bolton School Board

First Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
Smilie Memorial School  
Clerk, Paula Gervia

## Mt. Mansfield Union Board

Fourth Thursday, 7:00 pm  
The locations alternate between BRMS, CHMS, and MMU  
Clerk, Stephanie Colburn

## Development Review Board

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Clerk, David Punia

## Special Selectmen Meetings

Public Hearings  
All scheduled as needed and warned in *The Burlington Free Press*

As a courtesy, please call the clerk or chair of each board in advance to schedule your appointment.

## Town Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday: closed

Town Office Phone: 434-3064 and 434-5075  
Town Office Fax: 434-6404

## Zoning Hours:

Zoning Administrator, Miron Malbeouf  
Wednesday: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Saturday by appointment  
Zoning Phone: 434-5075 x225

Assessor, Kermit Blaisdell  
Wednesday: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Assessor Phone: 434-5075 x223

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## POT LUCK DINNER

The Town will be hosting a pot luck dinner prior to the start of Town Meeting on Monday, March 03, 2014.

Please bring your favorite dish to share (to serve 8 – 10 folks), and please identify the ingredients of your dish so that diners are aware of the contents for any allergy concerns.

Serving will begin at 5:45 p.m. and continue until the meeting starts.

However, feel free to continue eating during the meeting.

As in the past, our Representatives Rebecca Ellis and Tom Stevens, as well as local board members, will be on hand to chat and answer questions.

Please make a note to join us and help to continue this tradition.

The Town will provide eating utensils, rolls, coffee and tea, cider and milk.

## BABYSITTING SERVICES

Babysitting will be available during Town Meeting night at Smilie School from 6:30 p.m. until all business is finished.

Local teenagers will be on hand to care for and entertain children of all ages in an area separate from the meeting. Please supply your child(ren) with any special items that will help them feel more comfortable, and with a favorite snack and drink.

Please contact Amy Grover at 434-5075 x 222 if you have any questions.



*Town Clerks at the Underhill, Bolton & Jericho  
Trimarker  
Sherri Morin, Underhill; Amy Grover, Bolton, &  
Jessica Alexander, Jericho*



*Underhill, Bolton & Jericho Trimarker*

## DEDICATION

On June 7, 2013, Bolton marked 250 years since it was established in 1763. Although much has changed in Bolton since that time, much remains the same: the same scenic and rugged mountainous terrain, the peaceful Winooski River Valley, the tumbling brooks, and the soaring ridgelines. Along with our beautiful and unique landscape come other things that have remained the same; strong family and community connections that bring support and understanding, appreciation of our landscape and all that it has to offer, and a genuine sense of pride in our town.



In light of that, this year's Town Report is dedicated to everyone in our Bolton and Smilie School communities and beyond who helped to support and make Bolton's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration on November 16, 2013 the wonderful event that it was; from brainstorming ideas, to translating those ideas into reality and organizing the event, from participating in many ways large and small, to attending the celebration. Special recognition goes to "super volunteers" Leslie Pelch, Cara Mezzit, Bronwyn McKeown, and Kristine O'Malley for taking an idea and transforming it into this wonderful community event. Thank you to all and here's to Bolton's next 250 years!

Adam Deslauriers – photo contributions

Barbara Tomasi-Gay, Smilie School Principal – overall support, displays and supplies

Betty and Leland Wheelock - interviews

Bolton Valley Resort – Bolton Valley's display and \$2.50 ski day December 20, 2013

Bolton's Up and Downtown Senior Club - interviews

Brenda McKeown – potluck co-coordinator, and cake provider

Brenda Philips - old fashioned kid's cutout photo board

Bronwyn McKeown - super volunteer, "What I love about Bolton" tree, and potluck coordinator

Cara Mezzit – super volunteer, and marketing/design coordinator

Carol Devlin – spreading the word, including a special Gazette edition

Helen-Anne Cafferty and Smilie 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students – Bolton's schools' history book

Holly Scudder-Chase – sparking the celebration plans and coordinating with Bolton Valley

Josh Arneson – contributing Bolton Valley's display and coordinating \$2.50 ski day December 20, 2013

Kari Wiltshire - interviews

Katie LeFrancois and Smilie 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students – occupation "tunnel books."

Kristine O'Malley – super volunteer, and kids' activities coordinator

Leslie Pelch – instigator, super volunteer, and timeline/map coordinator

Phyllis Fuller - interviews

Ralph Deslauriers – interviews and photo contributions

Rob Pitone - music performer and coordinator

Ron LaFreniere – purchase of historic town maps and pelt display

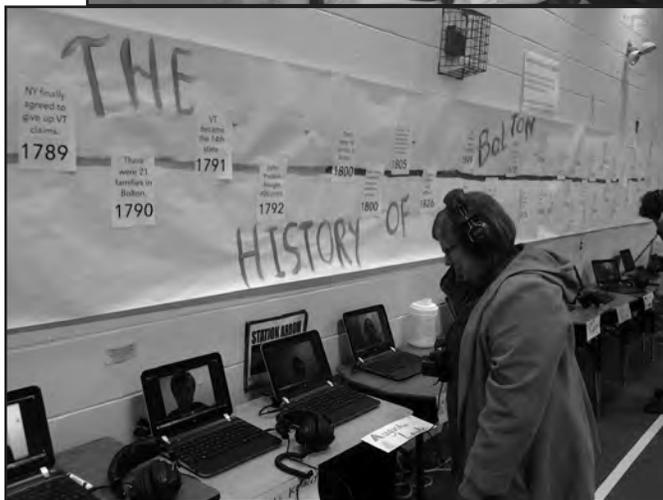
Steve Menz and Smilie 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students – video interviews and displays

Sue Bralich – senior interview coordinator

The Smilie Community Association – spreading the word and signs

Theresa Stockwell – interviews

Tina Cole and Smilie kindergarten students – school house mural





## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

POSITION	OFFICER	YEAR ELECTED	TERM	TERM EXPIRES
<b>Town Moderator</b>	Joss Besse	2013	1 year	2014
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Deborah La Rivière*	2011	3 years	2014
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Deborah La Rivière*	2011	3 years	2014
<b>Select Board</b>	Gene Armstrong	2011	3 years	2014
	Daniel Champney <sup>4</sup>	2012	2 years	2014
	Ronald Lafreniere, Chair <sup>5</sup>	2013	3 years	2016
	Josh Arneson	2013	2 years	2015
	Roderick Wheelock	2012	2 years	2014
<b>Board of Civil Authority</b>	Gene Armstrong <sup>1</sup>	2012	2 years	2014
	Daniel Champney <sup>2</sup>	2012	2 years	2014
	John Devine, Justice	2012	2 years	2014
	Paula Gervia, Justice	2012	2 years	2014
	Amy Grover, Justice	2012	2 years	2014
	Brenda McKeown, Justice	2012	2 years	2014
	Josh Arneson <sup>3</sup>	2013	1 year	2014
	Richard Reid, Justice	2012	2 years	2014
	Linde Emerson	2011	3 years	2014
	Laurie Farnsworth	2011	3 years	2014
<b>Board of Listers</b>	Jeremy King	2011	3 years	2014
	Joan Pecor	2013	1 year	2014
	Eric Andrews	2013	1 year	2014
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	Deborah LaRivière*	2013	1 year	2014
<b>Town Constable</b>	Deborah LaRivière*	2013	1 year	2014
<b>Town Agent</b>	Cheryl Ann Sumner	2011	3 years	2014
<b>Grand Juror</b>	Penny J. Tinker	2011	3 years	2014
	Betty Wheelock	2011	3 years	2014
	Joss Besse	2013	1 year	2014
<b>Cemetery Commissioners</b>	Alain Cohen	2012	3 years	2015
	Paula Gervia	2013	3 years	2016
	Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid	2013	2 years	2015
	Andrew Pond	2011	3 years	2014
	Amy Turner	2013	1 year <sup>6</sup>	2014
<b>School Moderator</b>	Ken Remsen	2012	3 years	2015
<b>Bolton Board of School Directors</b>				
<b>Mt. Mansfield Union HS Rep</b>				

<sup>1</sup>BCA member, not Justice of the Peace

<sup>2</sup>BCA member, not Justice of the Peace

<sup>3</sup>BCA member, not Justice of the Peace

\*Retired Effective 6/30/2013

<sup>4</sup>An error was made between 2003 and 2004 on the term for this seat. Per the Vermont Secretary of State Elections Division, and Vermont League of Cities and Towns legal counsel, the following action in this election will correct the error: two (2) years remaining on a three (3) year term expiring in 2016.

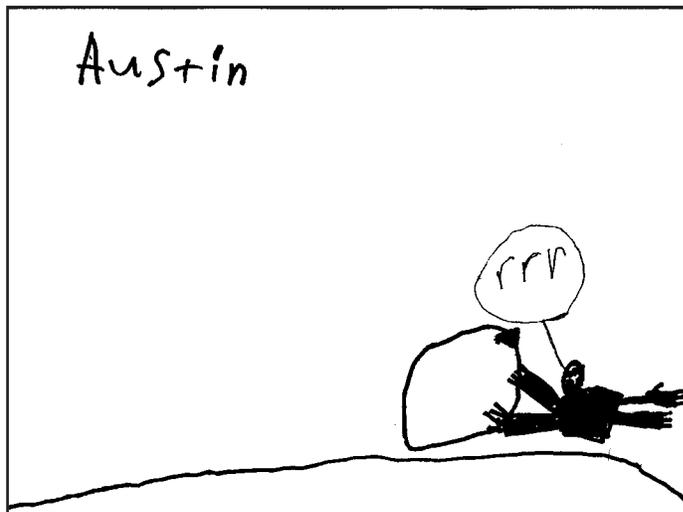
<sup>5</sup>An error was made between 2003 and 2004 on the term for this seat. Per the Vermont Secretary of State Elections Division, and Vermont League of Cities and Towns legal counsel, future action in the 2016 election will correct the error: two (2) years remaining on a three (3) year term expiring in 2018.

<sup>6</sup>1 year remaining on a 2 year term

## HIRED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>OFFICIAL</b>	<b>DATE OF HIRE OR APPOINTMENT</b>	
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Amy Grover	Appointed 2013	
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Amy Grover	Appointed 2013	
<b>Town Agent</b>	Amy Grover	Appointed 2013	
<b>Grand Juror</b>	Amy Grover	Appointed 2013	
<b>Assistant Clerk</b>	Carol Devlin	Hired 2013	
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Jenifer Andrews	Appointed 2004	
	Linda Baker, Chair	Appointed 1988	
	Steve Barner	Appointed 1990	
	Jim Bralich	Appointed 1999	
	Rodney Pingree	Appointed 2003	
	Lexi Haselton	Appointed 2008	
	Lars Botzjorns, Chair	Appointed 2013	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Steve McLeod	Appointed 2013	
	Kathleen Costello	Appointed 2013	
	Amy Ludwin	Appointed 2013	
	Larissa Urban	Appointed 2013	
	Ken Remsen	Appointed 2013	
	Michael Hauser, Alternate	Appointed 2005	
	Sharon Murray, Chair	Appointed 2005	
	Margot Pender, Secretary	Appointed 2004	
	Mike Rainville, Vice-Chair	Appointed 2003	
	Charmaine Godin	Appointed 2010	
<b>Development Review Board</b>	David Punia, Clerk	Hired 2012	
	Jen Andrews	Appointed 2012	
	Miron Malbeouf	Hired 2007	
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	Carol Devlin	Hired 2013	
	Mike Gervia		
	Gene Armstrong		
	Joss Besse	Appointed 2013	2 Year Term
	Leslie Pelch, Alternate	Appointed 2013	2 Year Term
	Richard K. Streeter, Sr.		
Lee Wheelock			
<b>Highway Department</b>	Eric Andrews, Foreman	Hired 1999 FT	
	Glenn Armstrong	Hired 2011 FT	
<b>Area Principals</b>			
<b>Smilie</b>	Barbara Tomasi-Gay		
<b>Camels Hump</b>	Mark Carbone		
<b>Mt. Mansfield</b>	Michael Weston		
<b>School Superintendent</b>	John Alberghini		

**MUNICIPAL SECTION**  
**Tax Rate Information**  
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**TOWN OF BOLTON  
TAX RATE INFORMATION**

<b>FY</b>	<b>Non-Resident Education Rate</b>	<b>Resident Education Rate</b>	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>MMU Accrual</b>	<b>Conservation</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>04-05</b>	\$2.044	\$1.93	.79	.02	.01		\$2.864 (non) \$2.750 (resident)
<b>05-06</b>	\$2.0558	\$2.0025	.79		.01		\$2.8558 (non) \$2.8025 (resident)
<b>06-07*</b>	\$1.15	\$1.14	.45		.01		\$1.61 (non) \$1.60 (resident)
<b>07-08</b>	\$1.2738	\$1.22	.48		.0025		\$1.7563 (non) \$1.7025 (resident)
<b>08-09</b>	\$1.3325	\$1.2454	.5382		.0025		\$1.8732 (non) \$1.7861 (resident)
<b>09-10</b>	\$1.4345	\$1.3571	.5262				\$1.9607 (non) \$1.8833 (resident)
<b>10-11</b>	\$1.4873	\$1.4758	.52				\$2.0073 (non) \$1.9958 (resident)
<b>11-12*</b>	\$1.3674	\$1.3487	.45				\$1.8174 (non) \$1.7987 (resident)
<b>12-13</b>	\$1.386	\$1.3906	.4730			.0012	\$1.8588 (non) \$1.8648 (resident)
<b>13-14</b>	\$1.4366	\$1.5501	.52		.0025		\$1.9566 (non) \$2.0701 (resident)

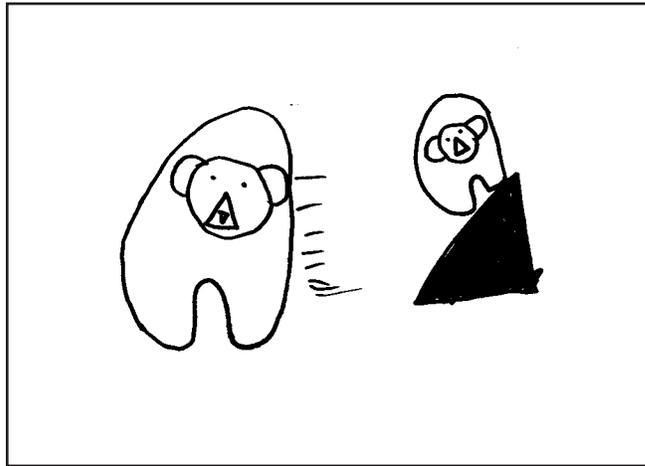
\*Previous reappraisal completion year

## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Delinquent Taxes outstanding as of June 30, 2012	\$72,339.21
Delinquent Taxes assigned for collections as of May 16, 2013	+\$57,476.77
Delinquent Taxes collected from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013	-\$59,598.88
Adjustments, Errors, Omissions and Abatements	<u>-\$496.60</u>
Outstanding Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2013	<u>\$69,720.50</u>

*\*These numbers do not include collections of Delinquent Taxes from June 30, 2013 to the time of this annual report.*

Delinquent Taxes collected from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013	\$30,010.00
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Town of Bolton Expenditure Report and FY 2014 - 2015 Proposed Budget

Full Acct #	Account Description	Budget 2012-13	Expenditures 2012 - 2013	Budget 2013-2014	Proposed Budget 2014-15	% Change from 13-14 to 14-15	Dollar Change from 13-14 to 14-15
100-3000-10.00	Wages/FT	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 69,017.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3000-10.01	Wages FT O/T	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 10,375.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3000-11.00	Wages/PT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,873.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3000-11.01	Wages PT/O/T	\$ -	\$ 11,790.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
100-3000-15.00	Social Security	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 9,093.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	27.78%	\$ 2,500.00
100-3000-16.00	Retirement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,060.00	1.48%	\$ 60.00
100-3000-17.00	Health Insurance	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 34,837.00	\$ 28,400.00	\$ 25,500.00	-11.37%	\$ (2,900.00)
100-3000-18.00	Dental Coverage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 929.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3000-20.20	Vehicle Payment/Principal	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	28.00%	\$ 7,000.00
100-3000-20.25	Vehicle Payment/Interest	\$ 6,700.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	30.00%	\$ 3,000.00
100-3000-20.31	New Vehicle Purchase						
100-3010-74.00	Garage Operating Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,861.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	28.57%	\$ 2,000.00
100-3010-74.01	PW/Telephone	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3010-74.02	PW/Heating	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,586.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3010-74.04	PW/Uniforms	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3010-74.05	PW/Trash	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3010-74.06	PW/Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,936.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	28.57%	\$ 400.00
100-3010-78.00	Gravel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 19,488.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3010-80.00	Sand	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,609.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3010-95.00	Tree Removal	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3020-60.00	Equip Rentals	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3020-65.00	Outside Contractors	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,790.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3020-80.00	Equip Repair	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,476.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3020-85.00	Small Equip Purchase	\$ 500.00	\$ 472.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3020-88.00	Culverts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,327.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3020-90.00	Resurfacing	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 135,442.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	15.15%	\$ 10,000.00
100-3020-95.00	Cold Patch	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3030-20.00	Chloride	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,747.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	26.32%	\$ 1,000.00
100-3030-30.00	Salt	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 38,282.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3030-40.00	Fuel	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 26,423.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	34.62%	\$ 9,000.00
100-3030-50.00	Oil/Lube	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,747.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3040-30.00	2005 International	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,298.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3040-4500	2008 International	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,587.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	33.33%	\$ 500.00
100-3040-40.00	2000 Loader	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,573.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	-150.00%	\$ (1,800.00)
100-3040-50.00	1999 Grader	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 761.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	-100.00%	\$ (1,500.00)
100-3040-80.00	2001 International	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	100.00%	\$ 5,000.00
100-3040-35.00	2013 Dodge						
100-3050-30.00	Tires	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,603.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	30.77%	\$ 2,000.00
100-3050-40.00	Cutting Edges	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,908.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3050-50.00	Guardrails	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3050-60.00	Road Signs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,458.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3050-60.10	Safety Equip	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,541.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3050-70.00	Tools	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3060-30.00	Road Re-Construction						
100-4000-20.00	Building Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,346.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-6000-20.00	Capital Expense/PW	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
	Highway Sub-Total	\$ 376,900.00	\$ 451,650.00	\$ 393,600.00	\$ 430,860.00	8.65%	\$ 37,260.00

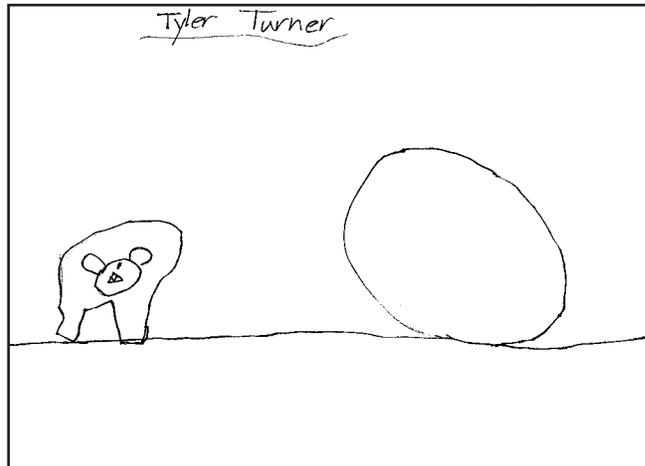
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200-3000-30.00	Debt Service/Town Office	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-3000-30.10	Town Office-Interest	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-3000-30.70	Debt Service/Bond Principal	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-3000-30.75	Debt Service/Bond Interest	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,212.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-3000-30.77	Construction Note/Principal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-3000-30.78	Construction Note/Interest	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,998.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4000-10.00	Clerk Wages & Contract Services	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 73,356.00	\$ 75,300.00	\$ 62,600.00	-20.29%	\$ (12,700.00)
200-4000-15.00	Social Security	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,477.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,250.00	-27.06%	\$ (1,150.00)
200-4000-16.00	Retirement	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,864.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,790.00	3.23%	\$ 90.00
200-4000-17.00	Health Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 14,812.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -		\$ (22,000.00)
200-4000-18.00	Dental Coverage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	33.33%	\$ 600.00
200-4010-20.01	GG/Heating	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,033.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4010-20.02	GG/Electric	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,926.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	25.00%	\$ 500.00
200-4010-20.03	GG/Trash Removal	\$ 300.00	\$ 533.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	50.00%	\$ 300.00
200-4010-20.04	GG/Building Maint/Minor	\$ 500.00	\$ 698.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 650.00	23.08%	\$ 150.00
200-4010-20.05	GG/Office Operating Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 11,323.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	73.91%	\$ 8,500.00
200-4010-20.06	GG/Telephone & Fax	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,243.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	16.67%	\$ 500.00
200-4010-20.07	GG/Copies	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 5,238.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	45.45%	\$ 2,500.00
200-4010-20.08	GG/Fees to SOV	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 943.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,244.00	19.61%	\$ 244.00
200-4010-20.09	GG/Meeting Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4010-20.10	GG/Bolton Gazette	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,671.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4010-20.11	GG/Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,931.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4010-22.00	Printing/Advertising	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,984.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
100-3000-16.00	Legal/General Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,052.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,500.00	64.71%	\$ 5,500.00
200-4010-32.00	Property Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4010-33.00	Computer Updates	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
200-4020-32.00	Constable	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4020-34.00	Electron Costs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	50.00%	\$ 1,500.00
200-4020-35.00	CUSI	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	40.00%	\$ 400.00
200-4020-38.00	Auditing Services	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,450.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	21.05%	\$ 2,000.00
200-4020-42.00	NEMRC	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,862.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4030-50.00	Conservation Commission	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 136.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4030-51.00	Cemetery Care	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	33.33%	\$ 1,000.00
200-4030-52.00	County Tax	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,779.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 6,100.00	6.56%	\$ 400.00
200-4030-54.00	Membership Fees	\$ -	\$ 4,314.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,800.00	100.00%	\$ 4,800.00
200-4030-55.00	DRB Contract Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
200-4030-56.00	Planning Commission (Plan & Maps)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
200-4030-58.00	Zoning Admin. Officer Wages	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 26,419.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	-26.32%	\$ (2,500.00)
200-4030-60.00	Richmond Rescue	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,300.00	1.96%	\$ 300.00
200-4030-62.00	Maps- Property Tax	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,587.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,250.00	-20.00%	\$ (250.00)
200-4030-64.00	Visiting Nurse Association	\$ 700.00	\$ 938.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 781.00	10.37%	\$ 81.00
200-4030-68.00	Web Page Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4040-70.01	Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,144.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	70.00%	\$ 7,000.00
200-4040-70.02	Unemployment Comp Insurance	\$ -	\$ 1,147.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	100.00%	\$ 1,500.00
200-4040-70.03	Property and Casualty Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,490.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	9.09%	\$ 2,000.00
200-4040-80.10	Assessor - Contract Services	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	17.95%	\$ 3,500.00
200-4040-80.11	Assessor - Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 634.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%	\$ -

Town of Bolton Expenditure Report and FY 2014 - 2015 Proposed Budget							
Full Acct #	Account Description	Budget 2012-13	Expenditures 2012 - 2013	Budget 2013-2014	Proposed Budget 2014-15	% Change from 13-14 to 14-15	Dollar Change from 13-14 to 14-15
200-4050-80.17	Listers/Wages	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
200-4500-2500	Library Card Reimbursement		\$ 705.00		\$ 750.00	100.00%	\$ 750.00
200-5000-30.55	Capital Reserve						
200-6000-30.50	Capital Expenses/TP						
200-6000-30.60	Conservation One Cent						
	<b>SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 310,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 375,853.75</b>	<b>\$ 326,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 337,215.00</b>	<b>3.21%</b>	<b>\$ 10,815.00</b>
300-4500-90.00	FD/General Operations	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 16,547.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.01	FD/Heating	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,232.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	-50.00%	\$ (2,000.00)
300-4500-90.02	FD/Electricity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,473.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,575.00	-26.98%	\$ (425.00)
300-4500-90.03	FD/Trash removal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
300-4500-90.04	FD/Building Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,222.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	33.33%	\$ 500.00
300-4500-90.05	FD/Insurance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,256.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.06	Telephone	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	50.00%	\$ 2,000.00
300-4500-90.10	FD/Mutual Aid Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.11	FD/Training/Education	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,805.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.13	FD/Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.51	FD/Radio Repair	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.52	FD/Dispatch	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,237.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.61	FD/Equip Replacement	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,231.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,250.00	-4.00%	\$ (250.00)
300-4500-90.62	FD/Equip Repair	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 529.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.63	FD/Vehicle Repair	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,142.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-4500-90.64	FD/Vehicle Op/fuel etc	\$ 800.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	0.00%	\$ -
	FD/ Grant Expenses		\$ -				
300-5000-10.00	FD/Reserve Bid/Capital	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-5000-10.01	FD/Reserve Fund/Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-6000-30.00	Vehicle Payments/Principi	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
300-6000-30.50	Vehicle Payments/Interest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,302.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ -
	<b>SUB-TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$ 82,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,777.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,825.00</b>	<b>-0.21%</b>	<b>\$ (175.00)</b>
	<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 769,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 914,280.75</b>	<b>\$ 802,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 849,900.00</b>	<b>5.64%</b>	<b>\$ 47,900.00</b>

**TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2013**  
**AND**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS**

**The full Auditor's Report is available at [www.boltonvt.com](http://www.boltonvt.com)**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen  
Town of Bolton, Vermont

### Report on the Financial Statements

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

As described in note 1 to the financial statements, the Town prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting described in note 1; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position - modified cash basis of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bolton, Vermont as of June 30, 2013 and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1.

***Other Information***

*Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's financial statements. The accompanying management's discussion and analysis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The management's discussion and analysis has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 9, 2013 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting, on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and on other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Montpelier, Vermont  
September 9, 2013

*Mudgett, Jennett &  
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.*

## TOWN SECTION

**Minutes of March 04, 2013 Town Meeting**

**Letter from Clerk and Treasurer**

**Letter from Select Board**

**Letter from Zoning Administrator**

**Highway Foreman's Report**

**Winter Operations Plan**

**Tax Payment Policy**



*Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk  
Amy Grover, Town Clerk*

## MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 04, 2013 TOWN MEETING

Moderator Joss Besse went over Robert's Rules of Order. Doris Wheelock invited those present to buy raffle tickets to support the propose Senior Center. Representatives Tom Stevens and Rebecca Ellis went over some legislative issues and read aloud the Governor's Proclamation for Bolton's 250<sup>th</sup>. Town Clerk Deb La Riviere presented the Good Citizen of the Year Award to Brenda McKeown. The meeting was then called to order.

School Board chair Andrew Pond introduced his Board members and Moderator Besse asked for approval to let Superintendent John Alberghini, Principal Mary Woodruff and CESU bookkeeper Joanne Russell speak if the assembly found it necessary. All were in agreement.

**Article 1 To hear and act upon the reports of the school directors. Motion by Ken Remsen and second by Tom Haviland.**

**Andrew Pond:** Let me review Smilie's place in the district; which includes 6 elementary schools and two union. Bolton shares staff from CESU with other schools in the district. The NECAP scores for this year show Smilie students are slightly better in math and reading. There has also been a decrease in behavioral problems. Unlike the town budget, the education tax rates are set by a formula set by the state. Our rate includes both the local and the union rate. When the bond vote passed last year, we knew this year it was going to be tough. 1/3 of this year's increase is the bond. 1/3 is insurance increases and the other third is salary and fuel. A feasibility study was done at the request of voters last year by Raymond Proulx. Surveys were done and info gathered, and Mr. Proulx spoke with staff and random residents. Mr. Proulx indicated in his presentation that only one person interviewed was dissatisfied with Smilie. All the others were pleased. People were aware that enrollment had dropped but felt we have a great small school. People interviewed wanted to see the building remain as a school with use by the public. Proulx looked at several options for the future. None of which were great. Richmond didn't have room for all students and transportation is another issue. At the feasibility meeting, the school board was asked if the study should continue and the board indicated no. I don't think it's healthy to continue to study the feasibility of Smilie School and the board has worked hard and is trying to be financially responsible. The low enrollment we now have, we think has leveled off. What the board does annually is make sure the building is maintained and the staff is as small as it can be. We do share a Spanish teacher which costs us only \$5000 per year. We have expanded and decreased the staff as needed in previous years. Administration costs are high though, next year Mary Woodruff will be handling many other areas and we will be hiring a part time assistant to cover some parts. Smilie tried to operate without a principal 10 years ago, and that didn't work so well. We will continue to work at this. Budget discussions and all meetings are open to the public and budget meetings are usually in November, being finalized in January. The question of 'how small is too small' is part of the discussion. From an educational stand point too small is about 10 per classroom. Right now we have a little more than that but if those numbers drop we will question more what we should do. Or, if something made sense that came along. The good news is that next year should be a better tax rate year. We will be also be voting on \$23,000 loan for lighting improvements. The cost of this will be offset in the future by lower usage fees. The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 1 passed.

**Article 2 Shall the voters of the Bolton Town School District authorize the school board under 16 VSA, § 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the school year?**

Motion by Jerry Mullen and second by Ken Remsen. The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 2 passed.

**Article 3 Shall the voters of the Bolton Town School District approve the payment of a \$10 stipend per school board meeting to the School Board Directors. Motion by Rich Reid and second by Jerry Mullen.**

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 3 passed.

**Article 4** To vote a budget of \$1,458,290 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Bolton Town School District.

Motion by Brenda McKeown and second by Tom Haviland.

**Phil Graff:** What's the cost per pupil? Could we bring fifth graders back to Smilie to help increase our population?

**Pond:** That was what the RED vote was for a couple of years ago. All 6 schools would have to agree for us to change the way districts are organized. We're also unsure of being able to offer everything needed for 5th grade. The options we looked at weren't all beneficial to Bolton. Other towns need to agree and to have the space for us.

**Amy Ludwin:** Has anyone looked at school choice for the district?

**Pond:** No. That was one of the advantages of RED. Right now parents would have to pay.

**Jerry Mullen:** I'm confused with some of the numbers on page 56.

**Pond:** They carry over from the previous page.

**David Parot:** We added pre k with grant money. Could we save the money if we eliminated it?

**Pond:** It would cost us money because the number of pupils would drop.

**Mark Andrews:** First, good job and thank you. I'd like share your optimism and suggest to the board to advocate to state reps and what to do when we're forced to do something. We might do something like appealing. We do need to continue the discussion.

**Steve Peery:** Do you have data to support leveling off of enrollment numbers?

**Pond:** We had 12 births last year.

**Vince Palermo:** Are we really looking at a million and a half dollar budget to educate 60 kids?

**Pond:** There's 72 counting preschool.

**Palermo:** What's that per student?

**Pond:** About \$20,254 per student.

**Palermo:** Doesn't that seem high? How does that compare with other schools?

**Pond:** Page 61 has comparisons. We're not the least and not the most.

**Mo McIntyre:** Debt service and transportation shouldn't be included in per pupil cost.

**Joanna Kinnaman:** What will happen if budget didn't pass?

**Pond:** Board would do another and another vote.

**Steve MacLeod:** Are we an excess spending district?

**Pond:** Yes

**MacLeod:** And how much is that?

**Pond:** About 14¢ on the rate.

**Macleod:** That's a lot.

**Steve Barner:** All the numbers are not calculated the same way.

The question was called and a voice vote could not determine passage or failure. A show of hands was done. 57 people voted in favor, 47 voted against the budget. Article 4 passed.

**Article 5** Shall the voters of the Bolton Town School District grant authority to the Bolton Town School Board to incur interest-free debt through the Green Mountain Power Evergreen Fund in an amount not to exceed \$23,456, to be financed over a period not to exceed five years, for the purpose of financing lighting efficiency upgrades?

Motion by Jerry Mullen and second by Ken Remsen.

**Mullen:** Will it save money?

**Pond:** We should see a profit after the five year period.

**Tom Haviland:** But it won't cost us anymore right now?

**Pond:** Yes, that's correct.

**Ron Lafreniere:** Is this the only time this would be available?

**Pond:** It's an interest free loan, so yes we need to do it now.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 5 passed.

**Article 6** To transact other business thought proper when met.

**Carol Devlin:** Can the board look into Australian balloting for future budgets? It would be fairer way to do this.

**Pond:** Yes, it can be changed.

**McIntyre:** Thanks to the board. It's a great school.

**Jim Bralich:** The budget should be on a ballot.

**Besse:** 45 voters may petition the school board or board can do it themselves

The school portion of the meeting ended at 8:00 pm and the town portion began at 8:15

**Article 1** To elect all eligible town officer and Article 2 by to approve a ¼¢ to the tax rate for conservation land will be voted by Australian ballot tomorrow.

**Article 3** To see if the voters will accept the town report.

Motion by Virginia Haviland and second by Jerry Mullen.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 3 passed.

**Article 4** To vote a budget of \$805,000 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to do the same.

Motion by Jerry Mullen, second by Ken Remsen.

**Ron Lafreniere:** As we wrote in the select board report and it's been 4 years since town employees got a raise and they got 2% for the upcoming year. We also put money back in for paving . We decreased that line several years ago to save money so we got it back to where it was. Not many lines that show a plus figure; if we added somewhere, we subtracted somewhere else. Salt and fuel and sand and gravel prices have gone up. We cut back as much as we could at this time figuring we're going to work as hard as we can to not go over at all. Last year Richmond Rescue was voted a large increase from the floor. A new administration for the squad came to our board with a request that was lower than what they actually got last year. We did not give them as much as they asked for but Richmond Rescue said they could live with it. As we move forward Richmond Rescue expenses will probably rise.

**Mark Andrews:** Can the Select Board address how Bolton invites businesses in. How do we attract business?

**David Parot:** As far as new business, without current restrictions and with flood areas, it does present a challenge. We encourage and invite people to enjoy our natural resources. We have lots of conserved land so we try to balance the conservation with the recreation aspect. We owe it to be frugal but still provide services. We'd love to see more business.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 4 passed.

**Article 5** To see if the town will vote to pay its real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments with due dates of September 15, 2013, November 15, 2013, February 15, 2014 and May 15, 2014.

Motion by Jerry Mullen and second by Ken Remsen.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 5 passed.

**Article 6** To see if the town will authorize interest charges on all delinquent taxes of real and personal property of one (1) percent per month. Interest accrues as soon as a payment is late.

Motion by Ken Remsen and second by Tom Haviland.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 5 passed

**Article 7** To authorize the Select Board to borrow money for the necessary needs of the town as they arise.

Motion by Duncan Galbraith and second by Ken Remsen.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 7 passed.

**Article 8** To establish expenses for the Select Board.

Motion of \$10 per person per meeting made by Mica Cassara and second by Virginia Haviland.

The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 8 passed.

**Article 9** To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift or purchase, land in collaboration with the Town's Conservation Commission, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forest practices or for open land for animal habitats, recreational purposes and to preserve important ecological areas.

Motion by Jerry Mullen and second by Lars Botzjorns.

**Lars Botzjorns:** Could the board explain the purchase of the David Fisher property?

**Lafreniere:** The Fisher property went through both the state and FEMA after it was destroyed by Irene. It passed all the criteria to be bought out by the town. Cara Labounty got all paperwork done through FEMA, however, Mr. Fisher was unable to live there. An appraisal was done and when it came back it was about

\$6,100 short of the town's assessed value. The board looked at what the conservation fund could be used for and with the town attorney's opinion, when all is said and done, it will be a conserved space, open land or a park, the board augmented the FEMA buy-out for Mr. Fisher with the \$6,100. With that respect, the board determined that would be appropriate use of the conservation fund, to give Mr. Fisher the whole value.

**Besse:** Where is the property located?

**Lafreniere:** On Route 2.

**Botzojorns:** The Conservation Commission wasn't consulted and should have been. If conservation money was used and is in flood plan it should only be used as conservation land.

**Bralich:** There's a dwelling on that property.

**Lafreniere:** Once we close on the property, it will be removed and cleaned.

**Bralisch:** Who pays to clean?

**Lafreniere:** FEMA.

**Bralich:** I object to this money being spent on this property and the Conservation Commission should have been consulted. They have the knowledge and before money was spent it should have been run through them. The Planning Commission has been asking for a park and ride for years to no avail.

**Parot:** One of our main concerns was to get it cleaned up. It's been abandoned since Irene and it'll be one of the first properties to get bought out. It will be green space when it's all cleaned up. We've also had issues with getting info from the Conservation Commission. This is one of our residents who we felt it was right to help when he needed it.

**Tonya Wheelock:** There are plenty of places that need to be cleaned up in town.

**Parot:** This property was completely flooded. Not because of the eyesore aspect.

**Amy Ludwin:** What requirements are there that the Conservation Commission be consulted? Can it be bought by the Land Trust.

**Lafreniere:** It cannot be developed at all.

**Besse:** The article already says the Conservation Commission should be consulted.

**Ludwin:** I don't know if we need another amendment, since it's in there but it wasn't done this time.

**Parot:** Are there any Conservation Commission members here?

**Mullen:** I would suggest the Select Board become the Conservation Commission or appoint a new commission.

**Pelch:** Select Board should invite the Conservation Commission to their meeting. What's the balance of the fund?

**Macleod:** I'm comfortable with the Select Board having the final say on what gets purchased. The Select Board is elected and the Conservation Commission is not. The Select Board asked for minutes and didn't get them, there's only so much the Select Board can do.

**Ryan Farrell:** Seems to me that when you vote 17% for the school \$6,100 isn't much. The Select Board did

what they were supposed to do.

**Juliet Jullerat:** How does the town let people know what's going on?

**Lafreniere:** We put a warning in the paper. We use the town newsletter.

**Bralich:** I don't question the Select Board I question the appropriateness of the property. What you did was fine, but the property is questionable.

**Parot:** The Select Board appoints the Conservation Commission members. They are looking for members. We attended many meeting this year that involved cc issues. It all takes time. We depend on the Conservation Commission to take minutes and have a voice. But they need to have a quorum. They now meet quarterly and they are on the webpage. We felt it was appropriate.

**Megan Fitzpatrick:** Maybe you need to pay people to go to meetings. If it's an important use of your time.

Mark Andrews asked to conclude the discussion, seconded by Ken Remsen. ALL comments on question closed. The question was called. ALL were in favor. Article 9 passed.

**Article 10 To transact any other business thought proper when met.**

**McIntyre:** Thanks to the Select Board also, they've had a lot to deal with; flooding, parking, Notch Road re-build.

**Mullen:** The practice of putting the Select Board minutes in Gazette is good idea.

**Pelch:** It would be good to see the minutes on Front Porch Forum as well.

**Andrews:** The Gazette is helpful but can the Select Board come back next year with a plan for more communications? Maybe we need some contributors to the Gazette, something more comprehensive.

**Ludwin:** We now have our own little libraries in town. There are lots of books here on the table so take a book home with you. It's take a book leave a book, using the honor system.

Jerry Mullen motioned to end the meeting seconded by Bernie Moore. The meeting ended at 9pm.

Attest:

Deborah La Rivière

## TOWN CLERK & TREASURER LETTER



*Amy Grover, Town Clerk*

As I sat down to write this letter for the Town Report, I realized that I had very little to share as technically this Town Report reflects the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 fiscal year, and I was appointed to this position on July 1, 2013! However, I do want to provide information on Town Meeting, current finances and the budget process for FY '14 – '15.

### **Town Meeting;**

Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014, 7 p.m. at Smilie School. Not breaking with tradition, the annual pot luck dinner will start at 5:45 p.m. prior to the meeting. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the opportunity to chat with our representatives Rebecca Ellis and Tom Stevens, members of Bolton's boards, and of course your friends and neighbors.

Articles 1 & 2 (election of officers and conservation  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent ) will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 04, 2014. All other town business (Articles 3 – 10) will be transacted during town meeting Monday evening.

With respect to the school, Articles 5 – 8 (election of school directors and the school budget) will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 04, 2014. All other school business (Articles 1 – 4) will be transacted during the school portion of town meeting Monday evening.

Please remember "your vote is your voice." I hope to see and meet many more of you at town meeting!

### **Finances:**

**Debt:** The town's debt service is 14.71% of the proposed municipal budget, accounting for \$125,000.

**Reserve Fund:** The reserve fund currently stands at \$112,349 with approximately 48% of the total held in reserve for Public Works, 25% in reserve for the BVFD, and the remaining 27% in reserve for General Accounts, including \$15,213 in the land conservation fund.

### **Budget:**

Obviously, this was my first time assisting the Select Board with drafting a budget, and you will notice that there are some very significant changes in budget line items for the proposed FY '14 – '15 budget. I want to note that careful review of each line item included a least a three year expenditure look back, as well as identification of any outliers that might have impacted that line item only once. While there were significant reductions in several line items, there were also increases in others. To the best of my and the Select Board's ability and knowledge, these increases accurately reflect anticipated expenditures for the '14 – '15 FY. Every effort was made to keep increases at the absolute minimum.

The last six months have been a real whirlwind for me, and included a steep learning curve, a curve that I am still on! I so appreciate the patience, understanding, help, and support that I have received from so many people over the last six months. To all of our town employees, town boards, our volunteers and residents, Smilie and CESU staff, our vendors and financial partners, thank you!! A special thank you to Carol Devlin for her willingness and ability to jump wholeheartedly into her new position for which there was little (any?)

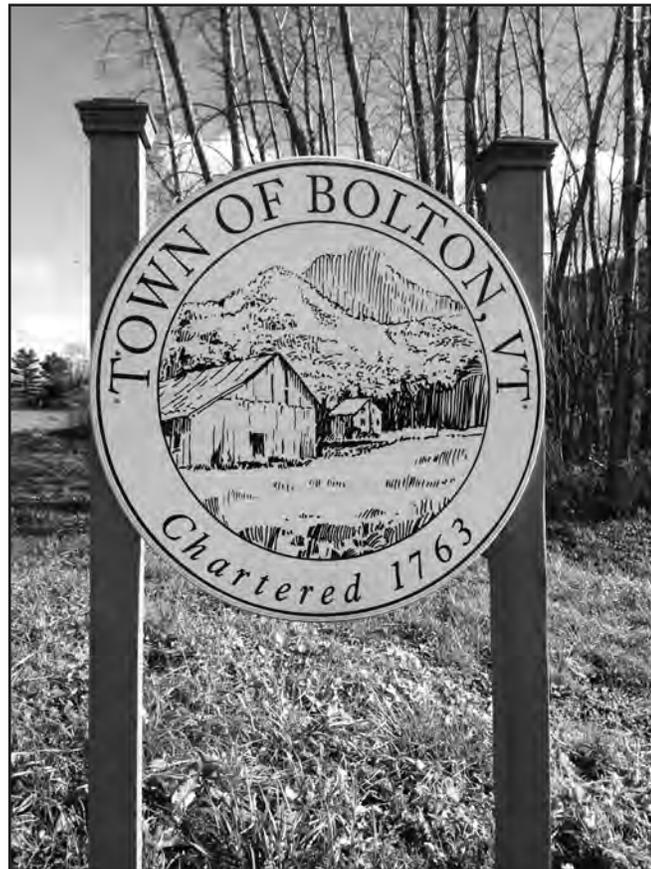
training, and to boldly and skillfully take on so many new projects and responsibilities.

I certainly recognize the enormous trust and responsibility that comes with this position, and am so appreciative of this opportunity to serve our town. Please remember that the town office is YOUR office – we are here to serve you, our community, and to always do our very best for you and our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Grover

Town Clerk & Treasurer



## 2013 SELECT BOARD REPORT



*Select Board Members Dan Champney, Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Rod Wheelock, and Ron Lafreniere, Chair*

Tina Atwood also left her position. I know we all miss them. We appointed longtime resident Amy Grover to the Town Clerk & Treasurer position and as the Town Clerk is responsible for the hiring of the assistant, she hired Carol Devlin to fill that position.

The town again had issues with heavy rains in June and July causing damage to some town roads. The roads were brought back into shape by the work of the road crew and local residents Bill Atwood and Gene Armstrong. We have received some state and federal funding for their repairs. Being a small town, the roads are one of the main focal points for us to deal with whether it be mud, snow or paving; we have added some extra funds for paving repair in our budget.

We continue to be a recreation destination for many in the state. Another piece of property was added to state lands in town as the Nordic area of Bolton Valley was sold and turned over to the State of Vermont. You will also see the Green Mountain Club's Winooski River bridge project accessing the Sara Holbrook parcel owned by the town for their Long Trail rerouting through Bolton.

The town budget is, as always, a tough job for us as we struggle to hold costs down for taxpayers and keep our obligations funded.

We would like to recognize Leslie Pelch for organizing the celebration of the town's 250th birthday.

The Select Board welcomes all new residents to town and encourages them to keep up on the town news and happenings.

Respectfully submitted,

The Bolton Select Board

Ronald Lafreniere Jr., Chair

Gene Armstrong

Dan Champney

Rod Wheelock

Josh Arneson

While we sit back and look at the past year and the issues and changes it has brought, we wonder where the year went.

The Select Board saw some changes as we said goodbye to David Parot and thanked him for all of his hard work while on the board, and welcomed Josh Arneson into his place.

The town also saw the retirement of our long time Town Clerk & Treasurer Deb Lariviere. Assistant Clerk

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

### Permits issued from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Number of Permits	Type of Permit	Construction Cost
2	Single Family Dwelling(2 Renewal)	
7	Residential Alterations & Additions	401,200
4	Residential Additions Porches & Decks	25,160
4	Accessory Structures Garages & Barns	49,040
8	Accessory Structures Sheds	32,820
1	Mobile Home Replacement	36,960
1	Recreational/Commercial	450,000
	Municipal	
	Boundary Line Adjustment	
	Signs	
	Denied	
1	Withdrawn	3,000
28	Total	\$ 998,180

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued 17

Certificates of Occupancy: none

Permit fees amounting to \$4,045.16 for FY '12 – '13, and \$2014.67 year to date FY '13 – '14 have been collected and deposited to the General Fund

Permits applied for under the Emergency Flood Hazard Area Regulations - Town of Bolton, Vermont: 3; 1 for repair, Program, 2 Referred to the DRB

Respectfully Submitted,

Miron C Malboeuf

Zoning Administrator



*Bolton Zoning Administrator Miron Malboeuf*

## HIGHWAY FOREMAN'S REPORT



*Eric Andrews - Highway Foreman*

During 2013, our normal summer maintenance of hauling gravel, ditching, roadside mowing, and culvert repair and replacement was interrupted by the rain storms in June and July which resulted in several severe road and embankment washouts, and culvert dislodging. Emergency and final repairs to Notch, Stage, Leary and Honey Hollow Roads accounted for over 320 hours of our labor throughout June, July, August and September. However, we were able to complete our summer maintenance by November. In addition, the dump truck bodies and plows were re-painted. Crusher run and sand were re-stockpiled for the year after completing the early summer washout repairs.

One FEMA project and one Agency of Transportation funded project were completed; the final repairs to damage to Duxbury Road from tropical storm *Irene*, which included replacing a 5' culvert, and repairs to the Bolton Valley Road, which stabilized two slope failures. Both of these projects have been fully closed out, and the town is waiting for final reimbursement.

A 0.6 mile length of Bolton Valley Road was repaved. The town did not receive a VT Paving Grant this year, so could not fund a longer stretch. The town is working with CCRPC/MPO to complete a pavement inventory at no cost to the town, and anticipate this will help to provide useful information on current conditions and areas of need.

A culvert inventory was completed by CCRPC/MPO and the town will be using this data to help monitor culvert conditions; damage, repairs and maintenance.

The town will continue to upgrade the 911 street signs as funds allow. The majority of the sign budget was used for "No Parking" signs for the Bolton Valley Road.

As always, please be advised that there is no parking on the travelled portion of any town road, and that cars will be towed if parked in this manner. There is also a statutory rule, which carries a \$1,500 fine, for plowing snow into and/or across any town road.

Please feel free to call me any time at the town garage (434-3930) if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Andrews

Bolton Highway Foreman



*Glenn (Corky) Armstrong - Highway Crew*

## WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic and school bus routes first. After these routes are open and cleared, roads which are the most problematic for the public (traffic volume, steepness and curves) are plowed, with plowing continuing until all roads are open and cleared.

The town will enforce **NO PARKING** at all times on the traveled portion of all highways within the town's right-of-way, and in any school bus turnarounds. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

The town of Bolton has two and a half (two full time and one part time) highway personnel to do winter maintenance on 22 miles of road. Each road crew member has a specific route to complete. These routes are only varied in an emergency situation. Bolton is different from other towns in that the road mileage is not concentrated in a small area. Driving time needed to get to a specific section of road affects the completion time of the job.

The town does not plow any private roads or Class 4 Highways.

The town crew usually starts their day between 3 and 4 am during a snow storm to have major traffic and bus routes open and cleared by 7 am.

After 16 hours on the job, it is required that operations are stopped to allow the road crew to have a minimum of 6 hours off.

Salt will be applied to most paved roads with a minimum of sand added as necessary. Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees.

Sand will be applied on all gravel roads.

In most cases, there will be no road maintenance between 10 pm and 3 am.

According to VSA 23, Section 1126, it is illegal to plow snow from a private road or drive onto or across a town highway.

This policy was adopted by the Bolton Select Board on November 25, 2002.

## TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT/TAX PAYMENT POLICY

**1. METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Currently dated checks should be made payable to: Town of Bolton (3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway, Bolton, Vt 05676). Payments mailed from foreign countries may either be paid by check or International Money Order but must be payable in US dollars and drawn on a US bank. Checks not meeting these requirements will be immediately returned to the sender, penalties will be attached if applicable. Checks returned by the bank, for any reason, will cause the payment to be cancelled, any receipt issued for that payment to be void, and penalties added where applicable. Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied.

**2. TAXES/SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:** The tax bill covers taxes and special assessments, if any, for the Town's operational year.

**3. INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS/DELINQUENT DATES:** Taxes are payable by multi-installments payments which are voted by the taxpayers at town meeting. Consult your tax bill for due dates for each year. Tax installment payments are due on the voted due dates. However, the Town will accept postmarks of the due date. Any unpaid taxes will be payable to the Delinquent Tax Collector together with an 8% penalty and 1% interest per month. If due dates fall on a weekend or holiday, delinquency is 3 PM on the next business day. The 1st installment is due within 30 days of the mailing of bills. Out of state/country owners, mortgage/escrow companies have the same 30 days. There are no extensions on due dates.

**4. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/STATEMENTS:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the lien date 12:01 A.M. the April 1st. prior to the operational year start date.

**5. PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY:** By law, tax bills are mailed to the April 1st. owner of record at the address on file with the Assessors' Office approximately 30 days before the first due date. **FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE THE TAXPAYER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY THE TAXES WHEN THEY BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE NOR DOES IT RELIEVE THE ADDITION OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.** The Assessors Office must be notified in writing of any address changes.

**6. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY:** If all or a part of the taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.

**7. MULTI-PAYMENTS:** Once taxes become delinquent, multi-payments arrangements may be made with the Delinquent Tax Collector with a signed, recorded agreement. Failure to keep the payment schedule agreed to will result in the property being placed on the Town of Bolton's tax sale list. No payment arrangements which do not pay the bill in full before the due date of the next year's tax bill will be accepted.

**8. PARTIAL PAYMENTS:** Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion, then to the penalty amount. The remainder will go toward the principal amount of the taxes due.

**9. NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS:** Mortgage and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first delinquent notice has been sent.

**10. ESCROW ACCOUNT:** The Town of Bolton does not mail tax bills to banks or mortgage companies for escrow accounts. The responsibility for forwarding tax bills lies with the property owner.

Adopted by the Bolton Board of Selectmen this 5th day of January, 1994.

Donald Carr, Board Member

Gerard A. Mullen, Chairman

M. Peter Siegel, Board Member

Richard P. Streeter, Board Member

Denis Turpin, Board Member

Received for record the 6th day of January, 1994.

Attest: Deborah LaRiviere/Town Clerk

please see original document for signatures



*Linde Emerson, Lister*



*Kermit Blaisdell, Assessor*



*Eagle Scout Casey Lavalley with his Eagle Scout project.  
Bolton's new Honor Roll Memorial*

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

Greetings from the Bolton Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission consists of five volunteers appointed by the Select Board. Current members are Linda Baker (chair), Jenifer Andrews, Steve Barner, Jim Bralich, and Rodney Pingree. The PC is primarily responsible for drafting and amending the Bolton Town Plan and bylaws (The Bolton Land Use and Development Regulations or BLUDRs). The PC also participates in the regional planning process and engages in comprehensive planning. The PC is strictly a planning body with no authority over development review projects. The PC does not issue permits nor review proposals for developments. These town functions fall under the jurisdiction of the Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator.



*Bolton Planning Commission Jim Bralich, Carol Devlin, Clerk, Linda Baker, Chair, via Skype, Rodney Pingree, Steve Barner, Jen Andrews*

The Planning Commission generally meets on the second Monday of the month (subject to change). As always, we encourage interested citizens to attend.

In 2013, the Planning Commission concentrated on preparing to update the Town Plan, the ECOS Science to Action project sponsored by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and monitoring activities in Bolton:

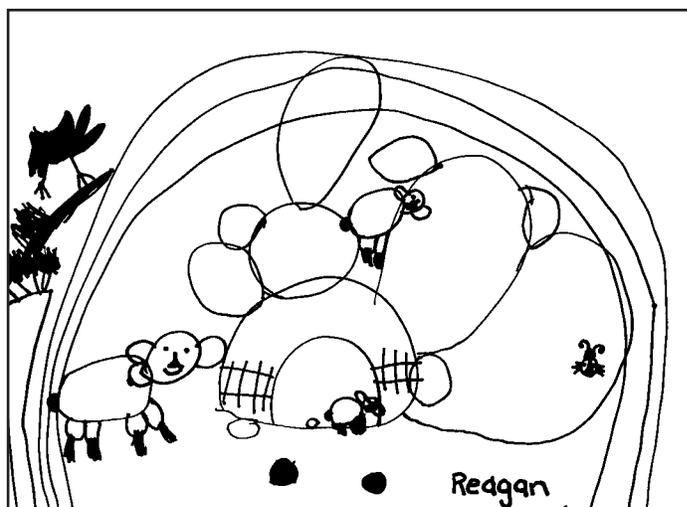
- Reviewed potential amendments to the Bolton Town Plan.
- Revisited the Flood Regulations with particular emphasis on the Route 2/Winooski River floodplain corridor.
- Provided input to the ECOS Science to Action project re: Natural Resources in Bolton.
- As part of the ECOS Science to Action project, the PC requested and received a technical assistance memo analyzing the town's regulations for potential amendments to sections referring to natural resources. The memo:
  - ◆ Reviews the conditional use standards and subdivision policies, especially with regard to wildlife resources, with recommendations and updates.
  - ◆ Reviews what the regulations do and do not cover.
  - ◆ Recommends language changes to clarify regulations.
- Heard updates on the Green Mountain Club's Winooski River Bridge project and provided a letter of support for the Green Mountain Club's restoration of the historic Bolton Lodge.
- Reviewed the Town Plan focusing on natural resources. They looked at current conditions, goals and policies and the Agency of Natural Resources internet resources for towns.
- Provided VTrans with input on the impact of potential work on the I89/Notch Rd. tunnel area. This project is in the early scoping phase. There are NO detailed plans yet.

- The PC continues to monitor applications at the local and state level by the 4x4 Center and Bolton Valley.
- The PC monitored VTel Wireless' proposal to install equipment on an existing tower on Ricker Mountain.
- The PC monitored the State of Vermont's plan for the historic Lafreniere homestead subdivision.
- The PC considered applying for a Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Work Plan for assistance with mapping as part of updating the Town Plan.

The Planning Commission is considering a proposal for increased funding. In the past 20 years town planning has become significantly more complicated. Given state statutes, state and federal regulations, and competing local needs, the expertise of a zoning consultant has become a necessity to developing an appropriate and effective town plan.

For more information, check out the Bolton website at [www.boltonvt.com](http://www.boltonvt.com) or call the Town Office at 802-434-3064 ext. 221.

Carol Devlin, Planning Commission Clerk



## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Bolton Development Review Board is a five-member board appointed by the Select Board to administer the town's zoning and subdivision regulations. The DRB is a "quasi-judicial" board – we hold public hearings, conduct site visits and issue decisions on local zoning appeals, variance requests, land subdivisions and development applications that may impact local resources, neighbors or the town.



*DRB David Punia, clerk, Charmaine Godin, Margot Pender, Jen Andrews, Sharon Murray, Chair*

The DRB meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the town office –agendas are posted at the office and on the town's website. Bolton residents are welcome and encouraged to attend! In 2013 the DRB held eleven meetings and warned public hearings, and issued the following decisions which are available for review at the town office:

Sykes, Vermont Life Safety| Conditional Use – Approved the construction of an addition to an approved 7-bay garage located on Route 2 within the flood hazard area, with conditions for wet-proofing and that it only be used for storage.

Automotive Services International (4x4 Off Road Driving School)|Conditional Use – Approved with conditions planned erosion prevention and sediment control measures for 4x4 Center activities and areas of development identified on the "South Parcel" (Lot 5) in the vicinity of the Timberline Base Lodge at Bolton Valley Resort.

Bolton Valley Resort, Vermont Land Trust| Minor Subdivision – Approved with conditions the subdivision of a 1,144± acre parcel land (Nordic Trails) for transfer to the Mount Mansfield State Forest, including conditions securing easements for the town for emergency access in the event of an Access Road washout, and for the Green Mountain Club to maintain the Bolton Lodge and Bryant Camp as historic structures, under an approved shelter management plan.

Lafreniere|Subdivision – approved with conditions the subdivision of a 2-acre parcel on the Duxbury Road for conveyance to the Green Mountain Club for construction of the Winooski River Bridge.

Green Mountain Club Winooski River Bridge| Conditional Use – Approved with conditions the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Winooski River, including conditions for bridge construction within the flood hazard area and stream buffers; proposed easements across town land, the rail right-of-way, and Route 2; a proposed parking area on Route 2; and pedestrian safety improvements at the I-89 underpass on the Notch Road.

Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation| Minor Subdivision – Denied the proposed subdivision, for public sale, of a portion of the Preston-Lafreniere Farmstead as listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as inconsistent with its historic character, based on findings that the subdivision as configured excluded associated farmland and did not include adequate provisions for the stabilization and subsequent use of historic structures on the property.

Devine|Minor Subdivision – Approved, with conditions, the creation of a 58± acre retained lot, with an existing single family dwelling and barn, and two 2-acre lots to be conveyed as residential lots, located on the corner of Stage and Notch Roads.

Bergeron|Minor Subdivision – Denied a proposed 3-lot subdivision due to the lack of an established access over Mountain View Drive (a private road) and VELCO right-of-way to serve the proposed subdivision.

Catamount/Bolton Land |Minor Subdivision – Approved with conditions, proposed boundary adjustments and trail easements on Lot 5 (South Parcel) for conveyance to Automotive Services International (4x4 Center), including conditions intended to secure previously approved 4x4 Center access and parking on the adjoining lot. On reconsideration, as requested by applicant, the DRB upheld its conditions of approval. The applicant has appealed to court.

Given the number of applications we've had over the past several years, it's been increasingly hard for the DRB, as a volunteer board, to manage our workload and meet our statutory deadlines for issuing decisions. We have asked the Select Board for additional staff support, as the budget allows, for someone to assist applicants in addressing the regulations, provide the board with technical reviews of applications in advance of hearings, and to help us draft written findings and decisions.

Current DRB members include Sharon Murray (Chair), Michael Rainville (Vice Chair), Margot Pender (Secretary), Charmaine Godin and Jen Andrews. Former member Michael Hauser serves as an alternate. We'd like to thank David Punia, our DRB Clerk, and Zoning Administer Miron Malboeuf for their support this year. We currently have openings for alternates – if you're interested in serving on the DRB, please contact Amy Grover at the Town Office.



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission updated its membership in March and is now served by seven active and committed individuals: Lexi Haselton, Larissa Urban, Kathy Costello, Amy Ludwin, Ken Remsen, Steve McLeod and Lars Botzjorns. We meet on the third Monday of every other month at the Town Office.

The role of the Conservation Commission is to promote stewardship of natural and cultural resources in our town and to advise the Select Board, Planning Commission, and Development Review Board (DRB) on matters relating to the environment. While the current membership of the Commission consists of diverse backgrounds and some expertise in the fields of ecology and natural resources, we draw on professionals in the public and private realms to assist our efforts.



*Kathy Costello, Larissa Urban, Lars Botzjorns, Ken Remsen, Steve McLeod; missing Amy Ludwin, Lexi Haselton.*

The Commission has been active in a number of areas, including monitoring the planning process for the newly acquired Bolton Nordic block of the Mount Mansfield State Forest, the private 4X4 Off-Road Driver Training Center Master Plan review, and the Green Mountain Club's development of a foot bridge across the Winooski River and major relocation of the Long Trail. The Commission is discussing the role of forest management in promoting the needs of wildlife in Bolton. Our areas of major focus during the past year are below.

The Science to Action Project, funded by an ECOS grant through the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, has completed an inventory of wildlife habitat and corridors, wetlands, uplands, natural communities and working lands in Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, and Richmond. Arrowwood Environmental, based in Huntington, conducted the inventory and is preparing a comprehensive natural resource inventory map for each town, which will be presented to Bolton residents in January, 2014. The inventory will be the foundation for bylaw amendments; will help Bolton focus land conservation and management efforts, help DRBs screen development proposals, and document current conditions so that changes over time can be assessed. Representatives of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Vermont Natural Resources Council are assisting Bolton's boards and commissions with model bylaws and non-regulatory tools tailored to Bolton's needs to protect, restore and enhance important places and advance the goals specified in our town plan. The Conservation Commission plans to use the data to make property owners and other citizens more aware of significant and unique natural resources in Bolton.

The Preston Pond Conservation Area, a 400 acre parcel of town land in West Bolton (that is covered by a conservation easement held by the Vermont Land Trust), continues to see a manageable level of diverse uses by the public. A subcommittee of the Commission has developed a draft ten-year management plan and is working with County Forester Keith Thompson on an accompanying Wildlife Habitat and Forest Management Plan. Goals of the new plan would include maintaining the current 4+ mile trail system for pedestrian uses (beyond the VAST trail, where snowmobiling is allowed in the winter), and diversifying the forest structure through small-scale logging operations on portions of the property over the next ten years to

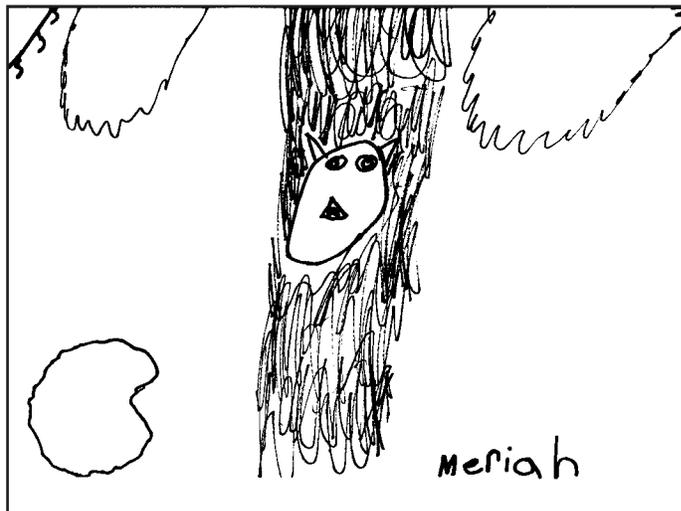
improve habitat for certain species, while maintaining the wild and primitive nature of the parcel as a whole. The Select Board will have final approval of the management plan, which should occur in 2014. Peregrine falcons continue to nest in Bolton Notch and beavers are actively changing the landscape throughout the parcel. The Commission was pleased to bring on volunteer land steward Quinn Keating of West Bolton to lead efforts to manage the trails and monitor use of the area. He and other volunteers are keeping trails marked, well-drained and stable while building and repairing signs and bridges. We encourage Bolton residents to enjoy this picturesque and easily accessible resource. Trailhead parking is located in Bolton Notch and on Stage Road – please be sure to park off the official travel way of Notch and Stage Roads.

The Commission has explored options for short- and long-term management of the Bolton Potholes, a popular swimming hole at the base of the Access Road and behind the Smilie School, in concert with the Bolton School Board, which owns one-half of the Potholes, and the Select Board. We met with the Vermont Rivers Conservancy, which has an interest in preserving swimming holes state-wide. We will continue to informally monitor the site in 2014 and appreciate the efforts of local folks to help keep the area clean and spread the message of stewardship to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Lars Botzjorns, Chair

November 27, 2013



## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2013, the Fire Department responded to 81 calls. These calls included structure fires, chimney fires, brush fires, forest fires, car fires, hazardous materials calls, power line obstruction calls, car accidents, fire and carbon monoxide alarms, Richmond Rescue assists and responds for mutual aid.

After reviewing the heat and electrical usage in the past full heating season since the station remodel, we have noted a \$5000.00 savings on heat and a \$500.00 savings on electricity.

This year we also installed two dry hydrants to allow access to better water sources. One is located in the lower pothole behind the school and the other is located in the snowmaking pond at Timberline. They were partially funded by grants.

The department has 16 firefighters who spend 150 hours training each year and many hours responding to emergency calls. We are always looking for new members. There are many different jobs we do as firefighters. If you are interested in joining, please stop by and see us on Tuesday nights at the station.

Thank you to everyone who supports the fire department and its members. Thank you also to the members who volunteer their time for training and responding to emergencies. The department meets at the fire station every Tuesday night.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gervia

Fire Chief



## LETTER FROM THE FIRE WARDEN

For burning permits, please contact me directly on my cell phone at 399-1412. Messages left at the fire station may not be checked or returned in time. A separate permit is needed for each burn. Any burning without a permit is subject to being put out by the fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gervia

Fire Warden

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### REP. REBECCA ELLIS AND REP. TOM STEVENS

We are honored to serve as your state representatives in the Vermont Legislature. We always enjoy hearing from you and would like to take this opportunity to provide updates on topics that generated the most interest based on your emails, phone calls and in-person conversations.

#### Annual Budget Process

For the seventh year in a row, the Legislature began in January 2013 with a projected gap in 2014 between estimated revenues and expenditures. Each year, the Legislature has struggled to find the right balance between maintaining necessary services while making investments for the future. Unlike the federal government, Vermont does not run a deficit budget. As in previous years, the Legislature balanced the state budget and made difficult choices.

Human services and health care spending is roughly 40%, or \$2 billion per year, of the \$5 billion statewide budget. This includes Medicaid, Long Term Care, VHAP (Vermont Health Assistance Program), Catamount Health, 3Squares, Reach Up, and General Assistance. This year's budget invests \$18 million state dollars in Medicaid expansion to leverage \$68 million in federal dollars, helping to transition Vermonters who are on state sponsored VHAP and Catamount as well as uninsured or underinsured Vermonters to the new Vermont Health Connect. The final budget addressed the Medicaid cost shift by increasing the long overdue provider reimbursement by 3%. This will affect not only hospitals and doctors but also our direct care workers who serve the developmental services and choices for care populations.

Childcare is another important part of the human services budget. The Legislature invested an additional \$4.5 million in childcare in 2014, expanding both who qualifies for childcare subsidies and raising the subsidy by 3%, a benefit to childcare providers.

For the first time, the State appropriated dollars for LIHEAP in the base budget; recognizing that what was for many, many years a federal responsibility must now be partially paid for by the state in order to keep Vermonters safe and warm.

Education spending is 34%, or roughly \$1.7 billion, of the \$5 billion statewide budget. Each year, the Legislature examines closely both the quality and quantity of education spending, making sure Vermont provides the best education possible for all students while ensuring both local control and affordability. In 2013, the Legislature improved access to free lunches for children in need; expanded access for high school juniors and seniors to take college courses; added \$1.5 million in scholarships to Vermont colleges; and provided \$8.4 million in education property tax relief.

Transportation spending is 12%, or approximately \$600 million, of the statewide budget. In fiscal year 2014, the State of Vermont will leverage \$260 million in state transportation funds in order to obtain \$370 million in federal transportation money, for total combined spending on the maintenance and construction of Vermont highways and bridges of \$630 million. A new tax on gasoline and diesel fuel will allow the state to maximize federal matching funds that would otherwise be left on the table. A driver using 40 gallons per month would pay an additional \$2.36/month in taxes used to fund transportation infrastructure.

The Legislature appropriated funds to address Jobs & Economic Development in Vermont. We've taken steps to both build jobs and get people back to work. By continuing and increasing our investment in working lands, using further investment from the federal government to rebuild from Irene and supporting employers hit by that storm, we are building industries and jobs of which Vermont can be proud.

## **Decriminalization of Small Amounts of Marijuana**

Beginning July 1, 2013, possession of 1 oz. or less of marijuana or 5 grams or less of hashish (less than 1/5 oz.) will now result in a civil penalty rather than a criminal charge for anyone 21 and older. Criminal convictions carry a heavy burden: they become part of a person's permanent history; can prevent access to federal student loans, public benefits, certain professions and many jobs. They can inadvertently perpetuate poverty and even lead to greater recidivism. A civil penalty avoids these long-term consequences. Now, a first offense will result in a fine of up to \$200; a second offense up to \$300 and a third and subsequent offense up to \$500. For persons under 21, there is a mandatory referral to the Diversion Board for screening, and if necessary, referral to treatment.

## **End of Life Choices**

We each think about life and death differently, but most of us hope for a relatively painless, peaceful death. Along with hospice and palliative care, physician-provided lethal medication is an important part of people's end-of-life choices. Beginning last summer, patients with a terminal illness and less than six months to live may request medication in order to hasten death. Based on the 15 year old Oregon model, many safeguards are built into the legislation: patients have to be evaluated and diagnosed by 2 physicians; they have to be capable of understanding and making decisions for themselves; and they have to make their request 2 times orally and 1 time in writing, witnessed by 2 people who are not related to the patient. By 2016, Vermonters will have had three years of experience with this bill and will be able to assess whether best practices are in place. At that time, the bill moves to a more streamlined program where the doctor-patient relationship is private and protected.

## **Genetically Engineered "Right to Know" Food Labeling**

According to a UVM poll, more than 90% of Vermonters are in favor of labeling foods produced using genetic engineering, and they want this labeling for health, religious, moral, economic opportunity and environmental, reasons. On a strong vote, the Vermont House voted for this right. The Vermont House is the first legislative body in the nation to pass a bill requiring the labeling of foods produced with genetic engineering.

If the bill becomes law, the State faces potential litigation from the biotech industry on 3 legal issues: federal pre-emption; first amendment rights; and the dormant commerce clause. The bill was carefully crafted to address possible litigation on each of these issues. According to expert testimony, the bill as written is legally defensible and has a reasonable possibility of prevailing in court. Should the bill pass the Senate and be signed by the Governor next year, it would go into effect 18 months later as long as two other states passed similar legislation or in two years. At that time, Vermont would join 64 countries that already have such labeling requirements in place.

The bill now awaits action in the Vermont Senate.

## **Pre-K Education**

Only 38% of eligible 3 or 4 year-olds in Vermont are currently enrolled in a high-quality pre-kindergarten program. Children who aren't able to access high quality early education – for whatever reason – are more likely to challenge the resources of our public school system throughout their k-12 experience. Investing in meaningful early education programs is a proven way to save money and help children begin their educational journey with a strong start.

The House passed a comprehensive prekindergarten education bill that expands access, clarifies oversight, and strengthens quality standards throughout the state. With 71% of Vermont's children under six living in homes where all adults are in the workforce, we know that working families face difficult challenges that impact their children's access early educational opportunities.

Under the proposed law, parents may - but are not required - to enroll their 3 or 4 year-old child in a high-quality prekindergarten program. The bill requires the 16% of Vermont towns who do not currently pay for any of their eligible children to attend a qualified program to fund at least 10 hours of prequalified prekindergarten instruction. Parents would also be able to apply a 10-hour tuition payment for pre-K to any school district, so that small children can attend preschool in the same town where their parents are employed. The bill gives school boards the authority to limit its tuition payments to prequalified providers within the district's specific prekindergarten region. This bill awaits action in the Vermont Senate.

During the second half of the 2013-2014 biennium, we will continue to advocate actively on your behalf on these and other issues. Please feel free to contact us at any time with your concerns.

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## PREPARED FOR THE TOWN OF BOLTON 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Richmond Rescue is the primary ambulance service for the Town of Bolton. We work hard to ensure a rapid 911 response to Bolton by keeping duty crews in-station 24/7/365.

During the calendar year 2013, we responded to 98 emergency calls in Bolton, of which 13 were to Interstate-89 and 40 to the Bolton Valley Ski Area. Our membership stands at 46 volunteers, and we employ three full-time professional Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) who ensure smooth operations, training, and a high level of care throughout the week. All members are trained in pre-hospital emergency care according to the standards of the Vermont Department of Health and the National Registry of EMTs. Five members are residents of Bolton, and they can provide a rapid First Response from home. The volunteers donated more than 25,000 cumulative hours to in-station duty over the course of the year, and the last time Rescue was out-of-service due to a crew shortfall was in July 2011. These accomplishments are testament to our volunteers' commitment to the community's wellbeing.



The percentage of members advancing to a higher level of qualification by attending classes or achieving re-certification remains high. The entire squad complies with the newly released Vermont State Protocols, which enable EMTs and Advanced-EMTs to deliver state-of-the-art pre-hospital care that has additional life-saving potential.

All crews train on every shift to stay prepared, and the squad meets once a month for lecture and hands-on instruction. CPR training has been enhanced with practice on our recently acquired computer-assisted manikin, which provides life-like simulation experience and immediate feedback.

In addition to 911-ambulance service, Richmond Rescue sponsors local CPR classes, child car seat inspections by a nationally certified technician, and has distributed hundreds of bicycle helmets to children.

We maintain two ambulances to allow for second-call responses and to stay in service when one is out for maintenance. We anticipate replacement of our 2004 ambulance in the next calendar year. The ability to do so without significantly increasing our budget request demonstrates our commitment to fiscal responsibility and our desire to continue serving Bolton into the future.

Please stop by the station for a visit. For more information, or to inquire about joining our membership, call 434-2394, or e-mail us at [director@richmondrescue.org](mailto:director@richmondrescue.org). Richmond Rescue will only be better with you in it.

Respectively submitted,

KC Bolton

Bolton Notch Road

EMT and member of the Board of Directors, Richmond Rescue Inc.

## BOLTON'S OWN LITTLE LIBRARY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT



Bolton's Own Little Libraries' (BOLL) Group is a collection of people committed to stocking and caretaking small, self-service libraries in neighborhoods throughout Bolton. The idea for the BOLLs project came from Steve Madden, the Camel's Hump Middle School Librarian, when the beloved Book Bus stopped bringing books to Bolton kids in the summer and he found out about an international project called Little Free Libraries. Subsequently, two years ago the five current BOLLs were lovingly crafted by dozens of volunteers. Each library houses about four dozen books and operates under the "Take a Book, Leave a Book" policy. BOLLs are open 24 hour/day and have a wide array of books for all ages. The last wave of books purchased were all of last year's Red Clover Book Award winners, but the well-stocked selection is always changing.

How do you find them? BOLLs are the brightly painted little boxes that are located at Fernwood Manor, the bottom of Bolton Access Road, Black Bear Inn, half way down Notch Road, and on Stage Road across from the Condos. Leslie Pelch has generously created a map of all the locations, and a link to the map is on the town website as well as on the BOLLs Facebook page. Map images are also printed and posted at the libraries, Smilie School, and at the town office so that anyone can see where the five BOLLs are located.

The BOLLs would not exist and thrive without a dedicated group of volunteers, including, but not limited to, our five splendid caretakers who look after the BOLLs. Thank you!! We are always looking for volunteers to help rotate the books once a month between the libraries and the overflow of books stored at the Jonesville Post Office. Moreover, are you interested in being a host to a new little library, having a poetry reading, or book swap at your super-local BOLL? Please be in touch if you would like to help out or are interested in being added to the e-mail list to stay informed about the BOLLs. You can e-mail Amy Ludwin at [amy@mymountain.com](mailto:amy@mymountain.com) or call Jen Dudley-Gaillard at 434-4377.

Submitted by Emmy Woods, Amy Ludwin, and Jen Dudley-Gaillard on behalf of The Bolton's Own Little Library Group

### Testimonials:

*"Inspired by an article in the FPF a week or so ago, I visited the little library at the Black Bear Inn. There, amongst a lot of nice children's books, I found Joan Didion's **The Year of Magical Thinking**, an account of her first year of widowhood after her husband died suddenly. It's a book of magical writing, clear and searing, as she struggles to accept the truth that her husband has died. Not fun reading, but so honest, and rings so true for anyone who's lost someone very close. In place of Didion's book, I left Jeannette Walls **Half-Broke Horses**, a novel based on the life of her amazing grandmother. If you enjoyed reading Jeannette Wall's **Glass Castle**, her affectionate, funny memoir of her irresponsible parents, you'll enjoy reading this book, too. And I will soon return **The Year of Magical Thinking** for anyone who wants to read it." - Jenny Hermenze*

*"I love the little library! There's always something great. There are fun books there and, there's always new ones coming." -Rosa Ricketson*

## OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP

Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) celebrated five years of providing local children with four weeks of summer enrichment camp. OCCC's mission is to address issues surrounding food insecurity and the accompanying achievement gap that are exacerbated in the long summer vacation. OCCC offers creative activities in a caring environment.

OCCC expanded in 2013. In addition to the 68 children enrolled in the k-6 camp, directed by Liz Russell, OCCC offered a new program for 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders called the OCCC Leadership Adventure Camp. Twenty-two campers participated in up to four weeks of exploration, team building, science, and a cooking competition, led by director Jennifer Hand. Additionally, OCCC partnered with CHMS Art teacher Maryann Horton to offer her famous summer arts camp, available on a tuition basis. Thirty-six families took advantage of the arts camp and sent their children for one or more weeks of creative fun.

OCCC offers summer employment to many local teens and college students. OCCC also has an internship program for students aged 14 – 16. Twenty students took advantage of this job training opportunity to work with children or in the kitchen.

OCCC partners with many organizations and businesses to offer a wide range of activities and high quality, tasty meals from local sources. VYCC interns taught the Learning Kitchen, where youths learn the basics of cooking and get to bring home the ingredients for a family meal. CHMS makes space available for the camp and allowed use of the climbing wall for two weeks. Mike Comeau of the Richmond Market searched for deals and local sources of food and delivered everything with a smile. The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) visited for the 5<sup>th</sup> year and gave two new books to every camper and CESU student. These are just a few of the partnerships that help make OCCC special.

OCCC is able to present a high quality summer experience, with arts, crafts, gardening, cooking, music and games due to the generosity of local individuals, organizations and businesses. Local foundations such as Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Ben & Jerry's, Northfield Savings Bank, Richard and Deborah Tarrant Foundation and MMU SHAPE Club also supported the camp financially. The USDA reimburses OCCC for meals served. Breezy Hill Marketing of Jericho constructed and donated a website at [www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org](http://www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org). OCCC is a member of Western Slopes Business Association (WSBA) and benefits from mentoring opportunities.

OCCC is grateful to the Town of Richmond for providing storage space for all of the wonderful arts, crafts and sports materials donated by residents each year.

Please like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/OCCCVT](http://www.facebook.com/OCCCVT). You can donate online on our Facebook page or website. Or mail donations to OCCC, P.O. Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477. All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact us at [occc@gmavt.net](mailto:occc@gmavt.net) or call at 434-6006 if you would like any information about the camp or would like to volunteer or partner with the camp.

OCCC Board of Directors

Marie Thomas, Linda Parent, Mary O'Neil, Karen Clark, Mike Dooling and Mark Carbone.

## 2013 – Vermont Department of Health Town Report

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

For example, in 2013 the Health Department:

**Supported healthy communities:** Connecting Youth was awarded \$100,000 to address tobacco, healthy community design, healthy retailers, and substance abuse prevention in the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, including the towns of Hinesburg, Williston, Charlotte, St. George, and Shelburne; Milton Community Youth Coalition was awarded \$70,000 to address tobacco, healthy community design, and healthy retailers; Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community was awarded \$130,000 to address tobacco, healthy community design, healthy retailers, and substance abuse prevention; Essex CHIPS was awarded \$40,000 for tobacco prevention in Essex, Essex Junction, and Westford; and Winooski Partnership for a Safe and Peaceable Community was awarded \$30,000 for tobacco prevention.

Published a new resource guide for communities: *Healthy Community Design – Active Living & Healthy Eating*.

**Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Chittenden County, 3883 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** During the statewide outbreak of whooping cough in 2012 (645 cases total), we alerted health care providers and the public, promoted Tdap vaccine, and vaccinated 3,269 people on Dec. 19 at free district office vaccine clinics – 685 were vaccinated at the Burlington district office.

Worked with the Agency of Agriculture to trap and test mosquitoes for West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in parts of Addison, Rutland and

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
July 2012 - June 2013

**ADMINISTRATION:**

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 18 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICERS include: Chair Paul Stabler of South Burlington; Vice Chair Bert Lindholm of Jericho, and Secretary/Treasurer Michelle DaVia of Westford. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS include Paul Stabler, of South Burlington, Michelle Davia of Westford, Alan Nye of Essex, Bert Lindholm of Jericho, and Steve Goodkind of Burlington. CSWD GENERAL MANAGER is Thomas Moreau.

**FINANCES:**

The unaudited FY13 General Fund expenditures were \$8.37 million and the revenues were \$8.40 million. This represents a \$74,000 increase in expenditures (0.9%) and a \$1.17 million (12.2%) decrease in revenues from the FY12 General Fund operating results. The increase in expenditures is primarily associated with (1) higher processing costs at the Materials Recovery Facility (\$140,000) contractually tied to higher tipping fee rates in effect for most of FY13, and (2) costs related to the effects of persistent herbicides in Green Mountain Compost (GMC) products. These higher costs were partially offset by expense reductions in several programs, most notably the Biosolids Program and operating costs of GMC. The decrease in revenues compared to the prior year is primarily because (1) sales of recyclables at the MRF produced \$800,000 less during FY13 due to decreased market prices for these materials; (2) sales of materials at GMC were suspended during FY13 while inventories of new product were rebuilt; and (3) Solid Waste Management Fee revenue was down \$200,000, as quantities of materials sent to the landfill and subject to the fee decreased by approximately 9,000 tons.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:**

In FY13, CSWD's major initiatives were: 1) to treat our customers that had purchased herbicide-impacted compost fairly and promptly, determine the agent and the source that caused the impact with compost, and establish both chemical and biological testing protocols to avoid future problems; 2) to finish the report that weighs the advantages and disadvantages of municipal contracts for trash collection in Chittenden County and hold public information meetings with most of our member communities; 3) to assist in the passage of a paint product stewardship bill by the Vermont Legislature that will facilitate the recycling of unused paint throughout the state; 4) to begin recycling programs for sheetrock and plastic film, 5) to begin work on a consultant study evaluating residential curbside collection of organics in terms of economic and environmental impacts for various scenarios; 6) to issue a bid proposal for an equipment upgrade at our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and to begin negotiations on the operations contract (despite much lower market values for recycled commodities, we were able to keep from charging a tip fee at our MRF); and 7) due to a significant decrease in trash volumes subject to our solid waste management fee and to the unexpected expenses in our compost program, CSWD chose to raise the solid waste management fee after 4 years instead of the desired 5 years effective in FY14.

**ONGOING OPERATIONS:**

DROP-OFF CENTERS located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop-Off Centers collected 3,128 tons of recyclables, a decrease of 3.3% from FY12, and 6,319 tons of household trash during FY13, a 4% decrease from FY12.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston is owned by CSWD and privately operated by Casella Waste Management. In FY13, 39,895 tons of recyclables were collected, sorted, baled, and shipped to markets. This represents a 1.23% decrease from the previous year. The average sale price for materials was \$95.62 per ton, which is a 24.43% decrease over last year's average.

The ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT and the ROVER are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FY13, 9,290 households and 733 businesses brought in 631,621 pounds of waste that were collected and processed at these facilities. This included 73,610 pounds (7,361 gallons) of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color", 8,927 pounds of leftover products given away through the "Hazbin"

## **CHITTENDEN UNIT FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (CUSI)**

The Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) is a multi-agency task force dedicated to providing criminal response to reports of sexual assaults, serious child abuse and child fatalities. For over 20 years, the primary focus has been to protect and support all children, adults and families. CUSI defined what is now known as a true multi-disciplinary team (MDT) method to investigating crimes of this nature. The multidisciplinary team is the heart of CUSI and is composed of eight police detectives, a unit director, victim advocate, in-house investigator with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and a dedicated prosecutor from the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office. We work jointly with mental health providers, medical providers and Department of Corrections. In addition CUSI houses and supports the Chittenden County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC).

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), working in tandem with CUSI is a 501c3 nonprofit entity offering a range of services to children and families affected by these crimes. The primary goal of The Children's Advocacy Center is to ensure that children are not further traumatized by the interventions system designed to protect them. This program has many benefits, with an approach that allows for faster follow-up to child abuse reports, more efficient medical and mental health referrals, fewer child interviews, more successful prosecutions, and consistent support for child victims and their families.

CUSI and the CAC investigate these crimes in Chittenden County which consists of a population of approximately 158,000. On the average CUSI investigates 250 cases a year, nearly 65% of those cases involve child victims. In recent years we have noticed an increase in the complexity of cases given the large increase in computer usage and other devices.

The types of cases include: sexual assaults, lewd and lascivious conduct, serious child abuse, child deaths, sex offender registry violations and child pornography

CUSI works closely with the statewide Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), Hopeworks, and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program at the medical center, including the Childsafe Clinic. We continue to work with other collaborative partners throughout the county and our state as well.

In addition, CUSI provides trainings and other resources to area departments. Ongoing efforts include prevention education and outreach to citizens of Chittenden County.

Statistics: From the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Accepted: 76 Adult cases

Accepted: 154 Juvenile cases



**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION  
OF CHITTENDEN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES**

January 19, 2014

Ronald LaFreniere, Jr., Selectboard Chair  
Town of Bolton  
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway  
Bolton, Vermont, 05676

Dear Mr. LaFreniere:

Thank you for your past support of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (VNA). Each year, your contribution enables our agency to help people in your community who could not pay full fee for the home care services they need. Your financial support makes this care possible.

In just the past year, the VNA gave over 231,500 hours of care for almost 5,000 children, families, adults, seniors, and people at the end of their lives. The demand for our care continues to grow as does the cost of providing this care.

Attached you will find a report on VNA services provided in Bolton during fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). The report lists:

- VNA services provided in your town and the cost of providing this care.
- Our **Request for Funding for FY2015**. We have asked for only a 3% increase over the funding allocated this current fiscal year.
- An information sheet explaining the myriad services and programs available to your residents.
- You may also view the VNA 2012 Report to Our Community online at: <http://www.vnaces.org/news-events/publications>. Please feel free to use any of this information in your Town's Annual Report.

**We would be pleased to meet with your budget committee to discuss our services and our request for continued funding. Please call (802) 860-4430 to arrange.**

The VNA is committed to providing high-quality, cost-effective services to the residents of Bolton. Thank you for considering this request and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Peterson".

Judy Peterson, RN  
President and CEO  
Enclosures

cc: Bolton Town Clerk via email



## Town of BOLTON VNA Request for Funding FY 2015

### Care Report for FY13:

The VNA cared for 9 people in BOLTON during our past fiscal year (July 2012– June 2013) with the following services:

VNA PROGRAM OR SERVICE	VISITS
Nursing	38
Physical Therapy	47
Occupational Therapy	32
Social Work, Social Service	41
Speech Therapy	
Family Educator	
Licensed Nursing Assistant	
Homemaker	
Waiver Attendant	
Personal Care Attendant	
Continuous Care	
Hospice and Palliative Care	
<b>Total</b>	<b>158 Visits</b>

### FY15 Request for Funding:

COST OF PROVIDING CARE	AMOUNT
Total cost of VNA services in BOLTON	\$31,488
Amount reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, contracts and patient fees	\$30,263
<b>Remaining care expense</b>	<b>\$1,225</b>

The VNA receives annual allocations from 22 cities and towns in our two-county region. Each allocation is critical to supporting the **\$1.8 million** of non-reimbursable services we provide. The Town of BOLTON pledged \$758 for FY2014. Thank you.

**For fiscal year 2015, the VNA is requesting an allocation of \$781 which translates to a 3% increase over the current fiscal year’s allocation.**

Contact the VNA at:  
802 658-1900  
[www.vnacares.org](http://www.vnacares.org)  
[info@vnacares.org](mailto:info@vnacares.org)



## VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CHITTENDEN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES

### VNA Services in your Community

The Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (VNA) is a 107-year-old nonprofit home health agency delivering services to people across the life span – from critically ill children to vulnerable young families to adults who need rehabilitation, long-term care, adult day services or end-of-life care.

In the past, many towns hired Town Nurses, who were responsible for providing care to residents. The VNA now has that role, caring for children, adults, seniors, and families, helping keep people where they most want to be – at home. The VNA provides medically necessary home and community-based care to individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay.

Our founders established a directive, “to serve all who turn to the VNA in their time of need,” which still guides our work today. Our agency has continued through medical challenges of cancer, heart and lung disease, diabetes, and the social challenges of dying, old age and frailty, and poverty and malnutrition.

In just the past year, **the VNA provided \$1.8 million in charitable care to our neighbors in need**; charitable care is health care provided for free or at reduced prices.

The VNA offers the following programs and services:

- In-home nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Family and Children’s Services
- Prenatal, postpartum, and newborn care
- Hospice and Vermont Respite House
- Long-term in-home care
- Private Caregiver Services
- Flu clinics and blood & cholesterol checks
- Adult Day Program



*Photo by Daria Bishop*

Contact the VNA: 802.658.1900    [www.vnacares.org](http://www.vnacares.org)    [info@vnacares.org](mailto:info@vnacares.org)

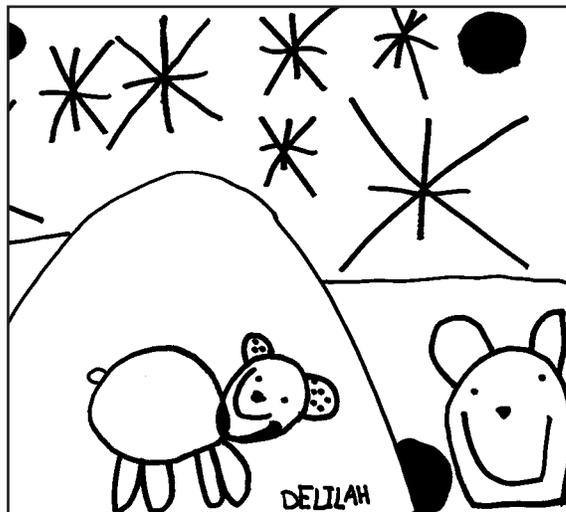
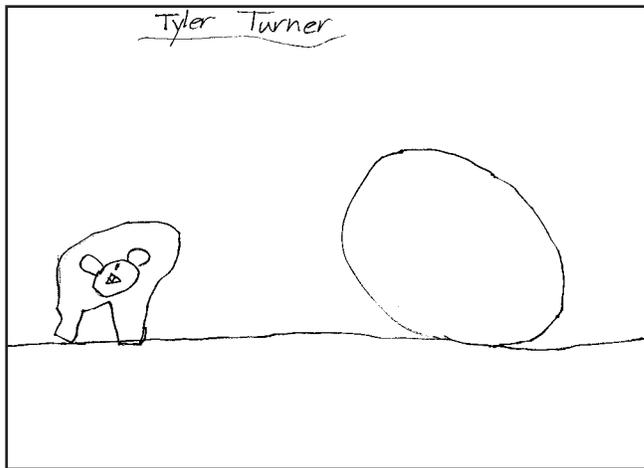


## VITAL RECORDS

Between January 01, 2013 and December 31, 2013 the town of Bolton recorded fourteen births. Of these fourteen, nine were males and five were females.

In the same period, twenty-seven Civil Marriages were performed.

Four deaths were recorded during the 2013 calendar year.



## **SCHOOL SECTION**

**Bolton School Board & Principal's Report**

**Auditor's Report available at [www.cesu.k12.vt.us/schoolboarditems/budgets](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us/schoolboarditems/budgets)**

**Budget Summary and Comparison**

**Bolton School District Budget Report**

**FY 2015 Tax Summary Estimate**

**Three Prior Years Comparisons**

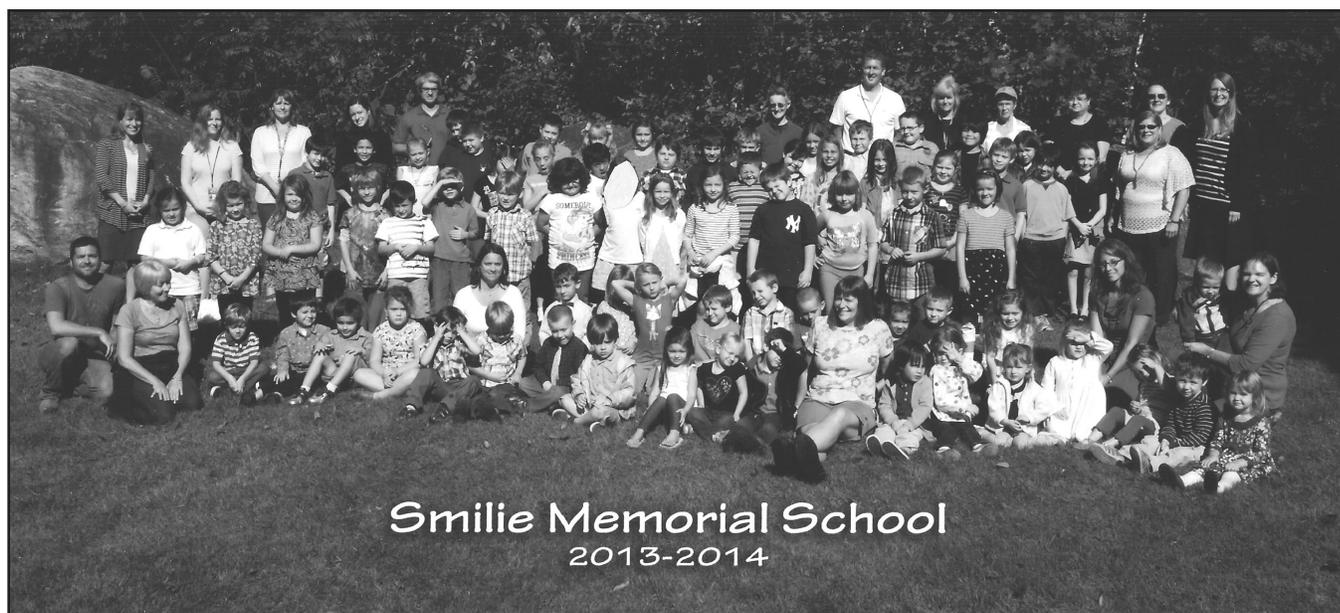
**Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness**

**Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 Report**

**Chittenden East Supervisory Union Proposed FY 2015 Budget**

**Report of MMU School District Administrators**

**MMU Proposed 2014-15 Budget**



## BOLTON SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

Smilie continues to be a wonderful small school, providing a welcoming environment for learning. The impacts of the statewide school property tax formula overshadow our responsible spending again this year. The proposed Bolton School District budget for pre-kindergarten through grade 4 expenditures for the 2014-2015 school year of \$1,389,365 reflects a decrease of \$3,094 (-0.22%) compared to our 2013-2014 budget of \$1,392,459. Last year, the Board reduced spending to an uncomfortable level during the budget reconsideration. This year, increases in salaries and health insurance costs were offset by reductions in staff costs, allowing us to present a slightly smaller budget than was ultimately passed last year.

As you may recall, our school taxes are using a formula that begins with our “educational spending per equalized pupil.” The number of “equalized pupils” is itself a multi-year formula that counts students differently depending on grade level and other factors including eligibility for free or reduced lunch and special education needs. The property tax formula accounts for roughly 1/3 of Bolton students being enrolled at Smilie and 2/3 in the Mount Mansfield Union School District (MMUSD, which includes the High School and the Middle Schools). The proposed MMUSD Budget, voted separately, has a proposed budget increase of 2.32% and educational spending increase of 5.73%.

This year Smilie has a reduction of 4.84 Equalized Pupils compared to last year. While our proposed spending is slightly lower, the cost per-pupil is 6.8% higher. We have eleven fewer students at Smilie than two years ago and one less student than last year. We believe the decline in enrollment has leveled off. We expect to gain six students next year when the fourth grade class of nine advances to middle school, and Kindergarten enrollment is expected to be fifteen students.

Based on the information received from the state at the time of preparing this report, the portion of the equalized homestead tax rate (tax rate prior to adjustment of the common level of appraisal) attributed to the Bolton School District will increase by 13.49% from \$1.9780 to \$2.2449. Bolton's Mount Mansfield Union School District equalized homestead tax rate will increase by 12.80% for a Composite increase of 11.43%. This estimate includes a \$0.07 statewide increase recommended by the tax commissioner to the governor and legislature. These changes in tax rates would result in an increase of \$354 in taxes per \$200,000 of property value for Bolton residents. Homeowners with household income of \$100,000 or less should complete form HS-122 (“*Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Claim*”) with their income taxes. With the proposed budgets, Bolton residents with \$200,000 in property value and \$50,000 in household income would see an estimated increase of \$79 in school taxes.

The trend of shifting costs from a Federal to a State level continues, with reductions in Special Education and Transportation aid again this year. In Vermont, General Fund support of education has decreased by six percent since 2005. These ongoing reductions shift more and more of the cost of education to local property taxes. In addition, the statewide formula is not equitable for small schools. We have fewer students than two years ago, but our fixed costs like building maintenance, insurance and heating are unaffected, and staff reductions do not scale to small schools like ours. The Small Schools Grant does slightly temper the impact of changing enrollments, but does not go far enough.

The 2012 Feasibility Study to consider alternatives to continued operation of Smilie School confirmed strong community support for keeping Smilie open. None of the options were promising due to lack of space in other Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) schools, increased transportation time for Bolton students, loss of community identity, and relatively small tax savings. Whenever possible, the Smilie School Board adjusts staffing to fit enrollment. We currently have one preschool teacher (3 year olds in the morning and 4 year olds in the afternoon), one kindergarten teacher, and only three teachers for grades 1 through 4.

This year we considered further reducing teaching staff, but class size would be too large and would have required combining four grades into two classes. In recent years the Principal position has twice been reduced. Not only does the Principal work the fewest number of days of any school-based administrator in CESU, but we have added the equivalent of one day a week of teaching responsibilities to the position. The board cannot make further cuts while meeting the Vermont Education Quality Standards. It is important for the community and for property values that we continue to provide a quality education for our students.

In November 2013, the “Voluntary Merger Planning Committee” held its first meeting. The 2010-2011 failed merger consideration required all elementary districts to vote in favor for district consolidation. The Modified Unified Union School District now being studied and considered would allow for the formation of a new pre-kindergarten-12 Mount Mansfield District. If a majority of the electorate of four or more of the six elementary districts approves the merger, a new Union district would be formed. If one or two of the districts are not in favor of the merger, those elementary districts would remain independent. We are hopeful a merger proposal can be presented to the voters next year to take effect the following school year. Given current circumstances, a potential Modified Union District Board would likely increase efficiencies and educational opportunities by creating flexibility in staffing and enrollment. For Bolton, the spending-per-pupil and consequently the tax rate would be reduced. The composite tax rates before common level of appraisal are estimated at \$1.739 for Bolton compared to an unweighted CESU average of \$1.565, a statewide average of \$1.54, and a MMU-Modified Merger district of \$1.543.

Smilie School enjoys strong community support and has fantastic teachers and staff. The school board is very pleased that Barbara Tomasi-Gay has recently been appointed Principal. We invite you to visit our school, meet our teachers and principal and see first-hand why Smilie is and continues to be a vital and vibrant part of our community.

**BOLTON REPRESENTATIVES IN CHITTENDEN EAST**

<b>Bolton School Board</b>	<b>Years Served</b>	<b>CESU Committee Assignment</b>
Andrew Pond, Chair	6	Executive, Vice-Chair
Alain Cohen, Vice-Chair	5	Negotiations
Paula Gervia, Secretary	4	Merger, Transportation
Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid	2	Policy
Amy Turner	1	Curriculum

<b>Mt. Mansfield Union School Board</b>	<b>Years Served</b>	<b>MMUSD Committee Assignment</b>
Ken Remsen	4	Finance, Chair

**The legal voters of the Bolton Town School District are notified that a budget informational meeting will be held at Smilie Memorial School on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7 pm for the purpose of explaining the 2014-15 proposed school budget.**

**Town of Bolton**

Date Prepared: 6/27/2013

**Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation**

**Fiscal Year 2014**

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates as shown

Base homestead tax rate	\$0.94	
Base spending amount	\$9,151	
Excess spending threshold	\$15,456	
Average statewide education spending per equalized pupil	\$13,565	Actual Homestead Tax Rate
Common level of appraisal for Bolton	100.24%	



**A. Equalized homestead tax rate for Bolton from town school district**

1. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$18,170.06	
2. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$1,628.33	
3. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$1,085.73	
4. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate		\$19,255.79
5. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	210.42%	
6. District equalized tax rate equals line 5 times base rate		\$1.9780
7. Percent of equalized pupils at town school district	34.66%	
8. Equalized tax rate from school district		<b>\$0.6856</b>
9. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$0.6856 / CLA: 100.24%)	<b>\$0.6840</b>

**B. Equalized homestead tax rate for Bolton from Mt. Mansfield USD #17**

10. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$12,935.06	
11. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$239.57	
12. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
13. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate		\$12,935.06
14. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	141.35%	
15. District equalized tax rate equals line 14 times base rate		\$1.3287
16. Percent of equalized pupils at union school district	65.34%	
17. Equalized tax rate from school district		<b>\$0.8682</b>
18. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$0.8682 / CLA: 100.24%)	<b>\$0.8661</b>

Sum of equalized tax rates from school districts **\$1.5538**

**Sum of actual tax rates from school districts:**

Homestead Tax Rate

You should see this rate on your tax bill. ⇒

**\$1.5501**

**Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation**

Base Non-Residential Tax Rate / CLA

Base NR Rate:      CLA:  
\$1.44      /      100.24%

You should see this rate on your tax bill. ⇒

Non-Residential Tax Rate

**\$1.4366**

## SMILIE MEMORIAL SCHOOL

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

My first year as Principal of Smilie Memorial Elementary School has been memorable for several reasons. The incredible staff here at Smilie continues to challenge all students to learn and grow on a daily basis. Our supportive community association has provided students and families with wonderful and fun activities throughout the year. Thank you, parents and community members, for welcoming me so warmly into your community.

At Smilie Memorial School, all of our teachers have met Highly Qualified Teacher status (HQT) in the grade and content area in which they teach. Virginia (Ginny) Gifford, is the lead teacher in our preschool with some new faces. Maura Morse, Amy Poor, Virginia Haviland and Kyle Hibbard are the para-educators in the preschool this year. Ginny and her para-educators are helping our youngest students learn daily routines through developmentally appropriate thematic units. Students have fun each day participating in learning centers. Tina Cole, our kindergarten teacher, is including Math Menu in her teaching regime, as she and her students engage in early math and reading. Math Menu allows students a choice of activities within the math class. Kindergarten students get an added benefit of community volunteer, Nancy Champney, who volunteers her time two days a week. Katie LeFrancois employs multi-sensory methods in all academic areas to help her first and second graders remain engaged and excited. Katie is joined by para-educator, Ellen Crary. Helen-Anne Cafferty is the teacher for our second and third grade students and uses her expertise in reading and writing to provide integrated studies. Steve Menz works as our third and fourth grade teacher and his math expertise provides many opportunities for project learning. Steve too, is including Math Menu to his daily math class. This year, Katie teaches all second graders math while I have the pleasure of teaching all first graders math. Steve teaches all third and fourth graders math and Helen-Anne teaches all third and fourth graders reading. Karen Wiltshire continues as our Title I math and reading teacher. She also works hard to create our Smilie assembly agendas. Our new special educator, Erin Brady, has been getting to know everyone and developing rapport with students. We welcome back Darlene Sawyer and Michelle Blow as our para-educators, working with many of our students. Carol Emery returns as our speech and language therapist. Dennis Delay, our school counselor continues to teach life lessons to our students. My right hand person, Sherry Mahoney, remains at the front desk to warmly welcome you into our school. I'm pleased to say that our new custodian, Debby Nadeau, makes our school sparkle daily.



*Barbara E. Tomasi-Gay*

On a regular basis, our teachers participate in embedded professional development training. This year, our grades K, 1 and 2 teachers work with Christian Courtemanche, Math Coach, on a monthly basis. We research math units together, make sure that the math content is aligned with the Common Core and observe one another teaching and provide collegial feedback. Likewise, our grade 3 and 4 teachers are concentrating on learning how to teach the Writing Process to our students. Over the course of the year, Pam Foust, English Language Arts Coach, has provided opportunities for lesson studies, unit alignment with the Common Core and peer observations. In addition, teachers have had the great opportunity to learn from another expert in the field of reading and writing, Beth Moore. Beth is part of the Teachers' College Reading and Writing Project based at Columbia University, in New York City.

Our specials' teachers continue to share their numerous talents with our students and community. Ann Joppe-Mercure, who teaches art, has all students engaged in creative projects. Chris Shackett, our physical

education teacher, has endless energy and keeps our students on the move with invigorating activities that build physical fitness and teach rules in game formats. Chris Arthur, our music teacher, continues to encourage the musical talents of our students. Holly Esterline, our librarian, is always enticing our students with the latest and most interesting stories. Ann LaBombard, continues to provide fabulous breakfast and lunch choices for us.

You will see from the chart below results on the *New England Common Assessment Program* (NECAP). This data represents all third and fourth grade students at Smilie Memorial, and the percentage of students who performed in each category. The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data, as defined by the **No Child Left Behind Act**, indicates that we did not make AYP for all students in the area of reading. However, we did not make AYP for all students in the area of math. For this reason, I have asked that each teacher develop a math goal to increase the positive performance of our students in this area. If you are interested in seeing the data disaggregated further by grades, please visit our website at [www.smilie.k12.vt.us](http://www.smilie.k12.vt.us). On a very positive note, you will see data representing the performance of our students in the area of science, where 70% of our students met or exceeded the standard. Compare this percentage with the state average of 48% and we can be very proud of our success in science. You will also see another set of data which represents the State of Vermont results on the *National Assessment of Educational Progress* (NAEP) which compares Vermont to other states and nations.

**Smilie Memorial School  
New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Results  
for 2012-13 School Year\***

2012-2013 NECAP Whole School	Math		Reading		Science	
	SMS	VT	SMS	VT	SMS	VT
<b>Proficient with Distinction</b>	23%	21%	33%	20%	++	1%
<b>Proficient</b>	39%	44%	50%	53%	++	47%
<b>Partially Proficient</b>	26%	17%	13%	17%	++	39%
<b>Substantially Below Proficient</b>	13%	17%	3%	10%	++	14%

\*Test results represent students in grades three and four who took the NECAP.

++too few students tested to report

2012-2013 NECAP Disaggregated by Sub- Groups	Math					Reading					Science				
	Whole School	Female	Male	Disability Status	Economically Disadvantage	Whole School	Female	Male	Disability Status	Economically Disadvantage	Whole School	Female	Male	Disability Status	Economically Disadvantage
<b>Proficient with Distinction</b>	23%	17%	31%	++	8%	33%	39%	25%	++	0%	++	++	++	++	++
<b>Proficient</b>	39%	44%	31%	++	31%	50%	33%	75%	++	75%	++	++	++	++	++
<b>Partially Proficient</b>	26%	17%	38%	++	38%	13%	22%	0%	++	17%	++	++	++	++	++
<b>Substantially Below Proficient</b>	13%	22%	0%	++	23%	3%	6%	0%	++	8%	++	++	++	++	++

++too few students tested to report

**Smilie Memorial School  
New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Results  
for 2012-13 School Year\***

NECAP Results - % of students who met or exceeded the standard over time	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
<b>Math</b>	57%	60%	60%	61%
<b>Reading</b>	68%	68%	75%	83%
<b>Science</b>	42%	64%	54%	++

++ too few students tested to report

NAEP Results - % of Vermont students who met or exceeded the standard over time	2005	2007	2009	2011
<b>Math</b>	43%	49%	50%	49%
<b>Reading</b>	38%	41%	42%	41%

*The National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) is administered in grades four and eight in Reading and Mathematics biennially to a representative sample of Vermont students. No scores for individual students or schools are generated and no accountability measures are tied to performance.*

At this time, our enrollment projections appear to be on a slight increase. This year we have 52 K-4 students and 22 preschool 3 and 4 year olds. Next year we project 21 preschool 3 and 4 year olds and 57 K-4 students.

### Smilie School K-4 Enrollment

2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
79	74	75	77	81	67	68	62	57	52	*57	*58	*57

*\*projected*

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Brenda Phillips who has been our Smilie Community Association President for the past six years. She has been an incredible positive force, organizing many enriching activities throughout the year. She has worked tirelessly to make sure those programs such as the Four Winds Science Program and Bolton Ski Days happen for our students each year. We wish her well and know that she will continue to be an important part of the Smilie community.

I am looking forward to helping Smilie continue on its road to academic excellence. Here within our small school, we get to know our students very well. We are able to develop strong relationships and nurture the whole child. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve both the students and the community. Please come by and visit us as you are always welcome here.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Tomasi-Gay



**BUDGET SUMMARY & COMPARISON**

Description	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Instructional Programs	525,373	517,935	518,883	531,466	12,583	2.425%
Special Education	275,310	273,372	282,517	278,837	-3,680	-1.30%
Student Activities	800	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
Health Services	45,690	45,942	39,872	38,517	-1,355	-3.40%
Professional Development	7,981	11,396	10,670	9,898	-772	-7.24%
Education Media Services	31,216	39,652	42,146	40,804	-1,342	-3.18%
Board of Education	9,416	8,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
Chittenden East Office	31,300	31,326	31,257	28,657	-2,600	-8.32%
School Administration	98,883	101,872	96,159	103,444	7,285	7.58%
Secretarial Services	47,803	47,271	49,882	51,519	1,637	3.28%
Fiscal Services	13,990	13,661	13,861	13,861	0	0.00%
Operation/Maint of Plant	142,504	146,312	147,119	135,022	-12,097	-8.22%
Transportation Services	31,167	31,157	31,336	36,074	4,738	15.09%
Food Services	3,527	13,707	12,500	14,500	2,000	16.00%
Other Support Services	0	3,245	245	0	-245	-100.00%
Debt Service	84,486	80,053	111,912	102,666	-9,246	-8.26%
<b>TOTAL PreK-4 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,349,446</b>	<b>1,367,001</b>	<b>1,392,459</b>	<b>1,389,365</b>	<b>-3,094</b>	<b>-0.22%</b>
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>						
Surplus(Deficit) - Beginning	0	12,229	-12,384	5,241	17,625	-142.32%
Education Spending Revenue	1,087,518	1,087,518	1,138,354	1,121,432	-16,922	-1.49%
Small Schools Grant	34,226	42,121	42,910	48,838	5,928	13.81%
Transportation Aid	11,898	12,413	14,287	11,915	-2,372	-16.60%
Special Education - State	119,854	123,349	125,216	128,943	3,727	2.98%
Special Education - Federal	92,987	87,121	81,276	70,196	-11,080	-13.63%
Interest Earned	638	2,000	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Rentals	245	200	200	200	0	0.00%
Grants	2,858	50	100	100	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	1,408	0	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>1,351,632</b>	<b>1,367,001</b>	<b>1,392,459</b>	<b>1,389,365</b>	<b>-3,094</b>	<b>-0.22%</b>

An independent audit of the accounts and financial statements of the Bolton School District, for the period ending June 30, 2013, was conducted by Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs. Copies of the audit report are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Chittenden East Supervisory Union Central Office in Richmond, VT, and can be viewed on the CESU website [www.cesu.k12.vt.us](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us).

**Bolton School District Budget Report**

Description	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
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**1100 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

This section of the budget contains all of the line items for instructional programs including salaries and benefits for 5 classroom teachers, 0.2 FTE Librarian, 0.15 FTE Art, 0.2 Phys Ed, 0.15 FTE Music, 0.1 FTE Foreign Lang, and 3 part time classroom aides. Classroom supplies, equipment and textbooks are also in this section.

**Salaries**

Teacher Salaries	342,176	343,187	339,036	337,349	-1,687	-0.50%
Aides	22,400	20,157	31,544	26,764	-4,780	-15.15%
Substitutes	15,283	12,500	13,214	14,200	986	7.46%
Subtotal	379,859	375,844	383,794	378,313	-5,481	-1.43%

**Insurances**

Health Insurance	54,450	56,829	55,960	56,484	524	0.94%
Dental Insurance	7,068	4,858	4,897	8,072	3,175	64.84%
Group Life Insurance	509	514	559	550	-9	-1.61%
Subtotal	62,027	62,201	61,416	65,106	3,690	6.01%

**Social Security**

Social Security	28,555	28,637	29,246	28,826	-420	-1.44%
Subtotal	28,555	28,637	29,246	28,826	-420	-1.44%

**Benefits - Other**

Retirement	775	660	688	535	-153	-22.24%
Workers Compensation	3,136	2,302	2,248	2,213	-35	-1.56%
Unemployment Compensation	1,006	2,851	221	200	-21	-9.50%
Professional Reimbursement	25	0	0	0	0	0.00%
403b Administration	63	100	100	100	0	0.00%
Subtotal	5,005	5,913	3,257	3,048	-209	-6.42%

**Assessed Salaries**

Art Teacher	0	0	0	13,754	13,754	
Physical Education	9,074	9,140	9,766	10,217	451	4.62%
Music	9,620	9,874	7,786	8,302	516	6.63%
Foreign Language	5,100	5,358	5,532	5,748	216	3.90%
English Language Learner	1,125	1,123	1,091	1,052	-39	-3.57%
Social Work Services	7,952	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal	32,871	25,495	24,175	39,073	14,898	61.63%

Repair/Mntc Copier	4,146	3,900	5,600	5,600	0	0.00%
Summer School	455	395	395	500	105	26.58%
Supplies	10,019	7,500	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
Textbooks	2,152	4,550	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Equipment	284	3,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Subtotal	17,056	19,845	16,995	17,100	105	0.62%

<b>Subtotal Instruct Prog</b>	<b>525,373</b>	<b>517,935</b>	<b>518,883</b>	<b>531,466</b>	<b>12,583</b>	<b>2.43%</b>
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## Bolton School District Budget Report

Description	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
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### 1210 SPECIAL EDUCATION

This section of the budget contains the expenditures for special education. These services are organized at the supervisory union level. These funds are paid to Chittenden East for all the legally required services for our students. The assessment is allocated to schools on a percent of equalized pupils.

Special Ed Assessment	62,468	62,902	76,025	79,698	3,673	4.83%
Purchased Serv CESU	212,842	210,470	206,492	199,139	-7,353	-3.56%
<b>Subtotal Special Education</b>	<b>275,310</b>	<b>273,372</b>	<b>282,517</b>	<b>278,837</b>	<b>-3,680</b>	<b>-1.30%</b>

### 1410 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

This section funds student activities that enrich the regular classroom instruction.

Student Activities	800	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Student Activities</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### 2130 HEALTH SERVICES

This section contains funds for the 0.4 FTE Guidance and 0.1 FTE School Nurse.

Guidance	29,309	29,975	31,497	32,433	936	2.97%
Nurse	15,970	15,610	7,992	5,820	-2,172	-27.18%
District Nurse Assessment	374	157	183	64	-119	-65.03%
Nursing Supplies	37	200	200	200	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Health Services</b>	<b>45,690</b>	<b>45,942</b>	<b>39,872</b>	<b>38,517</b>	<b>-1,355</b>	<b>-3.40%</b>

### 2213 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This section contains expenditures for professional development. These expenditures were previously listed within Instructional Programs.

Teacher Mentoring	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Tuition Reimbursement	4,443	6,666	5,298	4,825	-473	-8.93%
Conference/Training	2,183	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Professional Developer	1,355	1,930	2,572	2,273	-299	-11.63%
Conference Travel	0	300	300	300	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Prof Develop</b>	<b>7,981</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>10,670</b>	<b>9,898</b>	<b>-772</b>	<b>-7.24%</b>

### 2220 EDUCATION MEDIA SERVICES

This section of the budget contains funds for the school library. It also includes funding for the school's computer network, technology support, and for software that supports the curriculum.

Computer Tech Support	14,133	14,473	16,633	15,174	-1,459	-8.77%
Integration Specialist	3,930	3,852	4,186	4,303	117	2.80%
Library Books	1,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%
Periodicals	0	300	300	300	0	0.00%
Computer Hardware	7,786	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.00%
Computer Software	3,309	5,777	5,777	5,777	0	0.00%
Computer Supplies	354	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.00%
Network Support/Maintenance	315	750	750	750	0	0.00%
Operating Expenses	189	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Ed Media Serv</b>	<b>31,216</b>	<b>39,652</b>	<b>42,146</b>	<b>40,804</b>	<b>-1,342</b>	<b>-3.18%</b>

**Bolton School District Budget Report**

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**2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

This section of the budget contains funds for board expenses, including legal notices, legal fees, and board stipend.

Professional Services	6,259	5,000	-	-	0	0.00%
Advertising	177	1,000	0	0	0	0.00%
Board Stipend	460	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Board Dues	2,520	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Board of Ed</b>	<b>9,416</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**2320 CHITTENDEN EAST OFFICE**

This section of the budget contains the funds for our share of the Chittenden East Central Office. These items include central administrative staff, and payroll and bookkeeping services. The assessment is allocated to schools on a percent of equalized pupils.

Salaries - CESD	26,100	26,123	26,067	24,029	-2,038	-7.82%
Operating Expenses	5,200	5,203	5,190	4,628	-562	-10.83%
<b>Subtotal CE Office</b>	<b>31,300</b>	<b>31,326</b>	<b>31,257</b>	<b>28,657</b>	<b>-2,600</b>	<b>-8.32%</b>

**2410 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

This section of the budget includes the salary and benefits for a teaching principal.

Salaries-Administration	84,337	84,337	78,090	73,485	-4,605	-5.90%
Insurances	6,314	6,492	7,097	19,367	12,270	172.89%
Social Security	6,372	6,453	5,974	5,622	-352	-5.89%
Workers Compensation	449	538	477	449	-28	-5.87%
Unemployment Compensation	100	252	21	21	0	0.00%
Tuition Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Conference/Travel	755	800	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Supplies	416	500	500	500	0	0.00%
Equipment	140	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Dues and fees.	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal School Admin</b>	<b>98,883</b>	<b>101,872</b>	<b>96,159</b>	<b>103,444</b>	<b>7,285</b>	<b>7.58%</b>

**2490 SECRETARIAL SERVICES**

This section of the budget includes the expenses for secretarial support for the school.

Salaries - Secretary	29,508	28,625	29,739	30,716	977	3.29%
Substitutes	1,475	1,100	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
Insurance	12,731	13,356	14,554	15,081	527	3.62%
Social Security	2,271	2,274	2,275	2,350	75	3.30%
Municipal Retirement	1,475	1,431	1,561	1,613	52	3.33%
Workers Compensation	169	183	182	188	6	3.30%
Unemployment Compensation	117	252	21	21	0	0.00%
Conference / Travel	57	50	50	50	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Sec Services</b>	<b>47,803</b>	<b>47,271</b>	<b>49,882</b>	<b>51,519</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>3.28%</b>

### Bolton School District Budget Report

Description	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
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#### 2510 FISCAL SERVICES

This section of the budget includes audit and interest charges on borrowing to manage periods of negative cash flows (Tax Anticipation Note). Interest earned during periods of positive cash flows appears in the revenue section.

Prof. (Audit) Services	6,950	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0.00%
Bonding	311	311	311	311	0	0.00%
Supplies	280	50	200	200	0	0.00%
Interest - Tax Anticipation Note	6,449	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
Bank Fees	0	0	50	50	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Fiscal Services</b>	<b>13,990</b>	<b>13,661</b>	<b>13,861</b>	<b>13,861</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

#### 2600 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

This section of the budget includes line items for building maintenance. These items include custodial salaries and benefits, building insurance, utilities, supplies, and repairs. Bonding insurance has been moved to Fiscal Services.

Salaries - Custodial	37,114	39,603	38,773	29,745	-9,028	-23.28%
Salaries - Summer Help	3,684	1,900	3,363	3,363	0	0.00%
Insurances	11,771	13,356	14,553	14,845	292	2.01%
Social Security	3,030	3,175	3,223	2,532	-691	-21.44%
Municipal Retirement	1,862	1,980	2,036	1,739	-297	-14.59%
Workers Compensation	1,786	2,240	2,359	1,853	-506	-21.45%
Unemployment Compensation	115	252	30	51	21	70.00%
Professional Services	631	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Water/Sewer	1,045	2,825	2,825	2,825	0	0.00%
Contracted Sv - Rubbish	897	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Snow Removal	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Mowing	337	500	500	500	0	0.00%
Repair & Maintenance	6,893	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Property Insurance	3,834	3,694	3,878	4,072	194	5.00%
Liability Ins - Umbrella	720	715	751	789	38	5.06%
Telecommunications / Postage	4,176	3,800	4,675	4,675	0	0.00%
Supplies	6,338	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Electricity	14,176	16,371	17,303	15,573	-1,730	-10.00%
Bottled Gas	936	1,519	2,100	1,500	-600	-28.57%
Oil	22,674	19,782	22,750	22,960	210	0.92%
Grounds	76	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Buildings	13,144	20,000	15,400	15,400	0	0.00%
Equipment	7,265	4,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Op &amp; Maint of Plant</b>	<b>142,504</b>	<b>146,312</b>	<b>147,119</b>	<b>135,022</b>	<b>-12,097</b>	<b>-8.22%</b>

#### 2711 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

This section of the budget includes the expenses for school bus services. Transportation services are organized by Chittenden East Supervisory Union.

Transportation	31,167	31,157	31,336	36,074	4,738	15.12%
<b>Subtotal Transport Serv</b>	<b>31,167</b>	<b>31,157</b>	<b>31,336</b>	<b>36,074</b>	<b>4,738</b>	<b>15.12%</b>

### Bolton School District Budget Report

Description	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
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#### 3100 FOOD SERVICES

This section of the budget includes expenses for the support of the food service program and the Computerized Sale System support and licenses.

Point of Sale System	0	600	500	500	0	0.00%
Food Services	429	10,000	12,000	14,000	2,000	16.67%
Assessed Director	3,098	3,107	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Food Services</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>13,707</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>16.00%</b>

#### 2900 OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

This section of the budget includes a general contingency line and Treasurer support.

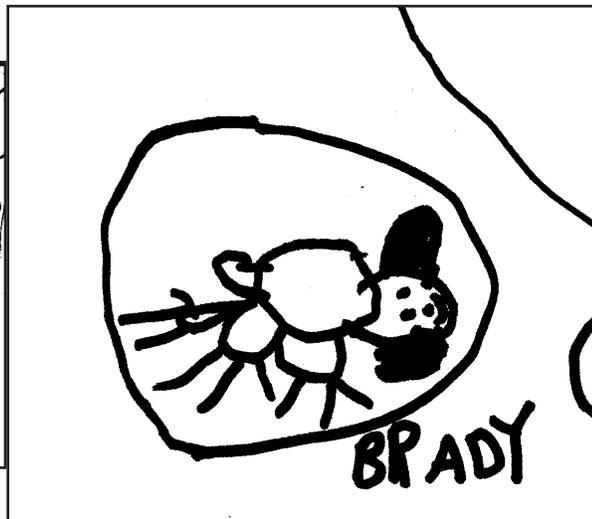
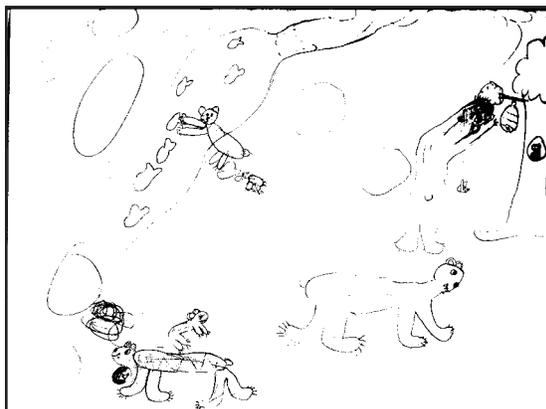
Contingency	0	3,000	0	0	0	0.00%
Prof Serv - Treas	0	245	245	0	-245	-100.00%
<b>Subtotal Other Support</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-245</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>

#### 5000 DEBT SERVICE

This section of the budget includes funds to service the bond debt of the 1999 Series for \$60,000, the 2012 Series for \$26,000, and the Evergreen Fund.

Debt Service Interest	24,486	20,053	25,912	11,975	-13,937	-53.79%
Debt Service Principal	60,000	60,000	86,000	90,691	4,691	5.45%
<b>Subtotal Debt Service</b>	<b>84,486</b>	<b>80,053</b>	<b>111,912</b>	<b>102,666</b>	<b>-9,246</b>	<b>-8.26%</b>

**Total PreK-4 Expenditures**                      **1,349,446**                      **1,367,001**                      **1,392,459**                      **1,389,365**                      **-3,094**                      **-0.22%**





PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

Statutory calculation: See note at bottom of page  
 Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner: See note at bottom of page

District: <b>Bolton</b> County: <b>Chittenden</b>		<b>T022</b> Chittenden East			
				<b>9,382</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,323,630	\$1,367,001	\$1,404,843	\$1,389,365
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,323,630</b>	<b>\$1,367,001</b>	<b>\$1,404,843</b>	<b>\$1,389,365</b>
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$1,323,630</b>	<b>\$1,367,001</b>	<b>\$1,404,843</b>	<b>\$1,389,365</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$259,309	\$279,483	\$266,489	\$267,933
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-
13.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$259,309</b>	<b>\$279,483</b>	<b>\$266,489</b>	<b>\$267,933</b>
15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,064,321</b>	<b>\$1,087,518</b>	<b>\$1,138,354</b>	<b>\$1,121,432</b>
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	69.17	67.79	62.65	67.61
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$15,387.03</b>	<b>\$16,042.45</b>	<b>\$18,170.06</b>	<b>\$19,399</b>
18.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,255.89	\$1,180.90	\$1,626.98	\$1,776
19.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$4.94	\$2.02	\$1.36	\$1.47
20.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-
21.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-
23.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	-	-	-	-
24.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
25.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	\$19	\$1,086	\$1,453
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$15.387	\$16.061	\$19.256	\$20.852
27.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b> <b>(\$20,852 / \$9,382)</b>	180.092%	184.122%	210.423%	222.252%
		<small>based on \$8,544</small>	<small>based on \$8,723</small>	<small>based on \$9,151</small>	<small>based on \$8,382</small>
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (222.252% x \$1,010)	\$1,5668	\$1,6387	\$1,9780	\$2,2447
		<small>based on \$0.87</small>	<small>based on \$0.89</small>	<small>based on \$0.94</small>	<small>based on \$1.010</small>
29.	Percent of Bolton equalized pupils not in a union school district	36.510%	36.300%	34.660%	32.19%
30.	<b>Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town</b> (32.190% x \$2.24)	\$0.5720	\$0.5948	\$0.6856	\$0.7226
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	99.46%	99.67%	100.24%	100.68%
32.	<b>Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town</b> ( $\$0.723 / 100.68\%$ )	\$0.5751	\$0.5968	\$0.6840	\$0.7177
		<small>based on \$0.860</small>	<small>based on \$0.87</small>	<small>based on \$0.94</small>	<small>based on \$1.01</small>
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (222.252% x 1.80%)	3.24%	3.31%	3.79%	4.00%
		<small>based on 1.80%</small>	<small>based on 1.80%</small>	<small>based on 1.80%</small>	<small>based on 1.80%</small>
34.	<b>Portion of district income cap percent applied by State</b> (32.190% x 4.00%)	1.18%	1.20%	1.31%	1.29%
		<small>based on 1.80%</small>	<small>based on 1.80%</small>	<small>based on 1.80%</small>	<small>based on 1.80%</small>
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Mt. Mansfield USD	63.49%	63.70%	65.34%	67.81%
36.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,109. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$0.99 and \$1.49. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

**Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2015 Report**  
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

**School:** Smilie Memorial School (Bolton)  
**S.U.:** Chittenden East S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports" <http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

**FY2013 School Level Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school, FY2013 enrollment < 100  
(43 schools in cohort)

**Cohort Rank by Enrollment** (1 is largest)  
19 out of 43

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Holland Elementary School	PK - 6	68	7.80	0.80	8.72	85.00	9.75
	Sunderland Elementary School	PK - 6	70	7.70	1.60	9.09	43.75	4.81
	Barnard Central School	PK - 6	70	6.40	0.60	10.94	116.67	10.67
	<b>Smilie Memorial School (Bolton)</b>	<b>PK - 4</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>5.30</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>13.58</b>	<b>72.00</b>	<b>5.30</b>
← Larger	Jamaica Village School	PK - 6	73	5.00	1.00	14.60	73.00	5.00
	Braintree School	PK - 6	73	7.80	1.00	9.36	73.00	7.80
	Doty Memorial School	PK - 6	74	8.26	0.80	8.96	92.50	10.33
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>62.79</b>	<b>6.54</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>9.60</b>	<b>78.15</b>	<b>8.14</b>

**School District:** Bolton  
**LEA ID:** T022

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to

**FY2012 School District Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2012 FTE < 100  
(51 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District  
Student FTE enrolled in school district  
Current expenditures per student FTE **EXCLUDING** special education costs

**Cohort Rank by FTE**  
(1 is largest)  
23 out of 51

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
Smaller →	West Windsor	PK-6	69.18	\$13,801
	Wardsboro	K-6	69.87	\$12,859
	Barnard	K-6	70.65	\$11,900
	<b>Bolton</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>71.01</b>	<b>\$14,965</b>
← Larger	Worcester	K-6	74.70	\$12,772
	Wells	PK-6	74.76	\$16,832
	Shoreham	K-6	74.93	\$17,083
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>62.61</b>	<b>\$14,206</b>

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

**FY2014 School District Data**

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist Equalized Pupils	SchDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller →	T188 Sherburne	PK-6	58.64	13,538.08	1.3906	1.5160	98.29%	1.5424
	T009 Barnard	K-6	59.54	13,420.56	1.3786	1.5234	93.34%	1.6321
	T103 Isle La Motte	K-6	61.76	12,748.22	1.3095	1.3095	89.50%	1.4631
	T022 Bolton	PK-4	62.65	18,170.06	1.9780	1.5538	100.24%	1.5501
← Larger	T110 Leicester	PK-6	63.33	13,657.54	1.4029	1.4280	103.15%	1.3844
	T104 Jamaica	K-6	63.82	13,619.52	1.3990	1.4910	109.42%	1.3626
	T190 Shrewsbury	PK-6	65.05	13,199.54	1.3559	1.3986	109.26%	1.2801

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:  
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

## CHITTENDEN EAST SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT

January 15, 2014

### Investing in Early Childhood Education

Providing all children with a high quality preschool experience is a topic of interest at the state and national level. President Barack Obama and Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin have heralded the value of universal preschool and expressed their support for the initiative. President Obama shared in the February 2013 State of the Union Address that advancing universal preschool would be a national priority and he would propose legislation that would make preschool available to all four year-olds in the U.S. Governor Shumlin has been clear that he is a proponent of expanding high quality preschool in Vermont. This was evident at the Governor's Early Childhood Summit organized by the administration and state partners on October 29, 2013. Governor Shumlin solidified his commitment to advance strong preschool programming for all eligible Vermonters in his address to attendees of the summit. The sentiments of President Obama and Governor Shumlin are shared by many researchers, policy analysts, economists, educators and parents. It is highly likely that a bill will emerge in the 2014 legislative session that will make it possible for CESU's member communities and communities across Vermont to expand quality preschool options for children.

A 2010 *Chittenden East Supervisory Union Preschool Needs Assessment* indicated community members, parents and educators believe there is a need for expanding flexible preschool options within the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. In addition, stakeholders recognize the benefits of quality preschool for all children and the positive influence early education can have on children who live in poverty. It is evident that there is substantial local, national and scholarly support for increasing quality early education opportunities in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. CESU member elementary school boards have looked at and discussed some research and stakeholders' input and are considering a multi-year plan that will enable Chittenden East Supervisory Union's member communities to afford all children ages 3-5 a high quality preschool experience.

### New Voluntary Merger Committee

In 2011, a proposal to merge CESU's seven member school districts into one unified district passed in four communities, but failed in two others. State law required unanimous approval. In 2012, the Vermont Legislature changed the school district merger law to allow school districts to unite without unanimous consent of elementary school districts that send students to a union school district. Under new terms in the law, a majority of elementary school districts can unite with the high school district if their individual communities approve the merger. Elementary districts that do not approve the school district merger can continue to operate their own elementary school districts. Since the 2011 merger vote, school board and community members have expressed interest in embarking on another school district merger study and potential vote.

After thoughtful and significant discussion, the elementary school boards in our communities authorized formation of a committee to study school district unification in June 2013. The CESU Executive Committee provided the Voluntary Merger Committee with the express charge of evaluating and forming a Modified Unified Union School District (Prek-12 district formed when a majority of towns/municipalities vote to merge) and completing the statutory steps to bring a merger vote to the electorate by November 2014.

The Voluntary Merger Committee must study and prepare a report that addresses several subjects, including the grades to be operated, debt, transitioning of responsibilities, and the organization of the new school board. If the Committee recommends unification, the recommendation must be reviewed by local CESU member school boards. Then, the State Board of Education would have to approve the recommendation

and articles detailing the framework of the unified school district prior to a vote of the electorate. Finally, the voters in each of the Chittenden East communities would vote on the proposal by Australian ballot.

The Committee has organized and scheduled a series of meetings. It applied for and received a grant from the Agency of Education to support and inform the work it must complete. All Committee meetings are open; public comment is invited. The Committee will be seeking the input of all stakeholders—students, parents, taxpayers, and educators. For a merger proposal to be submitted to the voters in November of 2014, the Committee will have to complete its analysis and submit a plan to the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education in the early summer of 2014.

Please visit [www.cesu.k12.vt.us](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us) to find meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other information connected to the work of Voluntary Merger Committee.

### **Budget Narrative**

The FY 2015 budget development process had more factors outside the control of the budget process than in recent years. Actions and efforts to control costs and reduce the property tax rate are significantly influenced by these factors. These elements are as follows:

- New opportunities for revenue and the amounts received from existing revenue sources, continue to decrease. For example, Special Education reduced federal funds by 5% due to sequestration. With all other revenue sources shrinking, the funds raised through property taxes are increasing.
- The state is projecting a seven-cent increase in the statewide base tax rate impacting the homestead property tax rate to a much higher degree than in past years.
- The values of homes in Vermont are decreasing; as a result, the Grand List is shrinking. The tax rate must rise to compensate for the reduction in statewide home values.
- Fluctuations in enrollment and equalized pupils affect CESU's member school districts unequally. The predominant trend is downward, increasing the risk that more of our districts will incur the spending threshold penalty on the homestead tax rate.
- Across the supervisory union, expenditure increases have been primarily driven by the following:
  - Support staff and teacher salaries are increasing at an average of 3.5%.
  - Health insurance is estimated to increase by 4.5%.
  - Special Education costs are going up by 3.65% due to the increase in the number of students who require more specialized support and accommodations and a carryover deficit from 2012-2013.

CESU's administration continues to focus on controlling centralized costs without sacrificing sound management practices and education quality. Careful planning in the last two fiscal years has allowed CESU to add expertise in the Facilities and Human Resource areas, greatly enhancing our ability to care for school buildings and to support students, faculty and staff.

### **Special Education**

Special education staff strive to meet the unique needs of special education eligible students, while providing accountability and cost effectiveness. The development of the FY15 CESU Special Education Budget began in September 2013. Principals were asked to assess the needs of their existing special education eligible students and coordinate with CESU administrators to anticipate future needs. (This assessment creates an

estimate of the special education costs for the 2014-2015 school year.) Administrators prepare a Services Plan Worksheet which is submitted to the Special Services Director in early October. The worksheet outlines the necessary staff, related services, supplies, equipment and tuitions that are anticipated for the 2014-2015 school year. This information is then compiled with all CESU schools and is used as the basis for Draft 1 of the special education budget. This first draft is adjusted as needed until a final budget is approved.

The FY15 Prek-12 CESU Special Education Budget of \$9,187,700 reflects an overall increase of \$323,631 or 3.65%. The major budget drivers for the increased expenses are as follows: salary increases averaging 3.5% for licensed and support staff, health insurance increase of 4.5%, and the need for additional Para Professionals and contracted support services, which are based on anticipated student need.

The budget revenues include a deficit carry forward of \$359,132, an anticipated decrease of 5.66% for IDEA-B funds and an increase in the local assessment of \$391,315 or 12.21%. The carry forward deficit was primarily due to an incorrect mathematical formula for projected revenue (this has been corrected), carry forward expenses from 2012 as a result of the annual audit report being issued after the 2014 budget was approved, and unexpected/new expenses based on student needs.

Over the past eight years, one of the primary goals of the CESU special education department has been to develop programs and services that increase the capacity to serve students within the CESU community. As a means to attain this goal, the Mansfield Academy program was developed. It continues to serve an increasing number of students in grades K-12. The program allows students who cannot participate within the regular education environment to receive their education within the CESU community, thus reducing the need and cost of out of district placements. Another initiative that has provided increased capacity is the hiring of school psychologists. These staff conduct special education evaluations and are available to provide behavior and other consultative services. The ability to respond to student needs in a timely manner is just one of the benefits of having the school psychologists on staff. Previously, these services were provided by outside psychologists, which increased the response time to students in crisis and cost.

Assistive Technology has also been a focus of the special education department. Assistive Technology refers to “any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.” The use of technology can dramatically improve the quality of the educational experience for children with disabilities. The Assistive Technology Department at CESU is comprised of professionals in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Assistive Technology. Their focus on assistive technologies improves physical and academic functioning for students with special needs.

As our schools transition to the Common Core State Standards and a new state assessment, the special education department is involved in piloting a new alternative assessment called Dynamic Learning Map or DLM. This new assessment system will let students with significant cognitive disabilities show what they know in ways that traditional tests cannot.

## **Negotiations and Employee Contracts**

CESU member school boards have ratified a one-year contract with teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. Terms of the Agreement include salary step advancement for eligible teachers, 3.5% overall increase to salaries as compared to the 2013-2014 budget, modification to the salary schedule base on the 3.5% salary increase, and language that stipulates no salary step advancement will be provided in 2014-2015 unless CESU Boards and the Green Mt. NEA have ratified a successor agreement. All other terms and conditions are consistent with the current Master Agreement (i.e. the 2013-2014 Agreement).

The 2014-2015 school year marks the end of a multi-year contract agreement with support staff. The CESU Negotiations Committee will be negotiating with support staff and teachers for employment agreements that would take effect in the 2015-2016 school year.

## **Policy**

One of the powers and duties of school boards is to establish the policies for the school district. These policies guide the day to day management of our schools by our administrators. These policies should reflect local community sentiment while adhering to any federal or state legislation.

The Chittenden East Supervisory Union Policy Committee continues to update and align policies with federal and state law. This past year we updated or adopted policies in the following areas: security cameras, student activities, board meeting and agendas, non-discrimination, personnel and finance and accounting. The policy committee meets monthly and all meetings, dates, minutes and agendas are posted on our website.

Each member district board has a representative on the policy committee. Contact information for the committee can be found on the website ([www.cesu.k12.vt.us](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us)) or by contacting the CESU central office.

## **Human Resources**

In FY13, CESU developed a unified Human Resources Department responsible for managing all human resources functions with an eye toward efficiency, compliance with state and federal regulations, promotion of best practice methodologies and employee communication and development.

Particular emphasis was placed on the development of guidelines for new and updated policies in the areas of bullying, harassment, hazing and general student behavior. Guidelines were also created for the administration of Family Medical Leave and Workers' Compensation. Employee Handbooks for teachers and support staff were updated, as was the Administrators' Procedural Handbook. A substitute staff project developed hiring processes and implemented comprehensive online training for this important employee group. HR also worked with employees and the superintendent to resolve personnel matters.

The goal for the 13-14 year is to continue work on compliance, efficiency and communication with particular attention to understanding the implications of the Affordable Care Act for CESU and its member districts. In addition, HR is developing electronic databases and establishing online trainings to educate and inform employees of state and federal mandates. CESU Human Resources also looks forward to meeting with CESU administrators on a regular basis to assess their HR-related needs and continue to work toward greater communication with employees to keep everyone notified of HR matters.

## **Curriculum, Professional Development and Education Programs**

Chittenden East Supervisory Union continues to focus on creating a vibrant, relevant, and meaningful curriculum across content areas and grades. We believe all of our children can excel in literacy, numeracy, creative thinking, visual and performing arts, world languages, social studies, physical well being, science, and technology. Both the state and federal government have specific standards, programs and or regulations that guide some of the decisions we make around curriculum, instruction and professional development. Given these outside pressures and standards, Chittenden East has worked to keep the focus on students in the classroom and improving teaching and learning for all our young scholars.

We have supervisory union committees with teacher representatives from each school who meet at least twice a year to plan curriculum work and develop, adjust and share common goals. All of our schools use a common curriculum database (called VCAT - Vermont Common Assessment Tool). Data that is collected

includes the written curriculum and common assessments. Professional development has included aligning our work horizontally. For example, a child in first grade whether he or she is in Huntington, Underhill or any town, receives the same instructional strategies and learning support. We have also aligned our work vertically. For example, third grade teachers know what second graders learned and what their children will learn in fourth grade. The vertical alignment allows for sequences of increasingly challenging material, while also revisiting concepts that thread through all the grades.

This year in literacy our professional developer and a consultant from the Columbia Teacher's College have worked closely with lesson studies and a teacher-coach model in the classroom. Our English Language Arts committee has re-written units of study. In mathematics, we are gradually integrating the new Common Core Standards into our teaching. The gradual, sequential integration allows a smooth transition. Our math and science professional developer also works in the classrooms with teachers on both lesson studies and teacher-coach models.

In both world languages and fine and performing arts, teachers across the district have met to align their work, share best practices and assure all children receive quality programming. Our science curriculum has focused on teaching inquiry and helping children continue to use their scientific minds to question, describe and make predictions from what they see in the natural world. Our health and physical education teachers have worked with counselors and nurses to implement health education; we have applied for several grants to embed farm-to-school and healthy lifestyles into day to day learning. Technology is now integrated into selected sections of the curriculum at all grade levels. Our social studies committee has created teaching units that more closely align with 21st century skills, making our curriculum global.

A significant number of elementary and middle school teachers enrolled in a summer course on Math Menu. This class taught teachers how to instruct specific concepts and then allow each young scholar to explore interests and strengths related to particular math concepts. This allows for all levels of learners to feel challenged. Teachers also took courses in digital tools to better integrate technology use in the classroom. Finally, both Responsive Classroom and Social Cognition courses taught teachers and school leaders how to meet the diverse social and emotional needs of our children.

We continue to strive for quality curriculum, instruction and assessment in all of our content areas.

### **Progress in CESU**

A common question you will hear in CESU schools is "How does this influence teaching and learning?" Faculty and staff are honing in on this question in order to meet the needs and aspirations of every student. Through hard work, cooperation and collaboration, we are making progress toward creating student-centered education environments that will prepare students for college and careers. Establishing and sustaining a world-class education is not possible without the support of stakeholders. Administrators, support staff and teachers are grateful for the involvement and investment of CESU communities.

**John R. Alberghini, Superintendent of Schools**

**Jennifer Botzojorns, Assistant Superintendent**

**Robert Fahey, Business Manager**

**Beverly White, Special Services Director**

**Cindy Mackin, Human Resources Director**

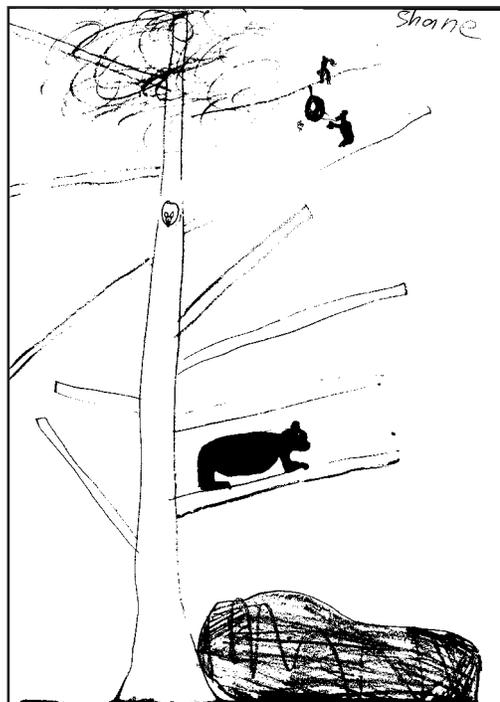
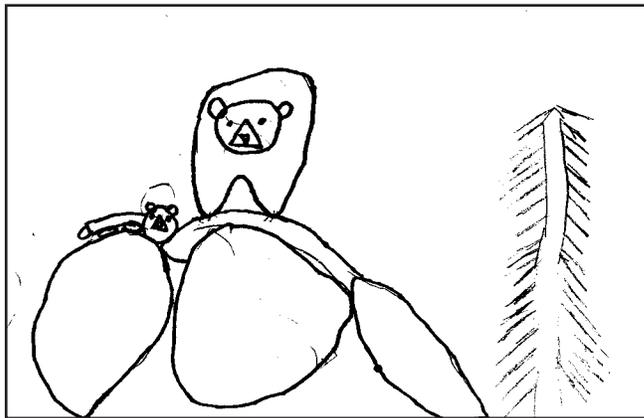
**Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12**  
**Proposed FY 2015 Budget**  
**Central Office**

A surplus carry forward eliminated the increase in the assessment.

	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>(Unaudited)</b>						
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries	\$ 808,100	\$ 806,826	\$ 797,050	\$ 852,963	\$ 55,913	7.01%
Insurance	129,292	150,389	161,488	162,816	1,328	0.82%
Social Security	59,592	61,722	60,974	65,252	4,278	7.02%
Group Life Insurance	1,551	1,820	1,820	1,820	-	0.00%
Retirement	24,028	25,522	27,669	31,536	3,867	13.98%
Workers Compensation	8,921	5,151	4,866	5,629	763	15.68%
Unemployment	1,435	963	1,764	572	(1,192)	-67.57%
Tuition Reimbursement	5,712	4,661	5,298	5,298	-	0.00%
Benefits Administration	852	690	690	690	-	0.00%
Professional Development	11,420	5,580	8,680	8,680	-	0.00%
Curriculum Coordination	6,073	15,550	11,250	11,250	-	0.00%
Prof & Technical Services	10,276	10,540	10,540	13,700	3,160	29.98%
Contract Negotiations	4,667	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	0.00%
Cleaning Services	5,397	4,930	4,930	4,930	-	0.00%
Repair & Maintenance	5,360	5,750	5,750	5,750	-	0.00%
Rent	42,318	43,926	43,926	43,926	-	0.00%
Prop/Liab Insurance	167	204	204	204	-	0.00%
Fidelity Bond	311	101	101	101	-	0.00%
Postage & Telephone	11,322	11,878	11,878	11,500	(378)	-3.18%
Printing	1,225	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
Advertising	3,426	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	0.00%
Travel/Conferences	11,936	15,300	15,300	15,300	-	0.00%
Supplies	12,991	12,000	12,000	12,000	-	0.00%
Electricity	4,020	4,056	4,056	4,056	-	0.00%
Books/Periodicals	1,378	800	800	800	-	0.00%
Computer Software	30,314	34,212	34,212	35,000	788	2.30%
Equipment	24,059	37,780	39,180	39,180	-	0.00%
Dues & Fees	7,849	5,081	5,581	7,581	2,000	35.84%
Miscellaneous	17	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
Software Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,234,009</b>	<b>\$ 1,298,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,303,007</b>	<b>\$ 1,373,533</b>	<b>\$ 70,526</b>	<b>5.41%</b>
<b>Revenues</b>						
District Assessments	\$ 1,246,780	\$ 1,246,884	\$ 1,318,052	\$ 1,293,396	\$ (24,656)	-1.87%
Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	-	-	--
Indirect Cost Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	--
Interest Earned	2,358	7,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
Misc Other Income	14,701	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
Local Standards Board Grant	531	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	--
Prior Year Adjustment	3,776	-	-	-	-	--
Carry Forward	(35,443)	13,348	(48,245)	46,937	95,182	-197.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,232,703</b>	<b>\$ 1,298,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,303,007</b>	<b>\$ 1,373,533</b>	<b>\$ 70,526</b>	<b>5.41%</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,306)	-	-	-	-	-

**Central Office Assessment**

	FY 2014		FY 2015		Estimated	
	Percentage	Assessment	Percentage	Assessment	\$ Increase	% Increase
Bolton	2.37%	\$ 31,258	2.22%	\$ 28,657	\$ (2,601)	-8.32%
Huntington	4.90%	64,551	5.09%	65,776	1,225	1.90%
Jericho	8.03%	105,858	8.71%	112,631	6,773	6.40%
Richmond	9.86%	129,896	9.70%	125,450	(4,446)	-3.42%
Underhill I. D.	3.91%	51,579	3.83%	49,586	(1,993)	-3.86%
Underhill Town	5.66%	74,635	5.53%	71,571	(3,064)	-4.11%
Browns River	16.32%	215,069	16.23%	209,931	(5,138)	-2.39%
Camels Hump	16.32%	215,069	16.23%	209,931	(5,138)	-2.39%
Mount Mansfield	32.63%	430,137	32.46%	419,863	(10,274)	-2.39%
	100.00%	\$ 1,318,052	100.00%	\$ 1,293,396	\$ (24,656)	-1.87%



**Chittenden East Supervisory Union # 12**  
**Special Education Budget**  
**Proposed FY 2015**

See Chittenden East Supervisory Union report for detailed explanation.

Description	2012-2013 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>Revenue</b>						
Fund Balance Carry Forward	123,061	123,061	(238,047)	(359,132)	(121,085)	50.87%
Title I	280,235	257,659	242,656	208,509	(34,147)	-14.07%
Essential Early Ed (EEE)	188,033	188,033	186,192	192,126	5,934	3.19%
IDEA -B	670,571	626,000	563,400	531,508	(31,892)	-5.66%
IDEA-B Preschool	15,497	15,331	13,800	13,800	-	0.00%
State Block	941,064	941,064	931,958	937,549	5,591	0.60%
State Extraordinary	106,630	41,592	113,100	116,034	2,934	2.59%
State Expenditure Reimbursement	2,951,798	3,033,298	3,411,842	3,399,392	(12,450)	-0.36%
Other State	260,757	142,158	31,865	80,348	48,483	152.15%
BEST Grant	10,010	11,551	11,551	5,500	(6,051)	-52.39%
Excess Costs from LEAs	2,629	30,000	8,000	8,000	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous Local	1,638	7,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
Local Assessment	2,488,511	2,486,828	3,205,752	3,597,067	391,315	12.21%
Tuition Mansfield Academy	97,942	-	-	75,000	75,000	
Medicaid Preschool	110,877	-	-	238,550	238,550	
Medicaid	202,136	400,000	380,000	141,450	(238,550)	-62.78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,451,389</b>	<b>8,303,575</b>	<b>8,864,069</b>	<b>9,187,700</b>	<b>323,631</b>	<b>3.65%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Instructional Services	6,185,250	5,750,384	6,180,777	6,417,423	236,646	3.83%
100 Salaries*	3,742,148	3,613,076	3,807,194	3,856,379	49,185	1.29%
200 Benefits	1,746,751	1,689,322	1,860,555	1,875,618	15,063	0.81%
300 Instructional Services	58,198	33,900	32,700	52,140	19,440	59.45%
300 Inclusion Services*	14,431	33,052	70,066	170,978	100,912	144.02%
500 Other Purchased Services	13,068	13,240	13,800	1,750	(12,050)	-87.32%
566 Tuition	600,390	343,754	369,803	430,338	60,535	16.37%
600 Supplies	8,401	14,040	13,870	20,200	6,330	45.64%
700 Equipment	1,863	1,500	4,290	10,020	5,730	133.57%
Professional Services	5,582	6,700	7,200	-	(7,200)	-100.00%
Social Work Services	147,635	161,000	179,467	184,868	5,401	3.01%
Health Services	4,767	10,000	7,500	-	(7,500)	-100.00%
Psychological Services	190,622	170,521	193,624	233,237	39,613	20.46%
Speech & Lang Services	693,101	680,180	737,994	787,136	49,142	6.66%
OT Services	94,711	113,898	101,727	101,741	14	0.01%
PT and Other Support Services	44,920	51,383	52,570	52,149	(421)	-0.80%
Professional Development/ Mentoring	37,107	39,350	38,780	66,500	27,720	71.48%
Program Interventionists*	168,741	167,411	175,147	148,300	(26,847)	-15.33%
Technology*	19,564	39,400	47,000	47,686	686	1.46%
Administration Services	215,521	214,056	220,391	228,594	8,203	3.72%
Admin Support Services	114,382	104,064	144,097	120,798	(23,299)	-16.17%
Fiscal Services	8,618	11,000	8,200	9,000	800	9.76%
Facilities	40,723	36,400	45,140	40,320	(4,820)	-10.68%
Transportation	123,080	121,883	108,779	95,972	(12,807)	-11.77%
Contingency						-
Transfers						
<b>Total Special Ed</b>	<b>8,094,324</b>	<b>7,669,130</b>	<b>8,239,894</b>	<b>8,533,724</b>	<b>293,830</b>	<b>3.57%</b>
<i>*restated to match breakout in FY15</i>						
Early Intervention, EEE & CIS-EI	392,438	376,784	381,519	445,467	63,948	16.76%
Title 1 Programs	256,071	257,659	242,656	208,509	(34,147)	-14.07%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,742,833</b>	<b>8,303,573</b>	<b>8,864,069</b>	<b>9,187,700</b>	<b>323,631</b>	<b>3.65%</b>

## Chittenden East Supervisory Union # 12

### Estimated Special Education Assessment

District	FY 14 Budget	FY 15 Budget	\$ Change	% Change	% Share
Bolton	\$ 76,025	\$ 79,698	\$ 3,673	4.83%	2.22%
Huntington	\$ 157,001	\$ 182,930	\$ 25,929	16.52%	5.09%
Jericho	\$ 257,466	\$ 313,237	\$ 55,771	21.66%	8.71%
Richmond	\$ 315,932	\$ 348,889	\$ 32,957	10.43%	9.70%
Underhill I. D.	\$ 125,451	\$ 137,904	\$ 12,453	9.93%	3.83%
Underhill Town	\$ 181,526	\$ 199,046	\$ 17,520	9.65%	5.53%
MMUSD	\$ 2,092,350	\$ 2,335,363	\$ 243,013	11.61%	64.92%
	\$ 3,205,751	\$ 3,597,067	\$ 391,314	12.21%	100.00%

### Estimated Transportation Assessment

Town	2013-14 Assessment	2013-14 Percentage	2013-14 PK - 4 Oct 1 Enroll	2014-15 Percentage	2014-15 Estimated Assessment	% Increase
Bolton	\$ 31,343	7.01%	71	7.06%	\$ 36,074	15.09%
Huntington	\$ 67,039	15.00%	150	14.91%	\$ 76,136	13.57%
Jericho	\$ 100,124	22.40%	259	25.80%	\$ 131,755	31.59%
Richmond	\$ 125,372	28.04%	275	27.32%	\$ 139,544	11.30%
Underhill ID	\$ 47,885	10.71%	99	9.81%	\$ 50,122	4.67%
Underhill Town	\$ 75,310	16.85%	152	15.10%	\$ 77,126	2.41%
MMUSD	\$ 1,341,223		N/A		\$ 1,532,272	14.24%
	\$ 1,788,297	100.00%	1,005	100%	\$ 2,043,029	14.24%
Elementary	\$ 447,074				\$ 510,757	
MMUSD	\$ 1,341,223				\$ 1,532,272	
	\$ 1,788,297				\$ 2,043,029	

**Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12  
Transportation Budget  
Proposed FY 2015**

The increases in the transportation budget and assessments are due to higher fuel costs, a surplus applied in the 2013-2014 budget and a small carry-over deficit in 2012-2013 budget that was a result of purchasing an additional bus partially funded by a federal grant.

Unaudited

	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2013-15 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>						
Salary	\$ 875,078	\$ 873,752	\$ 860,234	\$ 919,156	\$ 58,922	6.85%
Insurance	299,852	318,031	355,482	358,230	2,749	0.77%
Social Security	65,950	66,842	65,808	70,315	4,508	6.85%
Retire/Work Comp/Unemp	74,633	84,801	93,117	94,333	1,216	1.31%
Professional Services	146	500	500	500	-	0.00%
Other Cleaning Services	5,438	5,639	6,247	6,247	-	0.00%
Repairs & Maintenance	5,312	200	200	200	-	0.00%
Busing Contracts	30,533	5,000	10,000	17,000	7,000	70.00%
Fleet Insurance	22,212	20,475	22,571	22,571	-	0.00%
Communicatons	20,767	10,000	4,475	4,475	-	0.00%
Advertising	0	600	750	750	-	0.00%
Travel/Training	823	4,200	2,200	2,200	-	0.00%
Supplies/Parts	125,086	113,037	107,102	115,233	8,131	7.59%
Fuels	220,495	192,000	240,960	255,023	14,063	5.84%
Software	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
Equipment	3,585	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
Bus Replacement	334,887	255,000	170,000	172,600	2,600	1.53%
Miscellaneous	3,456	3,745	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
Total Transportation	\$ 2,090,253	\$ 1,959,822	\$ 1,949,645	\$ 2,048,833	\$ 99,188	5.09%
<b><u>Estimated Revenue</u></b>						
Carry Forward	295,168	260,251	53,909	(92,908)	(146,817)	-272.34%
Vo-Tech Reimbursement	60,661	58,000	58,000	58,000	-	0.00%
Special Ed Reimbursement	-	32,727	32,727	24,000	(8,727)	-26.67%
Miscellaneous	16,122	12,712	12,712	12,712	-	0.00%
Sale of Bus	44,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
Grant	42,413	0	0	0	-	-
Elementary Assessment	397,995	398,033	447,074	510,757	63,683	14.24%
Secondary Assessment	1,194,096	1,194,099	1,341,223	1,532,272	191,049	14.24%
	\$ 2,051,255	\$ 1,959,822	\$ 1,949,645	\$ 2,048,833	99,188	5.09%
<b>Net</b>	\$ (38,998)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

## REPORT OF THE MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **Browns River Middle School**

BRMS is working on initiatives that are exciting and provide our students with opportunity to learn in a fast paced, engaged educational environment. Two examples are:

- We are implementing a 1:1 computer initiative with students on Team Journey, Team Mosaic and Team Phoenix. These students received an HP notebook computer for the 2013-2014 school year. Assigning every child a device addresses district goals of providing the tools that promote the learning of the curriculum, 21st Century Skills and Common Core skills across all content areas. Our goals are to increase student engagement and participation, communication skills, personal responsibility, efficiency and organization, ability to find information, opportunity to work with other students on projects, ability to make learning personal to their interests, and control of their learning.
- BRMS Teachers and Special Educators in the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades will be working towards implementing a new strategy for providing special education math services through co-teaching. Co-teaching is two or more licensed teachers sharing responsibility for teaching all of the students assigned to classroom. It involves the distribution of responsibilities among people for planning, differentiating instruction, and monitoring the progress for a classroom of students.

BRMS is in the third year of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which is being incorporated into our already existing CARES model (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-Control). This model is meant to be a proactive approach to our school-wide discipline program and it is designed to reinforce the positive behaviors of students. In addition, it serves as a support to students who need extra assistance to reach the school-wide expectations of CARES. Our school action plan focuses on School Climate and making BRMS a positive place for both our students and staff members. Our goal with PBIS is to improve student performance and foster positive school climate through consistent implementation of expectations, communication, and accountability.

The staff and students at BRMS successfully planted their first community garden in the spring of 2013 and had a bountiful harvest throughout the late summer and early fall. The garden included tomatoes, peppers, garlic and lettuce. The produce was used in both the student lunches and for instruction during health classes. We would like to thank the many community members and businesses who donated their time and materials to make this an incredibly successful start to our program. We are looking forward to the 2014 spring planting season!

This past summer, BRMS continued with facility upgrades as identified in our Capital Plan. The following items were completed this summer: flooring and carpeting replacement, window treatments, painting classrooms and hallways, lighting upgrades for drama productions, exterior door replacements, installation of hydration stations, improvement to restroom configuration, ventilation duct cleaning, variety of electrical upgrades to improve security and safety of the staff and students at BRMS.

### **Camels Hump Middle School**

Camels Hump Middle School was recognized along with Mt. Mansfield Union High School, in November, 2013, as one to the most energy efficient schools in the State of Vermont, earning an Energy Star designation. This recognition is the result of the many environmental and energy efficiency upgrades that the school has undertaken in the past few years. The Energy Star designation is based on CHMS's electrical upgrades, the 507 solar panel installation, our bio-mass heating system, our use of environmentally sustainable carpeting, composting and school-wide recycling, and our community garden. CHMS also initiated the renovation of our Library and Computer Lab areas to create a new and more flexible learning environment for

students and staff. The initial renovation included the creation of a common presentation area along with smaller “flexible” pod areas for smaller collaborative group work spaces. MMUHS graphic design students helped with the design of the CHMS Library/Computer Lab renovation, as part of their class work. Design students met with CHMS and district staff, regarding form and function of the area, and then presented six different designs to CHMS and district staff, addressing these form and function requirements. Many of the high school students’ design proposals were included in the final renovation.

Camels Hump continues to be proud of our students’ academic performance and student outcomes. Eighty-six percent of our students meet the standard in reading and seventy-six percent of our students meet the standard in mathematics based on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Also, CHMS student performance on the NECAP science assessment placed CHMS as one of the top ten schools in the state of Vermont. However, even with these successes, CHMS continues to be identified as a school in need of improvement for two sub-groups of students; economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities. These two CHMS sub-groups of students did not meet the Adequate Yearly Progress in reading and mathematics as determined by the No Child Left Behind legislation. We continue to work on improving student outcomes through a series of professional development activities that address instructional practice and assessment. Our mathematics teachers, collaborating with the district’s mathematics coordinator, continued their work on 80/20 instructional practices with a focus on questioning strategies. In June 2013, twelve CHMS mathematics teachers participated in a course designed to support teachers in differentiating math instruction. Our language arts and exploratory arts teachers focused on incorporating informational text across all content areas.

CHMS continues to refine and implement a number of community partnerships, as part of our science and social studies curriculums; Vermont Amphibians/Reptile Atlas, Vernal Pool Association, Monitor Barn and the Richmond Conservation Commission.

As part of our continued identification under the No Child Left Behind legislation, CHMS will be developing a new improvement plan during the 2013-2014 academic year. Our current plan which identified literacy, mathematics and school-wide systems evaluation, will be the basis for our new plan along with the implementation of the Common Core.

Student interest and participation continues to grow across all of our co-curricular activities. In the past year, we introduced mountain biking and Minecraft clubs, which have been well received. Our after-school engineering and robotics club has also been popular with students. Our interscholastic sports program also continues to grow in popularity with students participating on seven sports teams. Over sixty percent of our student population participates in our instrumental music program (chorus and/or band) and 19 of these students were selected to participate in the Northwest District Festival.

### **Mt. Mansfield Union High School**

This has been a year of progress at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. We have had two years to work on the recommendations from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges evaluation. We have spent extensive time incorporating the Common Core Standards into our curricula, lessons and assignments. Also, we have focused on increasing student voice in all facets of MMU. We continue to utilize committees composed of teachers, students, parents and administrators to explore what we do well and what we need to do differently to produce a graduate who will be an effective engaged, citizen.

The 2013-2014 school year saw the math department introduce a new Algebra I curriculum. This curriculum was developed by MMU teachers and utilizes the most recent research on the teaching of mathematics and the essential elements of a first year Algebra course. Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, math teachers have been working on developing a new Geometry course that will debut during the 2014-2015 school

year. The math department continues the practice of bimonthly professional development geared towards examining student performance and adjusting instruction to meet the needs of the students. In addition, daily, one-hour math classes continue to have a positive impact on student outcomes in mathematics; student grades have improved with daily contact and more time for practice.

Teachers of English, Social Studies, and the Sciences met in course groups bimonthly throughout the school year. Each group focused on one aspect of the curriculum development cycle, i.e. assessment, instruction, or curriculum redesign. Social Studies teachers, after careful examination of the current curriculum, and paying special attention to the need to help students to develop their skills as they learn content, have decided to restructure the scope and sequence of social studies at the high school. After developing a general outline based on best practices in schools around the country, the teachers have begun the process of shaping the curriculum and incorporating 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills and Common Core Standards for literacy in social studies. Science teachers are in the process of adjusting the scope and sequence of our science courses to reflect the Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards. This work will lead to new courses being offered during the 2014-2015 school year. English has been examining their curriculum and have made some adjustments to 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade curricula.

Early in 2012, in response to our New England Association of Schools and Colleges evaluation, the faculty at MMU began the development of our “School-Wide Learning Expectations” and rubrics. Teachers met regularly during inservice and during their department meeting times to collectively agree on the learning expectations for all students in all classes as well as the rubrics through which we will measure student learning. The discussions have been vigorous, frustrating, rewarding and valuable. In the 2012-2013 school-year, teachers piloted the rubrics within all classes so that students become familiar with the skills we expect them to practice and improve upon each year. Student performance on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Expectations will be included on the semester report cards.

Yet another major learning adventure at MMU, after two years of a pilot program, has been the one-to-one laptop initiative for all of our ninth and tenth grade students. During the summer, ninth and tenth grade teachers worked for several days, developing protocols and instructional plans for teaching computer organization skills in order to be prepared for students with full-time computer access. We have also begun to utilize a new Learning Management System titled *Schoology*. This program allows students and teachers to have a common method of posting class and home work. The program also allows parents to access student’s assigned work.

The Student Services Department has been working on improving our programming with each grade level and integrating technology into our work with students. We are now using a web-based program called Naviance Family Connection. Naviance is a **college and career readiness** platform that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals beginning in ninth grade and culminating with senior year. The college and career planning resources that Naviance offers optimize student success, enhance school counselor productivity, and track results for school and district administrators. Naviance allows the school to submit educational documents to colleges electronically and schedule students to meet with college representatives who visit Mt. Mansfield.

In 2012-13, 276 Advanced Placement exams were taken. Students earned scores of three or higher on 83% of exams, as compared to 70% the previous year. We saw improvements in much of our data related to college admissions as well. In the graduating class of 2013, 64% of seniors planned to attend a two or four year college or university. MMUHS student SAT average scores continue to well exceed state and national averages.

Health Services coordinated various programs for students and staff to raise awareness around wellness

opportunities and medical concerns. Some examples include; coordinating the PATH to wellness program and continuing to educate new staff and coaches on concussion guidelines and protocol. Health Services has helped implement and be compliant with the new state wide guidelines for student immunizations at Mt. Mansfield.

MMU currently has 29 active clubs, in addition to approximately 40 athletic teams, a marching band, and several choral and instrumental groups. New clubs for 2013-2014 include Ping Pong, Philosophy, and Ultimate Frisbee Clubs. Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation, and events such as Homecoming, Winter Carnival, and Spring Fling; help MMU continue to build a thriving community. We also sent students to the Vermont Student-Athlete Leadership Conference, where they have been able to learn valuable athletic leadership skills and bring them back to MMU.

Our Girl's Alpine and Dance Team celebrated Vermont State Championships in the winter of 2013. In any season you will have 33% of our students participating in our co-curricular sport program. If you get a chance, please stop by the school and watch an event. You will see students who are supported by coaches and their families working hard and smiling.

**BRMS**

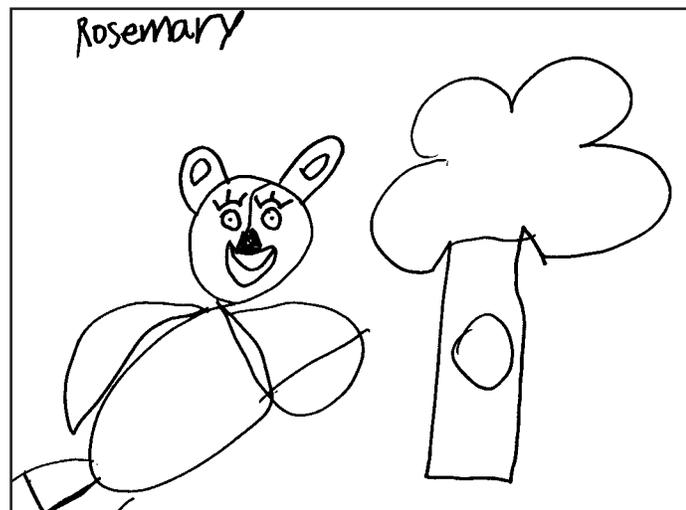
**Kevin Hamilton, Principal**  
**Elaine Archambault, Asst Principal**

**CHMS**

**Mark Carbone, Principal**  
**Suzanne Gruending, Asst Principal**

**MMUHS**

**Mike Weston, Principal**  
**Adrienne Capone, Asst Principal**  
**Richard Wright, Asst Principal**  
**David Marlow, Director of Student Activities**



**Mount Mansfield Union School District # 17  
2014-15 Proposed Budget Summary & Comparison**

Description	2012-13 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>						
Instructional Programs	\$ 12,270,160	\$ 12,200,192	\$ 11,832,791	\$ 11,970,189	\$ 137,398	1.16%
Special Education	4,902,086	4,979,001	5,661,942	5,702,790	40,848	0.72%
Vocational Education	1,098,234	1,082,017	1,063,358	1,309,800	246,442	23.18%
Co-Curricular Activities	213,500	223,839	226,349	227,559	1,210	0.53%
Health Services	276,044	272,970	859,472	843,287	(16,185)	-1.88%
Media Services	547,391	620,022	612,369	657,183	44,814	7.32%
Board of Education	38,910	53,526	53,526	53,526	-	0.00%
Chittenden East Supervisory Union	815,480	815,537	860,276	839,725	(20,551)	-2.39%
School Administration	901,578	951,183	954,735	997,138	42,404	4.44%
Secretarial Services	545,450	552,743	586,140	609,785	23,645	4.03%
Fiscal Services	113,516	114,200	114,200	114,200	-	0.00%
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	2,423,312	2,326,349	2,373,413	2,407,195	33,782	1.42%
Transportation Services	1,194,096	1,194,099	1,340,909	1,532,272	191,363	14.24%
Food Services	32,550	20,704	11,695	-	(11,695)	-100.00%
Other Fiscal Services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%
Debt Services	625,954	625,685	603,221	520,394	(82,827)	-13.73%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 26,018,262</b>	<b>\$ 26,052,067</b>	<b>\$ 27,174,395</b>	<b>\$ 27,805,044</b>	<b>\$ 630,649</b>	<b>2.32%</b>
<b><u>Estimated Revenue</u></b>						
<b><u>State and Federal</u></b>						
Education Spending Revenue	\$ 20,931,265	\$ 20,931,264	\$ 21,729,197	\$ 22,913,572	\$ 1,184,375	5.45%
Education Spending Rev ARRA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education Jobs Funds	91,087	70,000	-	-	-	-
Career & Tech Ed Transfer	566,291	551,023	573,948	667,924	93,976	16.37%
Drivers Education	16,853	14,000	14,000	14,000	-	0.00%
Transportation	528,040	545,645	527,177	456,185	(70,992)	-13.47%
High School Completion Program	18,817	24,000	15,000	15,000	-	0.00%
<b><u>Special Education</u></b>						
Block Grant	601,683	606,590	593,230	596,654	3,424	0.58%
Reimbursement	1,943,830	1,983,962	2,226,862	2,207,024	(19,838)	-0.89%
Extraordinary	69,747	27,203	73,819	75,334	1,515	2.05%
IDEA-B	438,620	409,442	367,723	345,077	(22,646)	-6.16%
Medicaid	220,548	261,624	248,021	91,835	(156,186)	-62.97%
Title 1	64,018	63,642	59,938	51,502	(8,436)	-14.07%
<b><u>Local</u></b>						
Tuition	291,946	302,204	308,000	308,000	-	0.00%
Interest	51,962	102,000	102,000	-	(102,000)	-100.00%
Impact Fees	35,822	35,822	35,822	15,472	(20,350)	-56.81%
Other and Grants	48,619	4,000	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
Prior Year Adjustments	37,735	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	359,083	119,647	298,461	46,266	(252,195)	-84.50%
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 26,315,965</b>	<b>\$ 26,052,067</b>	<b>\$ 27,174,395</b>	<b>\$ 27,805,044</b>	<b>\$ 630,649</b>	<b>2.32%</b>

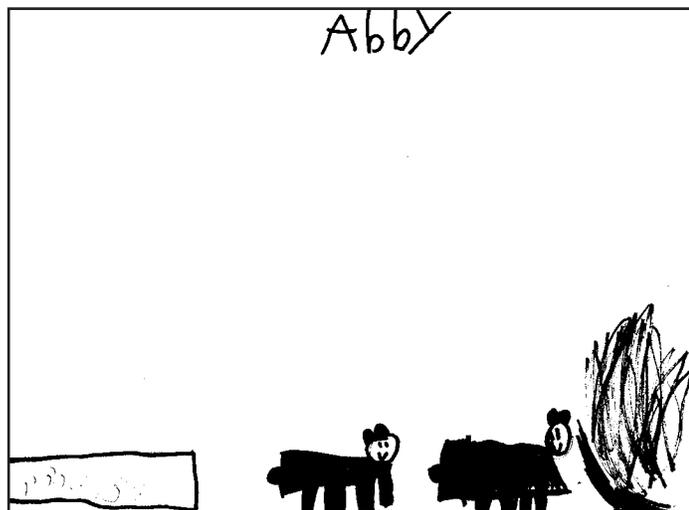
An independent audit of the accounts and financial statements of the Mt. Mansfield Union School District, for the period ending June 30, 2013, was conducted by Fothergill, Segale and Valley, CPAs. The report of the elected auditors and report of the independent auditors is available online at the CESU website [www.cesu.k12.vt.us](http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us).

# BALLOTS AND WARNINGS

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**NOTICE**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY**  
**MONDAY MARCH 03, 2014**

The legal voters of the Town of Bolton are hereby notified to meet at the Smilie Memorial Elementary School in said Town on Monday March 03, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. to transact town and school business.

Voting for Town Officers and any other business to be voted by Australian ballot will take place at Smilie Memorial Elementary School on Tuesday March 04, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**PAPER BALLOTS**  
**TOWN OR SCHOOL MEETING**

Here is some of the basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading the notice, or at any time during the voting process, ask your Town Clerk or other election official.

**CHECK-IN:**

- 1) Go to the 'in' table.
- 2) Give your name, and if asked, your residence to the election official in a clear audible voice.
- 3) Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the election official.

**ENTER:**

- 1) Enter within the specified area and do not leave until you have voted.
- 2) An election official will hand you a paper ballot.
- 3) Go to a vacant booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

- 1) Place a mark in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) or issue(s) you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot.
- 2) Write-In. To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank 'write-in' lines on the ballot.

**IF YOU SPOIL A BALLOT:**

- 1) Ask an election official for another ballot. Three (3) is the limit.

**CHECK-OUT:**

- 1) Go to the 'OUT' table.
- 2) Give your name to the election official in a clear audible voice.
- 3) Wait until you name is checked off by the official.

**IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.**

## WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## TOWN OF BOLTON

MONDAY MARCH 03, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Bolton are hereby warned and notified to meet at Smilie Memorial School, 2712 Theodore Roosevelt Highway (Route 2), Bolton on Monday March 03, 2014 to transact the following business. Australian ballot voting for Town Officials and other questions to be voted in that manner will take place on Tuesday March 04, 2014 at Smilie School. Polls are open from 7a.m. until 7p.m. Voters registered in the town of Bolton may participate. The last day to submit applications for addition to the checklist for Town Meeting is 5 p.m. February 26, 2014.

ARTICLE 01. (Articles 1, and 2 to be voted by Australian ballot, Tuesday March 04, 2014.)

To elect all officers as required by law:

- One Town Moderator for a term of one (1) year
- One Select Board member for a term of two (2) years
- One Select Board member for two (2) years remaining on a three (3) year term
- One Select Board member for a term of three (3) years
- One Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one (1) year
- One Town Constable for a term of one (1) year
- One Town Agent for a term of one (1) year
- One Grand Juror for a term of one (1) year
- One Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years
- One Town Treasurer for a term of three (3) years

ARTICLE 02. To see if the voters of the Town of Bolton will authorize the Select Board to add a one quarter cent (1/4¢) addition to the tax rate to support a fund for the purchase of conservation land.

ARTICLE 03. To see if the voters will accept the Town Report.

ARTICLE 04. To vote a budget \$849,900 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town and authorize the Select board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

ARTICLE 05. To see if the town will vote to pay real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four (4) installments with due dates of September 15, 2014, November 15, 2014, February 15, 2016, and May 15, 2016

ARTICLE 06. To see if the town will authorize interest charges on all delinquent taxes of real and personal property of one (1) percent per month. Interest accrues as soon as a payment is late.

ARTICLE 07. To authorize the Select Board to borrow money for the necessary needs of the Town as they arise.

ARTICLE 08. To establish expenses for the members of the Select Board.

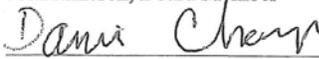
ARTICLE 09. To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift or purchase, land, in collaboration with the Town's Conservation Commission to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forest practices or for open land for animal habitats, recreational uses and to preserve important ecological areas

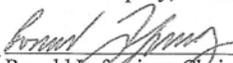
ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business thought proper when met.

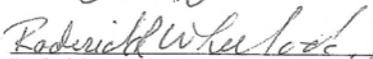
Dated at Bolton, Vermont this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2014, by the Bolton Select Board

  
Gene Armstrong, Board Member

  
Josh Arneson, Board Member

  
Daniel Champney, Board Member

  
Ronald Lafreniere, Chair

  
Roderick R. Wheelock, Board Member

Received for record at Bolton this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2014.

  
Amy Grover, Town Clerk and Treasurer for the Town of Bolton

OFFICIAL WARNING  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
BOLTON, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town School District of Bolton, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Smilie Memorial School, in said Town of Bolton, Vermont, on **Monday, March 3, 2014**, at seven o'clock in the evening to transact the following business.

Voting for Australian Ballot questions on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**, between the hours of 7:00 am at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm at which time the polls will close.

**March 3, 2014 – Annual Meeting**

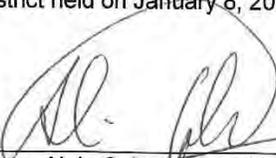
- Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the School Directors.
- Article 2: Shall the voters of the Bolton Town School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Bolton Town School District approve the payment of a \$10.00 stipend per board meeting to School Board Directors?
- Article 4: To transact other school business thought proper when met.

**March 4, 2014 - Australian Ballot Questions**

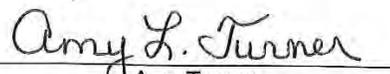
- Article 5: To elect a Moderator for one year.
- Article 6: To elect a School Director for a period of three years.
- Article 7: To elect a School Director for a period of two years.
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the Bolton Town School District appropriate **\$1,389,365** necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014?

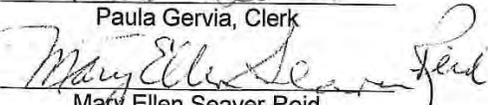
Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of Bolton School District held on January 8, 2014.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

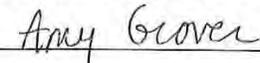
  
Alain Cohen, Vice-chair

  
Andrew Pond, Chair

  
Amy Turner

  
Paula Gervia, Clerk  
  
Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid

Received for record the 9 day of January, A.D., 2014.

  
Amy Grover, Town Clerk

**OFFICIAL WARNING  
MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #17**

**February 20, 2014 & March 4, 2014**

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 consisting of the town school districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town and Underhill Incorporated School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Camels Hump Middle School on **Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 a.m.** (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:  
     a Moderator for one year,  
     a Clerk for one year,  
     a Treasurer for one year,  
     an Auditor for three years, and  
     an Auditor for two years to complete an unexpired 3-year term
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.
- Article 3: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2014-15 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 authorize the Board of School Directors to provide a mailed Notice of Availability of the Annual Report to residents in lieu of distributing the Annual Report?
- Article 6: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

**March 4, 2014 -- Australian Ballot Question**

- Article 7: Shall the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 adopt a budget of **\$27,805,044** for the school year 2014-15?
- Article 8: Shall general obligation bonds of Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 in an amount not to exceed one million one hundred forty thousand Dollars (\$1,140,000), subject to reduction for available grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing certain public improvements, viz: roof restoration to Browns River Middle School in the town of Jericho, VT; roof restoration to Camels Hump Middle School in the town of Richmond, VT, roof replacement and upgrade heating controls to Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the town of Jericho, VT?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of state school construction aid.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Jericho Elementary School in the Town of Jericho, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on February 20, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m., and on February 27, 2014 at Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho, commencing at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the 2014-15 proposed budget.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 706u-706w of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Said voters and persons warned, are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

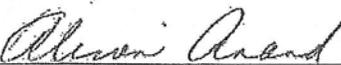
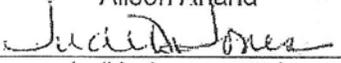
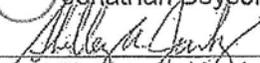
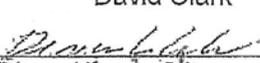
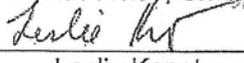
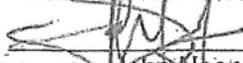
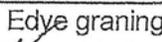
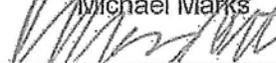
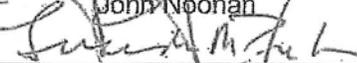
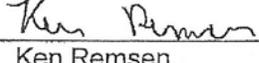
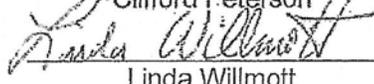
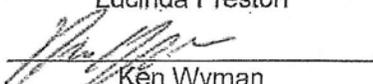
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The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

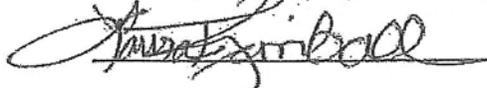
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Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School
Jericho	*	Jericho Elementary School
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

 Alison Artand	 Jonathan Boyson	 David Clark
 Judith Jones, Chair	 Shelley Jurkiewicz	 Diane Kirson-Glitman, Clerk
 Leslie Kanat	 Michael Marks	 John Noonan
 Edye graning	 Clifford Peterson	 Lucinda Preston
 Ken Remsen	 Linda Willmott	 Ken Wyman

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 Clerk, Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17

**\*\* Budget Informational Meetings \*\***

**February 20, 2014, 7:00 pm, Camels Hump Middle School**  
**February 27, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Browns River Middle School**

TOWN OF BOLTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 04, 2014

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FOR TOWN MODERATOR

For a one year term
Vote for only one person

JOSS BESSE .....[ ]
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

For a one year term
Vote for only one person

JOAN PECOR.....[ ]
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR TOWN AGENT

For a one year term
Vote for only one person

AMY GROVER.....[ ]
WRITE-IN.....[ ]

FOR GRAND JURY

For a one year term
Vote for only one person

AMY GROVER .....[ ]
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR TOWN CLERK

For a three year term
Vote for not more than one person

AMY GROVER.....[ ]
WRITE-IN.....[ ]

FOR TOWN TREASURER

For a three year term
Vote for not more than one person

AMY GROVER .....[ ]
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR LISTER

For a three year term
Vote for not more than one person

LINDE EMERSON.....[ ]
WRITE-IN.....[ ]

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

For a three year term
Vote for not more than one person

BETTY WHEELOCK.....[ ]
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

For a three year term
Vote for not more than one person

PENNY J. TINKER .....[ ]
WRITE-IN.....[ ]

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

For a three year term
Vote for not more than one person

CHERYL A. MENDICINO.....[ ]
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR CONSTABLE

For a one year term
Vote for not more than one person

WRITE-IN.....[ ]

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FOR SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

For a three year term

Vote for not more than one person

ANDREW POND [ ]

WRITE-IN [ ]

FOR SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

For a two year term

Vote for not more than one person

AMY TURNER [ ]

WRITE-IN [ ]

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FOR SCHOOL MODERATOR

For a one year term

Vote for not more than one person

JOSS BESSE [ ]

WRITE-IN [ ]

=====

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ARTICLE 8. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE BOLTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROPRIATE \$1,389,365 NECESSARY FOR THE SUPPORT OF ITS SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014?

YES, I am in favor of the VOTERS OF THE BOLTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROPRIATING \$1,389,365 NECESSARY FOR THE SUPPORT OF ITS SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014..... [ ]

NO, I am opposed to the VOTERS OF THE BOLTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROPRIATING \$1,389,365 NECESSARY FOR THE SUPPORT OF ITS SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 ..... [ ]

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SHOULD THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF BOLTON APPROVE THE ADDITION OF ONE-QUARTER (¼¢) CENT TO THE TAX RATE, THE PROCEEDS TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A LAND CONSERVATION FUND.

YES, I am in favor of the Town adding one-quarter (¼¢) cent to the tax rate in support of land conservation..... [    ]

NO, I am opposed to the Town adding one-quarter (¼¢) cent to the tax rate in support of land conservation..... [    ]

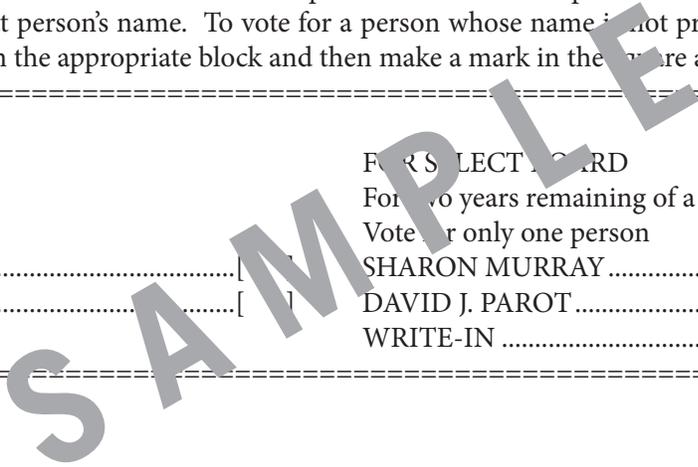
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FOR SELECT BOARD  
For a three year term  
Vote for only one person  
GENE ARMSTRONG .....[ ]  
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR SELECT BOARD  
For two years remaining of a three year term  
Vote for only one person  
SHARON MURRAY .....[ ]  
DAVID J. PAROT .....[ ]  
WRITE-IN .....[ ]

FOR SELECT BOARD  
For a two year term  
Vote for only one person  
JEN DUDLEY-GAILLARD.....[ ]  
TOM MAY .....[ ]  
WRITE-IN.....[ ]



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