

**TOWN OF  
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT  
AND  
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2015**

**NOTICE**

**TOWN BUSINESS MEETING: FEBRUARY 29, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING: FEBRUARY 29, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AT SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**98 BEAR RIDGE ROAD**

**BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING**

**MARCH 1, 2016 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD**

## **TOWN OF SUNDERLAND DIRECTORY**

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE.....	Sunderlandvt.org
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.....	(802) 375-1179
EMERGENCY CALLS – RESCUE SQUAD – FIRE – POLICE.....	911
STATE POLICE (other than emergency).....	442-5421
FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency).....	375-2323
FIRE WARDEN.....	375-6003
TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE.....	375-6106
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday . 8:00 am - 2:00 pm	
Fridays by appointment only	
TOWN GARAGE.....	375-2865
BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION.....	362-2452
SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	375-6100
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE.....	375-6904
EAST ARLINGTON POST OFFICE.....	375-6695
TRANSFER STATION.....	362-4082
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 7:00 am to 2:00 pm	
Sat. 7:30 am to 11:30 am.	
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY.....	375-6153

### **REMINDER TO ALL SUNDERLAND RESIDENTS**

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR.  
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER KERRY OLSON IS AVAILABLE TO  
ADDRESS YOUR ANIMAL COMPLAINTS AT (802) 375-1179.

Extra copies of this report may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office.

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**TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS  
2015-2016**

<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b> (1 year term)	Sally Ayrey
<b>TOWN CLERK</b> (3year term) Expires 2016	Rose Keough
<b>TREASURER</b> (3 year term) Expires 2016	Rose Keough
<b>SELECT BOARD:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Steven Bendix
Term Expires 2016 (3 year term)	Mark Hyde
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Jon French
Term Expires 2016 (1 year term)	James Ennis
Term Expires 2016 (1 year term)	Richard Timmerman
<b>FIRST CONSTABLE</b> (1 year term)	Jesse Stone
<b>SECOND CONSTABLE</b> (1 year term)	Renee Tobin
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b> (1 year term)	Kathleen Morse
<b>LISTERS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	John Stuermer
Term Expires 2018 (3year term)	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2016 (3 year term)	Vacant
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term) appointed for 1 year	Lucille Morse
Term Expires 2016 (3 year term)	James Ennis
<b>AUDITORS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2016 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Vacant
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b> (1 year term) appointed	James Ayrey
<b>TOWN AGENT</b> (1 year term) appointed	James Ayrey
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Melanie Virgilio
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term) appointed for 1 year	Mary VanVleck
Squillante	
Term Expires 2016 (3 year term)	Gordon Woodrow
Term Expires 2017 (2 year term)	Heidi French
Term Expires 2016 (2 year term)	Leslie Perra
<b>SCHOOL MODERATOR</b> (1 year term)	Vacant

## OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

(One year term unless otherwise noted)

2015-2016

Animal Control Officer & Pound Keeper	Kerry Olson
telephone: (802) 375-1179	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Michael DiMonda
Fence Viewers	Selectboard
Green-Up Chairman	John Williams
Health Officer	John Stuermer
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
Inspector of Lumber, Wood, & Shingles	Selectboard
Selectboard Chairman	Mark Hyde
Selectboard Clerk	Jon French
Selectboard Road Liaison	Richard Timmerman
Selectboard Secretary	Stephanie Wells
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
telephone: (802) 375-9510	
Town Fire Warden	Paul Ennis, Sr.
telephone: (802) 375-6003	
Tree Warden	Selectboard
Webmaster	Mark Hyde
e-mail address: <a href="mailto:mhyde@sunderlandvt.org">mhyde@sunderlandvt.org</a>	
Weigher of Coal	Selectboard
Zoning Administrator	John Stuermer
e-mail address: <a href="mailto:zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org">zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org</a>	
<u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u>	
Term Expires March 2017	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2016	Peter Luca
<u>Planning Board:</u>	
Term Expires March 2017	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2016	Scott York
Term Expires March 2016	Lilly Van Haverbeke
Term Expires March 2016	Peter Luca
Term Expires March 2016	John Stuermer
<u>Zoning Board:</u>	
Term Expires 2016	Robert Alexander
Term Expires 2017	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2016	Peter Luca
Term Expires 2018	John Stuermer
Term Expires 2018	Peter Van Vleck, Jr.
<u>Justice of the Peace: Elected November 4, 2014</u>	
Gloria Alexander	(802) 375-1281
Sally Ayrey	
Rose Stone	(802) 375-2258
Sally Stone	(802) 375-2258

**2016-2017  
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES  
AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$	220.00	monthly
AUDITORS	\$	15.00	hourly
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	\$	15.00	hourly
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	\$	125.00	annually
CONSTABLES	\$	10.00	hourly
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR			Fees
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR	\$	15.00	hourly
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR DEPUTY	\$	15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER	\$	15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER DEPUTY	\$	15.00	hourly
LISTERS	\$	15.00	hourly
MODERATOR	\$	100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$	500.00	annually
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER	\$	300.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD & PLANNING BOARD)	\$	16.08	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$	23.73	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$	18.22	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$	2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$	1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$	23,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK			Fees
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$	15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$	18,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$	12.85	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$	1,200.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$	30.00	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$	350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$	300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$	200.00	annually
MILEAGE		Federal Rate	per mile

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

### SELECTBOARD:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 7:00 PM.

### SCHOOL BOARD:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 6:30 PM.

### CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:30 PM.

### PLANNING COMMISSION:

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 7:00 PM.

## TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$217,247.00 + Grand List of \$1,683,616.82

Rate = \$.1290

Municipal Building Debt of \$34,852.00 + Grand List of \$1,683,616.82

Rate = \$.0207

Highway Fund Amount of \$288,259.00 + Grand List of \$1,683,616.82

Rate = \$.1712

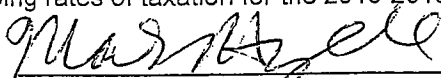
Cemetery Fund Amount of \$6,397.00 + Grand List of \$1,683,616.82

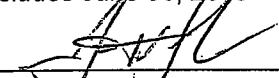
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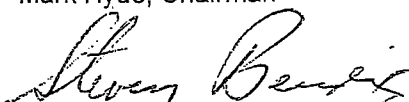
Local Agreement Amount of \$5485.37 + Grand List of \$1,635,771.02

Rate = \$.0034

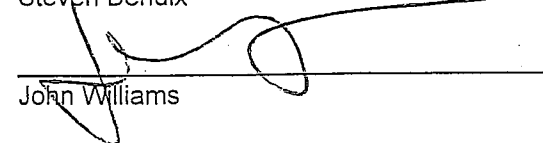
By authority, duly granted by T.17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2016

  
Mark Hyde, Chairman

  
Jon French, Clerk

  
Steven Bendix

  
Richard Timmerman

  
John Williams

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School at 98 Bear Ridge Road in said Town of Sunderland, on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at 10:00A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

**To be acted upon on Monday, February 29, 2016:**

- Article 1.** Shall the voters authorize the payment of its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>?
- Article 2.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be added to the Equipment Reserve Fund?
- Article 3.** Shall the voters approve the transfer of **\$85,000.00** from the National Forest Account to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?
- Article 4.** Shall the voters transfer any Highway Fund surplus on June 30, 2016 to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?
- Article 5.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?
- Article 6.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?
- Article 7.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guard Rail Reserve Fund?



- Article 9.** Shall the voters establish the Selectboard annual salaries at **\$1,500.00** for each of the four members and at **\$2,000.00** for the Chairman, beginning with the 2016 -2017 fiscal year budget?
- Article 10.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to exempt **4-H Camp Ondawa, Inc.** from taxation for three years (to begin with the 2016-2017 fiscal year)?
- Article 11.** Shall the voters authorize the establishment of a Building Maintenance Reserve Fund and to authorize **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?
- Article 12.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the Town?
- Article 13.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$7,000.00** for the support of **Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 14.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 15.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of **Recreation Park of Arlington** to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 16.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 17.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,200.00** for the support of **Arlington Community House** to provide services to the residents of the Town?
- Article 18.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$2,000.00** for the support of the **Manchester Chamber Partnership**?
- Article 19.** To transact any other non-binding business.

To be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2016:

Article 20. Shall the voters approve the total sum of \$12,500.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Article 21. Shall the voters approve the total sum of \$310,736.00 for the General Fund Budget?

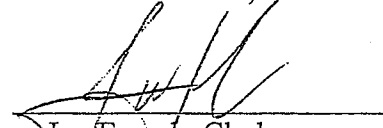
Article 22. Shall the voters approve the total sum of \$340,250.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

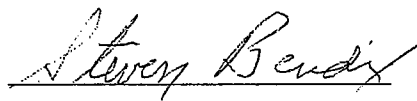
Article 23. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

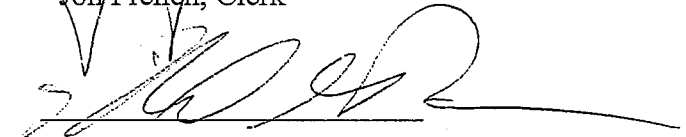
Auditor - 3 year term    Auditor - 2 year term    Auditor - 1 year term  
Cemetery Commissioner-3 year term    Cemetery Commissioner-2 year term  
Cemetery Commissioner-1 year term    Delinquent Tax Collector-1 year term  
First Constable - 1 year term    Second Constable -1 year term  
Lister -3 year term    Selectboard Member -3 year term  
Selectboard Member -1 year term    Selectboard Member - 1 year term  
Town Agent -1 year term    Town Grand Juror - 1 year term  
Town Moderator - 1 year term    Town Clerk -3 year term  
Town Treasurer -3 year term

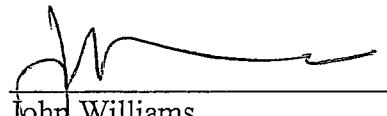
DATED THIS 18 DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2016

  
Mark Hyde, Chair

  
Jon French, Clerk

  
Steven Bendix

  
Richard Timmerman

  
John Williams

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for record this 21st day of January A.D., 2016  
at 8:00AM.

ATTEST:   
Rose M. Keough, Town Clerk

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Receipts:		
Cash in Bank 7/1/2014	\$	2,301.32
Interest- Checking	\$	74.06
Late Payments	\$	1,140.09
Overpayments	\$	2,731.07
Real Estate & Personal		
Property Taxes	\$	2,117,027.64
Voided Check	\$	55.30
Disbursements:		
Overpayments	\$	2,728.20
Transfers- Cemetery Fund	\$	6,175.00
General Fund	\$	126,000.00
Highway Fund	\$	247,050.00
School District	\$	1,735,996.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,123,329.48	\$ 2,117,949.23
Cash in Bank 6/30/15		\$ 5,380.25
TOTAL		
	\$ 2,123,329.48	\$ 2,123,329.48

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Balance 7/1/2014	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2015
Cemetery Trust	\$ 69,672.10	\$ 388.68	\$ 388.68	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 71,172.10
National Forest Account	\$ 147,610.41	\$ 2,640.86	\$ 2,798.15	\$ -	\$ 147,453.12
Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 66,141.14	\$ 217.60	\$ 48,593.75	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 67,764.99
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 6,001.21	\$ 31.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,032.64
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 12,164.41	\$ 68.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,232.48
Municipal Office Building Fund	\$ 133,412.23	\$ 134.25	\$ 542,220.52	\$ 408,674.04	\$ -
Office Equipment Fund	\$ 23,625.49	\$ 91.55	\$ 23,717.04	\$ -	\$ -
Paving Fund	\$ 18,124.30	\$ 123.37	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 34,247.67
Pedestrian & Bicycle Study	\$ -	\$ 3.17	\$ 5,088.77	\$ 5,629.99	\$ 544.39
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 81,412.88	\$ 461.32	\$ -	\$ 6,593.00	\$ 88,467.20
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 283.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.14
State Town Bridge Co-Op Fund	\$ 89,753.14	\$ 443.28	\$ 103,860.00	\$ 102,065.00	\$ 88,401.42
Guard Rail Fund	\$ 7,611.29	\$ 43.84	\$ 156.48	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,998.65
Road Projects	\$ 134.87	\$ 56.94	\$ 6,576.80	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,615.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 655,946.61</b>	<b>\$ 4,704.36</b>	<b>\$ 733,400.19</b>	<b>\$ 606,962.03</b>	<b>\$ 534,212.81</b>

No. R-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF VERMONT  
TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

\$351,000

The Town of Sunderland (hereinafter called the "Municipality"), a body corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Vermont, promises to pay to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, or registered assigns, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$351,000) in installments on November 15 of each year as set forth below, with interest on each installment at the rate per annum set forth below opposite the year in which the installment becomes due:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2013	\$-0-		2029	\$17,550	4.444%
2014	\$17,550	0.804%	2030	\$17,550	4.504%
2015	\$17,550	1.174%	2031	\$17,550	4.574%
2016	\$17,550	1.564%	2032	\$17,550	4.624%
2017	\$17,550	1.934%	2033	\$17,550	4.644%
2018	\$17,550	2.324%	2034	\$-0-	
2019	\$17,550	2.654%	2035	\$-0-	
2020	\$17,550	2.924%	2036	\$-0-	
2021	\$17,550	3.214%	2037	\$-0-	
2022	\$17,550	3.464%	2038	\$-0-	
2023	\$17,550	3.634%	2039	\$-0-	
2024	\$17,550	3.804%	2040	\$-0-	
2025	\$17,550	3.984%	2041	\$-0-	
2026	\$17,550	4.104%	2042	\$-0-	
2027	\$17,550	4.214%	2043	\$-0-	
2028	\$17,550	4.334%			

The interest rate of each installment shall run from the date of the original delivery of this Bond to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank and payment therefor and until payment of each installment and such interest shall be payable semi-annually on November 15 and May 15 of each year. Both principal and interest on this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States at U.S. Bank, N.A., in the City of Everett, State of Massachusetts, or at its successor as Trustee under the General Bond Resolution of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. Final payment of the interest and principal of this Bond shall be made upon surrender of this Bond for cancellation at the bank or trust company at which this Bond is then payable.

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

**GENERAL FUND**

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/2014	\$ 26,576.07
Fees - Beverage License	\$ 230.00
Copier	\$ 31.40
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$ 568.00
Zoning	\$ 3,101.00
Fines - Traffic	\$ 2,128.05
Interest - Checking	\$ 196.91
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 13,832.97
Investment Account	\$ 2,798.15
Late Payment	\$ 1.34
Miscellaneous	\$ 145.00
Reimbursement- School Annual Meeting	\$ 879.80
State of Vermont:	
Current Use Tax	\$ 27,147.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$ 991.44
Railway Tax	\$ 76.98
Taxes - Current	\$ 126,020.84
Delinquent	\$ 142,030.33
Overpayment	\$ 135.38
State of Vermont	\$ 7,482.46

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - General Fund	\$ 264,986.91
- Municipal Office Building	\$ 44,000.00
- Highway Fund Taxes	\$ 11,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 6,292.82

<b>Total Receipts &amp; Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 354,373.12</b>	<b>\$ 326,279.73</b>
Cash in Bank 6/30/15		\$ 28,093.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 354,373.12</b>	<b>\$ 354,373.12</b>

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENSED</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<b>7/14 to 6/15</b>	<b>7/14 to 7/15</b>	<b>7/15 to 6/16</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
				<b>7/16 to 6/17</b>
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,849.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Appropriations	\$ 1,660.00	\$ 1,660.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 50.00
Assessments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,284.29	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -
Audit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Bennington County Court	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00
Benn. County Regional Comm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,450.00
Dues	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,005.00
Fire Protection	\$ 39,600.00	\$ 39,598.00	\$ 40,800.00	\$ 42,000.00
Fire Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Health Insurance	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 7,053.44	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,849.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
Landfill	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,378.64	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,801.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Legal	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,426.28	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 9.52	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00
Office Building Electric	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Building Heat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,600.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
Office Building Payment	\$ 35,096.00	\$ 29,223.91	\$ 34,852.00	\$ 28,506.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,602.28	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Rental/Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,425.63	\$ -	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,325.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Parking Lot Paving	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -
Payroll	\$ 60,170.00	\$ 55,390.50	\$ 61,250.00	\$ 77,025.00
Planning	\$ 500.00	\$ 157.90	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Public Communications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,050.00
Retirement	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,246.35	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,100.00
Solid Waste Fees -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Tabulator Programing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Technology Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,411.23	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,450.00
Town Meeting	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,481.50	\$ -	\$ -
Town Meeting Ballots	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Town Meeting Officials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,400.00
Town Reports	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,677.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Town Sign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Training/Workshops	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 232,751.00</b>	<b>\$ 228,029.73</b>	<b>\$ 267,577.00</b>	<b>\$ 310,736.00</b>
Appropriations Voted	\$ 43,250.00	\$ 43,250.00	\$ 45,300.00	\$ -
Municipal Office Bldg Reserve	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 320,001.00</b>	<b>\$ 315,279.73</b>	<b>\$ 312,877.00</b>	<b>\$ 310,736.00</b>
Transfer to Highway(Taxes Due)		\$ 11,000.00		

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND INCOME**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017**

Cash in Bank 7-01-16	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	230.00
Dog Licenses	\$	600.00
Photocopies	\$	10.00
Zoning	\$	3,000.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	2,100.00
Interest - Checking	\$	200.00
Investment Account	\$	2,800.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	30,000.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	990.00
Railway	\$	76.00
<b>Total General Fund Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,006.00</b>
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>310,736.00</b>

**ADDITIONAL ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON**

Building Maintenance Reserve (Article 11)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Area Childcare (Article 12)	\$	700.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 13)	\$	7,000.00
Burdett Commons, Inc. (Article 14)	\$	1,000.00
Recreation Park of Arlington (Article 15)	\$	5,000.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 16)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Community House (Article 17)	\$	1,200.00
Manchester Chamber Partnership (Article 18)	\$	2,000.00

**ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	42,000.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	25,000.00
GNAT	\$	2,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00



TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

**HIGHWAY FUND**

**Receipts:**

Cash in Bank 7/01/14	\$	15,111.49
Interest Earned - Checking	\$	471.58
National Forest Revenue	\$	56,234.00
Permits - Excess Weight	\$	150.00
Road Cut	\$	50.00
Reimbursements		
Airgas Central	\$	150.50
Blue Flame	\$	925.23
Federal Highway Adm. (Irene)	\$	1,725,205.03
School	\$	119.00
School District - Fuel	\$	3,386.39
State Aid to Highways	\$	83,852.38
Taxes	\$	258,050.00

**Disbursements:**

Orders Paid - Selectmen		\$ 1,934,319.31
- Road Orders		\$ 97,979.63
- Equipment Reserve Fund		\$ 50,000.00
- Guard Rail Reserve Fund		\$ 1,500.00
- Paving Reserve Fund		\$ 16,000.00
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Study		\$ 3,000.00
- Road Projects Reserve		\$ 15,000.00
- State/Town Bridge Co-Op		\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 7,495.37
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,143,705.60	\$ 2,130,294.31
Cash in Bank 6/30/15		\$ 13,411.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,143,705.60</b>	<b>\$ 2,143,705.60</b>

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENSED</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<b>7/14 to 6/15</b>	<b>7/14 to 6/15</b>	<b>7/15 to 6/16</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
				<b>7/16 to 6/17</b>
Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,834.21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Chloride	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,638.55	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Culverts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,986.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Diesel	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,688.21	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,116.82	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 45,264.04	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gravel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,646.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,159.76	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 14,106.88	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 881.05	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,483.04	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Payroll	\$ 106,980.00	\$ 100,991.04	\$ 110,190.00	\$ 114,300.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 615.25	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Retirement	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,483.96	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,908.42	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Salt	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 43,959.06	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Sand	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 14,573.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 880.78	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Storm Water Runoff Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Sublet Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 900.00	\$ 875.74	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,885.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 400.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Trash	\$ 250.00	\$ 230.87	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Uniforms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 322,080.00</b>	<b>\$ 313,189.28</b>	<b>\$ 325,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,250.00</b>
Culverts (Reserved for FY 14/15)		\$ 1,400.00		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 322,080.00</b>	<b>\$ 314,589.28</b>	<b>\$ 325,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,250.00</b>
Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Guardrail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Pedestrian & Bicycle Study	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 412,580.00</b>	<b>\$ 405,089.28</b>	<b>\$ 445,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,250.00</b>
Irene - Kelley Stand		\$ 1,725,205.03		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 412,580.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,130,294.31</b>	<b>\$ 445,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,250.00</b>

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017**

Cash in Bank 7-01-16	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	150.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	450.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	56,230.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	50.00
Motor Fuel For School	\$	3,400.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	83,750.00
<b>Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income</b>	\$	<b>144,030.00</b>
Highway Fund Budget	\$	340,250.00

**ADDITIONAL ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON**

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 2)	\$ 50,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 50,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 8)	\$ 1,500.00

# CEMETERY BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017

Cleaning Stones	\$	500.00
Cutting Brush & Trimming	\$	1,500.00
Mowing	\$	8,000.00
Office Supplies	\$	200.00
Salaries	\$	1,500.00
Topsoil, Grass Seed/Fertilizer	\$	400.00
Tree Removal	\$	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,250.00</b>

LUCILLE MORSE  
JAMES ENNIS

## TOWN OF SUNDERLAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

### CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

#### Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/14	\$	5,674.56
Corner Stones	\$	525.00
Interest - Checking	\$	31.74
- Investment	\$	388.68
Taxes	\$	6,175.00

#### Disbursements:

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:

Corner Stones Setting	\$	1,050.00
Miscellaneous	\$	100.00
Mowing	\$	4,165.32
Payroll	\$	1,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$	76.50

**TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**      \$    **12,794.98**    \$    **6,391.82**

Cash in Bank 6/30/15      \$    6,403.16

**TOTAL**      \$    **12,794.98**    \$    **12,794.98**

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Neutered Males & Females @ \$8.00  
Males & Females @ \$12.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,888.00</b>
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Less Town Clerk Fee <b>220</b> @ \$2.00	\$ 440.00
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Less State Fee For Rabies <b>220</b> @ \$4.00	\$ 880.00
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<b>Amount Deposited in Town General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 568.00</b>
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## Selectboard Report 2015

**The town is in need of residents to get involved.** We always have open positions in town that never get filled. Listers, Auditors, Zoning Board Members and more. Come to a meeting, talk to a selectboard member or contact us at [selectboard@sunderlandvt.org](mailto:selectboard@sunderlandvt.org) if you have an interest in getting involved.

**Town Wide Reassessment:** The State of Vermont has decreed that we reassess all properties in town by April 1, 2017. This will entail our listers coming to your property by appointment and updating all information based on the current state of the property and dwellings and they will need access to the inside of your property to do this. Our current listers are Peter Van Vleck and John Stuermer. Expect to hear from them in the coming year.

**Town Building:** The parking lot was paved, a sign was placed on Sunderland Hill Rd and a group of volunteer residents did an excellent job adding gardens around the building and sign for no cost to the town. The town also installed a power generator which was partially paid for from a grant through FEMA.

**Sunderland Safe Roads Committee:** The final draft report will be presented to the town January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016. There will be a warned item at Town Meeting to determine if based on the report Sunderland voters want to proceed with applying for a grant to pay for the recommended enhancements. The town would need to pay a percentage of any grant received which is usually a 90/10% split with the town paying 10%. The improvements would primarily be on Sunderland Hill Rd from the covered bridge to Hill farm Road.

**Town Planning and Zoning Boards:** The Planning Board successfully updated the town plan which was then adopted by the town in October 2015. This year the Planning Board will begin updating the Zoning Regulations to bring them up to date.

**Town Highway Department:** The Highway crew continue to do an excellent job of maintaining and improving the town roads. The town has received a grant to redo the Hill Farm Bridge. The Bridge will be closed for a number of months likely starting in the April/May 2016 timeframe. We will post on the town website and FPF when we have an estimated closure date. We are also purchasing a new plow truck this year to replace one of our aging trucks. There are two warned items for Town Meeting which will assist the town in paying for the new truck. First, we are asking the voters to approve a transfer of money from the Forest Service Reserve fund into the equipment reserve fund. If approved, this will allow us to purchase the truck outright and not lease it over four years. Secondly, we are asking the voters to place any excess highway funds at the end of the fiscal year into our equipment reserve fund. This will help to replenish the equipment reserve fund so we can start planning for the future equipment needs for the town.

**Town Website:** The town places any relevant information on the site, warnings of upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, meeting videos, a calendar with meeting times and locations and all town regulations and permits.

**Front Porch Forum:** This website was setup for residents of Sunderland, Arlington and Sandgate. You typically receive no more than one email a day and it is free to all at [www.frontporchforum.com](http://www.frontporchforum.com).

**Animal Control:** As required by **Vermont State Law**, all dogs must be licensed by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** each year. Please register your dog at the Town Clerks office before this date, to avoid a fine. Kerry Olson is our Animal Control Officer.

**Solid Waste Survey:** The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance is requesting residents to fill out a survey on how they currently manage their solid waste. The survey is available at the Sunderland Town Hall and from the Town Website at [www.sunderlandvt.org](http://www.sunderlandvt.org) We would appreciate your response by March 31, 2016.

Sunderland Selectboard meets at 7:00PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at the Sunderland Town Hall, 104 Mountain View Rd. Meetings are also videotaped by GNAT-TV and can be found at either the town website or GNAT-TV.ORG.

Mark Hyde, Chairman, Sunderland Selectboard

Sunderland Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/15

Parcel #	Property Owner	2015	2014
133	Battenkill Canoe	379.92	169.62
497	Blackmer, Fred	816.00	
160	Bouchereau, Jean	709.02	
397	Danforth, Tammy	284.05	91.84
132	Fedele, Sylvia	373.67	
157	Federal National	1,312.65	
463	Lenilko, John & Noreen	1,666.67	
472	Livingston, Donna	593.24	
567	Paul, Louis	852.74	424.74
591	Pollack, Lillian	183.33	
832	Porcaro, Barbara	3,843.74	
544	Sweeney, Christopher	785.68	
709	Sweeney, Christopher	1,114.64	
		<hr/> 12,915.35	<hr/> 686.20

This past year of 2015 was much like the previous year. Property owners were taking longer to pay. I collected \$10,104.01 in interest and \$148,237.29 in taxes. At year beginning 2015, there were 3 delinquent properties that represent unique collection issues. I will have them resolved in the spring, along with a planned tax sale. Last year's sale was very successful. All sale properties were sold and/or redeemed.

I would be glad to help any property owner with setting up an installment plan.

If you have questions, please call.

Thank you all for the support.

Kathleen C. Morse

## **VITAL STATISTICS - 2015**

### **BIRTHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
LANE, Chase Simmons	1/5/2015
REILLY, Fiona Grace	2/24/2015
DELANEY, Frankie-Jane	4/13/2015
BROPHY, Caliegh Anne	5/25/2015
CONRAD, Pierce James	6/10/2015
PEACOCK, Abigail Alexandra	7/12/2015
BROWNLEE, Emmett Jeffrey	9/20/2015
SHORT, III, Robert Lawrence	11/3/2015
EINSIG, Virginia Monet	12/1/2015

### **DEATHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
WITTEN, Mary Ellen	3/12/2015
ENNIS, Linda	4/27/2015
WHITAKER, Frances	8/4/2015
PFEIL, Eleanor	9/28/2015
RIZIO, Glen Allen	10/21/2015
MORSE, Joan	12/17/2015

### **MARRIAGES**

<b>Applicant A</b> <b>Applicant B</b>	<b>DATE</b>
SAUNDERS, Torrie Marie BOWEN, Justin Michael	5/15/2015
CROFT, Katrina Louise JOY, III, John Douglas	8/8/2015
TESSIER, Michelle Marie EDMUNDS, Mathew Earl	10/3/2015
STROFFOLENO, Melissa Sue DANIO, Shawn Michael	10/17/2015



**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 2 & 3, 2015**

Moderator Sally Ayrey called the Town of Sunderland meeting to order at 7:00 PM with approximately 56 people in attendance. Moderator Ayrey welcomed everyone and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Ayrey read an invocation from the Town of Danville to remind everyone to think clearly and to be respectful of each other. Moderator Ayrey announced that all three State Representatives plan on attending tonight's meeting. Representative Steve Berry had asked to address the assembly and with no objections spoke about the Human Services Committee he serves on and explained some of the work and goals of the committee. Representative Berry also acknowledged that he attended the open house for the Sunderland Municipal Offices and congratulated the Town on the project. Michael DiMonda expressed concern for the veterans of Vermont and how Vermont is 48<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states on the list of benefits for veterans but 8<sup>th</sup> on the list of welfare benefits. He also asked how Representative Berry stood on appropriating money for our veterans. Representative Berry stated that he is and has been a longtime supporter of veterans and thought it to be terrible that Vermont is so low on the list. Representative Berry did note that he has heard wonderful things about the Veterans home in Bennington. Representative Berry expressed concern that money had to be appropriated upfront to better lives for all Vermonters. Representative Berry then received contact information from Michael DiMonda and left the meeting. Moderator Ayrey introduced the Selectboard members present as Mark Hyde, Chairman, Steven Bendix and Richard Timmerman along with Town Clerk/Treasurer Rose Keough. Moderator Ayrey then reviewed the conduct and procedures of the meeting which would be under Roberts Rules of Order 11<sup>th</sup> edition and according to Vermont State law. Moderator Ayrey stated that the Annual Warning is on page 5 of the Town Report and articles 1 – 12 will be addressed tonight and the remaining articles will be voted on by ballot tomorrow. Selectboard Chairman Mark Hyde addressed the assembly by stating that 2014 was a very busy year. The Kelley Stand Road project has been completed along with the completion of the Town Hall. Chairman Hyde thanked everyone involved in these projects and they were great accomplishments. Chairman Hyde thanked John Williams for managing the open house for the Town Hall. Chairman Hyde also acknowledged and thanked James "Cubby" Ennis for his many years of service to the Town because "Cubby" is not seeking reelection to the Selectboard. Chairman Hyde announced that Kay Kwasniewski will be retiring from her positions as recording secretary to both the Selectboard and Planning Board on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Hyde thanked Kay for her service and expressed that she will be missed.

**Article 1.** Shall the action(s) taken at the meeting(s) of this town held on March 2, 2009, March 1, 2010, February 28, 2011, March 5, 2012, March 4, 2013 and March 3, 2014 in spite of the fact that the distinction between the articles voted on by floor vote and the articles voted on by Australian ballot was not made clear within the warnings for each meeting, and any act or action of the municipal officers or agents pursuant thereto be readopted, ratified and confirmed ?

Moved by: James Ayrey

Seconded by: John Williams

Judy Edmunds stated she felt that the question was not clear enough because she for one could not remember all the actions taken in those years. Moderator Ayrey stated that it was the action taken at the noted meetings and if there is a problem with the decisions it would need to be brought up for a future annual meeting. Mark Hyde stated that this does not change any votes taken in the previous years it is just a matter of the warnings did not specify which items would be by floor vote and which items would be a ballot vote. Marilyn Couture stated that in fact this is just a clarification vote and Mark Hyde stated yes. Jeremy Crumb stated that he felt that article 1 should also state which articles should have been by floor vote and which articles should have been by Australian ballot vote for each year.

Article one was approved by voice vote.

**Article 2.** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Weiland Ross

John Cullinan asked if this would mean that the Selectboard would be voting on their own salaries and Rose Keough explained that the voters could change the salaries or the Auditors could approve a salary change and the Selectboard is prohibited from setting their own salary.

Article two was approved by voice vote.

**Article 3.** Shall the Town pay its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>?

Moved by: Colleen York

Seconded by: Jeremy Crumb

With no discussion article three was approved by voice vote.

**Article 4.** Shall the Town approve the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Marilyn Couture

Seconded by: Carl Graves

Jeremy Crumb asked what the money would be used for and Mark Hyde explained that currently we have \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 in yearly leases to be paid and in the near future a new plow truck will be needed. Jeremy Crumb asked about the price of a truck and Richard Timmerman stated that equipment prices keep going up so we are looking at around \$200,000.00,

Article four was approved by voice vote.

**Article 5.** Shall the Town approve the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund? and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Steven Bendix

Seconded by: Colleen York

Judy Edmunds questioned the \$19,000.00 paving money in the General Fund budget and if this would be added to it. Mark Hyde stated that it is two completely separate items, highway money cannot be used for anything but highway expenses and the \$19,000.00 is for paving of the property owned by the Town.

Article five was approved by voice vote.

**Article 6.** Shall the Town approve the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund? and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Scott York

Seconded by: Randolph Schmidt

Jennifer Williams asked about what projects were being done. Mark Hyde explained that the North Road needed to be widened and all diseased and dead trees need to be removed from the Town right of way.

Article six was approved by voice vote.

**Article 7.** Shall the Town approve the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op? Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Melanie Virgilio

Seconded by: Lilly Van Haverbeke

With no discussion the motion was approved by voice vote.

**Article 8.** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,800.00 to be expended as follows:

\$700.00 to Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Happy Days Playschool);

\$850.00 to Arlington Community Club;

\$1,500.00 to Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.;

\$1,000.00 to Burdett Commons, Inc.;

\$2,000.00 to Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT);

\$2,500.00 to Turning Point Center of Bennington;

\$250.00 to The Tutorial Center;

to help defray the expenses of these organizations, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by the approved amounts?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Margaret Timmerman

Moderator Ayrey explained the change in the format of the article and stated that the Selectboard was trying to shorten the warning and to also show how much money was being requested which would then increase our taxes. Peter Luca stated that he felt all organizations requesting funding should appear before the Selectboard and present their case to the board. Mark Hyde noted that there are letters in the Town Report with some detail from the organizations and that it is up to the voters to decide to approve or defeat the requests. Melanie Virgilio stated that she thought most of the organizations are nonprofit and in some capacity serves the Town. Melanie Virgilio asked if GNAT charges anything to do the videos of the meetings. Mark Hyde stated that GNAT does not charge anything and the organizations may be nonprofit or not for profit. Steve Bendix noted that the board felt GNAT does do a good service for the Town and some other organizations may not. John Cullinan stated that he did not like the appropriations being in one article and should be kept separate. John Cullinan stated that an explanation of what the money would be used for should be included. John Cullinan also noted that on page 72 of the Town Report it shows that GNAT has \$50,000.00 above their expenses and should not need public money. John Cullinan does not feel GNAT really depends on \$2,000.00 from the Town. Carl Graves asked if the GNAT representative, Patrick Monroe could speak on the issue. Hearing no objection to allow Patrick Monroe to speak Moderator Ayrey recognized Patrick Monroe. Patrick Monroe stated that it cost GNAT \$6,000.00 per year per town to video all the Selectboard and School Board meetings and GNAT is asking for only one third of that expense from Sunderland. Patrick Monroe also noted that GNAT works a great deal with all schools and it is a wonderful program. Jennifer Williams moved to amend article eight by reducing all request to zero. There was no second to the motion so no action was taken.

The original motion for article eight was approved by voice vote.

**Article 9.** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to help defray the expenses of the Recreation Park in Arlington, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: James Ayrey

Seconded by: Scott York

With no discussion article nine was approved by voice vote.

**Article 10.** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Judy Edmunds

Seconded by: Michael Welther

With no discussion article ten was approved by voice vote.

**Article 11.** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Moved by: Colleen York

Seconded by: Margaret Timmerman

With no discussion the motion was approved by voice vote.

**Article 12.** To transact any other non-binding business.

Lily Van Haverbeke questioned why there is no auditor report for the Town. Mark Hyde stated that because of the lack of Auditors one could not be completed. The Town needs residents to get involved by becoming Auditors, Planning Board Members, Lister, Town Agent and Town Grand Juror. Mark Hyde asked anyone with the interest to be involved to contact the Selectboard. Lily Van Haverbeke asked how the Town Report was completed and Mark Hyde stated that Town Clerk, Rose Keough compiled everything and had it printed. Marie Litowinsky gave an update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Feasibility Study. Marie Litowinsky expressed the need for public input on the project and meetings will be posted on the website and front porch forum. Steven Bendix reminded everyone that on May 9, 2015 at the Arlington Memorial High and Middle School from 9:00am until 1:00pm there will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection for residents. Judy Edmunds asked why the Law Enforcement line item of the General Fund

Budget has gone from \$8,000.00 to \$16,000.00. Mark Hyde explained that for the past few years we have been fortunate enough to have a grant where the Town received the Bennington County Sheriff's service for half the cost. Mark Hyde explained that the grant is no longer available so the Selectboard wanted to keep the same service and this caused the increase to the line item. Dineen Squilante asked about the lighting at the Town Hall and if it was necessary to be on all night. Mark Hyde explained that the lights now turn off at 8:30 each night and the Selectboard is working on resolutions to the lighting problems. Jeremy Crumb stated the Kesick Swamp Road sign was spelt incorrectly and how long before it is corrected. Marc Johnston stated that he was just recently made aware of the misspelling along with Shady Pines Road and it would be corrected as soon as the new signs are received. Jeremy Crumb noted that when the Borough Road sign was incorrect it was replaced immediately. Jeremy Crumb stated that he and other residents on Kesick Swamp Road had requested that the name be changed to Kesick Road and the Selectboard denied the request when all but two residents were in favor of the change. Steven Bendix noted that E-911 had stated that it was not a good idea to change names because of the confusion it caused. Steve Bendix also noted that Kesick Swamp is a historical name for Sunderland because it was dedicated as the King's Parade Ground. Jeremy Crumb stated that he felt the Selectboard should have allowed the change. Jennifer Williams agreed that the name should be changed. Mark Hyde stated that anyone could do a petition for the next Town Meeting with the required number of signatures and have the voters decide. Judy Edmunds expressed concern over the increase in the General Fund Budget because of Town Hall expenses such as paving and signage and felt that the items should have been paid for by the loan that the Town has for the Town Hall. Mark Hyde explained that because of the costs certain items had to be cut from the project and now are a part of the budget. Moderator Sally Ayrey introduced Representative Cynthia Browning and hearing no objections asked her to speak to the assembly. Representative Browning went over the Education Reform, Water Quality H-35 and energy cost. Representative Browning expressed concern that tax payers are being charged through fees and taxes for problems that we do not contribute to and some items in education are not education expenses. Representative Browning asked everyone to feel free to contact her with their concerns so she can serve everyone better. Moderator Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 8:35PM until 10:00AM March 3, 2015 for voting by Australian ballot on articles thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 3, 2015 at 10:00AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

**Article 13.** Shall the Town approve the sum of \$12,800.00 to defray the expenses of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund? (Taxes estimated at \$12,800.00)

YES	99
NO	12
BLANK	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**Article 20.** Shall the Town approve the General Fund Budget of \$267,577.00? (Anticipated income estimated at \$32,685.00; Taxes estimated at \$234,892.00)

YES	95
NO	16
BLANK	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**Article 21.** Shall the Town approve the Highway Fund Budget of \$325,590.00? (Anticipated income estimated at \$143,920.00; Taxes estimated at \$181,670.00)

YES	97
NO	14
BLANK	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

Article 16. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

**Auditor** -2 year term

WRITE-IN 0  
BLANK 115  
TOTAL 115

**Cemetery Commissioner** -2 year term

WRITE-IN 1  
BLANK 114  
TOTAL 115

**Delinquent Tax Collector** -1 year term

KATHLEEN C. MORSE 93\*  
BLANK 32  
TOTAL 125

**Second Constable** -1 year term

RENEE TOBIN 79\*  
WRITE-IN 2  
BLANK 34  
TOTAL 115

**Lister** -2 years of 3 year term

JOHN STUERMER 84\*  
WRITE-IN 2  
BLANK 28  
SPOILED 1  
TOTAL 115

**Selectboard Member** -1 year term (vote for 2)

RICHARD TIMMERMAN 88\*  
JOHN WILLIAMS 93\*  
BLANK 49  
TOTAL 230

**Town Agent** -1 year term

WRITE-IN 2  
BLANK 113  
TOTAL 115

**Town Moderator** -1 year term

SALLY AYREY 92\*  
BLANK 23  
TOTAL 115

**Auditor** -3 year term

WRITE-IN 0  
BLANK 115  
TOTAL 115

**Cemetery Commissioner** -3 year term

WRITE-IN 3  
BLANK 112  
TOTAL 115

**First Constable** -1 year term

JESSE STONE 91\*  
WRITE-IN 1  
BLANK 23  
TOTAL 115

**Lister** -1 year of 3 year term

WRITE-IN 0  
BLANK 115  
TOTAL 115

**Lister** -3 year term

PETER VAN VLECK 86\*  
BLANK 29  
TOTAL 115

**Selectboard Member** -3 year term

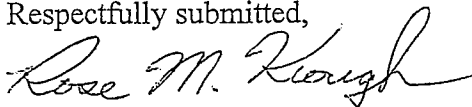
JON FRENCH 91\*  
BLANK 24  
TOTAL 115

**Town Grand Juror** -1 year term

WRITE IN 1  
BLANK 114  
TOTAL 115

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results at 7:30 PM. \*(denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough  
Sunderland Town Clerk

## **SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

The legal voters of the Sunderland Town School District, Sunderland, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot.

### **To be acted upon on Monday, February 29, 2016:**

- Article 1: To elect a temporary Moderator to serve for this meeting.
- Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?
- Article 3: Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000 for the Bus Reserve Fund?
- Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 for the Technology Reserve Fund?
- Article 5: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 8).
- Article 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

### **To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2016:**

- Article 7: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,250 for the 2016-2017 school year for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and who attend Burr & Burton Academy or Long Trail School?
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,763,253, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,793 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.35% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 9: To elect School District officers and directors as follows:
  - 1. Moderator for one (1) year
  - 2. School District Treasurer for one (1) year
  - 3. School Director for two (2) years remaining of a three (3) year seat
  - 4. School Director for two (2) years
  - 5. School Director for three (3) years

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Dated this 14th day of January 2016.

### **SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Gordon Woodrow, Chair  
Leslie Perra, Clerk  
Heidi French  
Mary VanVleck  
Melanie Virgilio

**School District Directors Report  
Sunderland School District  
January 2016**

**Overview of educational goals and programs**

Our BRSU wide Personalized Student Learning Initiative continues to grow as a core structure for improving teaching and learning. This program is an educational system around the essential relationships between students, parents, and teachers so that we can focus the learning process on supporting students in achieving their personal aspirations.

Personalized Learning is the structure that will lead us to our Board's End Goals of educating all students so they become self-fulfilled people and active, civic-minded citizens at an affordable cost. We will also have a Monitoring policy and system to track whether our educational goals are being achieved and provide feedback to leadership for continuous improvement.

We now have all the technology tools needed to access the internet for using the Learning Management System, accessing curriculum resources and conducting online testing assessments. ePortfolios are being developed for each student to have more control of their learning, projects and achievements.

Teachers are participating in BRSU leadership coordinated professional development activities to strengthen curriculum and instruction skills.

**Student Enrollment and Distribution**

Enrollment at the elementary level continues to increase while secondary student enrollment has decreased slightly. Even though student enrollment is dropping statewide, our district continues to gain new students. We are anticipating 80 elementary students for the 2016-17 school year.

**Elementary Student Achievement and Assessment Review**

Last Spring, Vermont, along with over half the States in the US, began implementing the Smarter Balanced Assessment online testing program. The Smarter Balanced Assessment was developed to assess student mastery of Common Core State Standards. The purpose of the test is to provide educators with feedback on whether and how students are progressing towards the goals we have set for them. Because students in all schools participate in the same assessment, the Vermont Agency of Education receives statewide data on student performance that allows them to evaluate overall progress with respect to mastery of standards and helps them find the gaps in progress. Initial results have been published for all schools on the AOE website. Sunderland teachers have the first data for students and will continue to use the NWEA MAP real-time testing to help us guide individual student learning and growth. You can learn more about the Smarter Balanced Assessment program at the Agency website here: <http://education.vermont.gov/sbac/>

**School District Governance Mergers under Act 46**

Act 46 is a new law that requires school districts to either merge with other districts by 2019 or allow the State to assign districts to merge with others according to the Statewide Governance Plan. The Sunderland Board has spent a great deal of time evaluating the best governance structure options for our district under Act 46. In October, we hosted a Community Forum on Education in Sunderland and had a turnout of over 50 people. During the forum we provided an overview of the Act followed by roundtable discussions about what aspects of our educational system are most important to preserve and where there are opportunities for expanded and equitable learning. We used several governance merger scenarios as a tool for community members to evaluate the best options for Sunderland. This was recorded by GNAT and can be watched here along with other Act 46 video resources: <http://gnat-tv.org/act46/>

In December, the Sunderland board voted to join an Act 46 Study Committee comprised of Manchester, Dorset, Mountain Towns RED, Danby and Mt. Tabor. The Study Committee will be comprised of a mix of board members and community members that will evaluate merger options and create a report that contains Articles of Agreement for merging into one school district. This committee is an elected body subject to Vermont's Open Meeting Law. If approved by the Agency of Education, the Articles of Agreement would be voted on by each town. If each town votes yes for the merger, there will be a new School District Board elected by all towns that would manage the operations and budget of all schools within the district. Sunderland's District School Board would dissolve after old business is completed.

Community forums and other pathways to get community input will be available through this whole process. We will have up to date information on the progress of the Steering Committee through meeting minutes BRSU and school websites, Front Porch Forum, GNAT, Manchester Journal and direct mailings.

You can learn more about Act 46 at the Agency of Education website and the BRSU website. The Manchester Journal and GNAT are also tracking and reporting all area Act 46 activities.

### **FY 2017 Budget**

The tax rate is estimated to decrease slightly from \$1.23 last year to \$1.21, pending legislative approval of the base tax rate. A summary highlighting the significant components of the budget include the following:

**Elementary Program:** We have a small increase in equalized pupils from 140 to 142 and our education spending/equalized pupil moves from \$13,476 last year to \$13,793. Act 46 rules have changed the structure of how districts must calculate Education Spending (the amount of money needed from the Statewide Education Fund to operate our district). You'll see these changes in the Actual and Projected Tax Rate sheet that accompanies our budget in this town report. The per pupil spending rate of \$13,792 is below the allowable spending cap imposed by Act 46.

We are budgeting to add another classroom teaching position to accommodate our increased enrollment. This will be the first time in many years that we will need a teacher for each grade. The budget shows a .2 library/media position which is the percentage that we have always had for that position, however this year, we are fortunate to be able to fill that position with a certified teacher who happens to also be the reading/math teacher at Sunderland. This will increase the time that employee is here from .4 to .6, which is .4 hours as the reading/math support and .2 for library/media classes. It is our hope to increase the Nurse position by .2 to fulfill needed health opportunities for students.

**School Building Operating Cost Savings:** It is worth noting that we are seeing a 17% reduction in our electric usage costs and a 14% reduction in our heating oil costs. This is due in part to energy efficiency projects and lower prices.

**Secondary Program:** We are expecting a slight decrease in secondary enrollment which will result in a reduction in tuition costs.

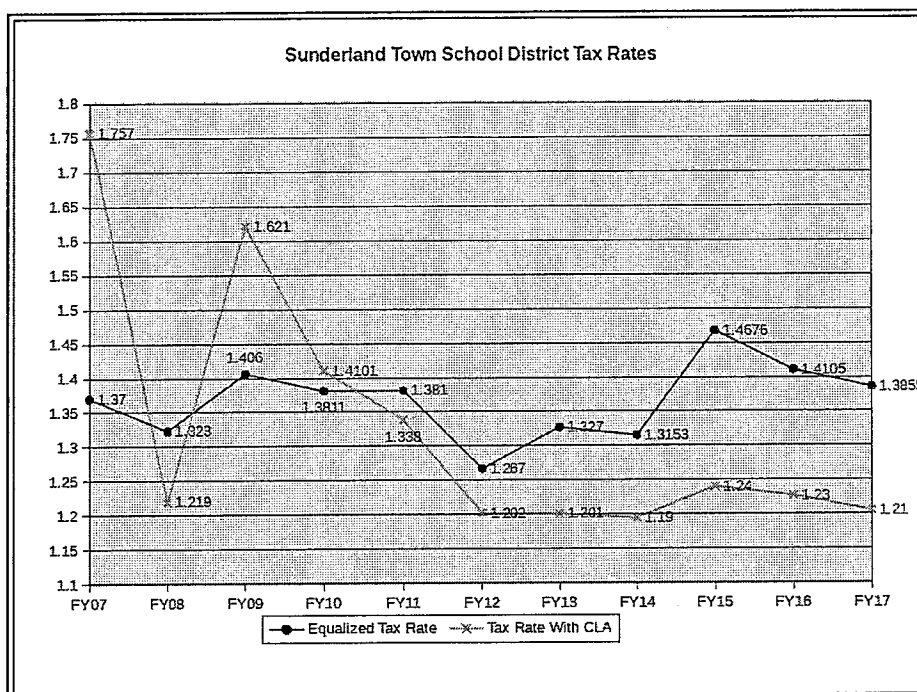
**The Bottom Line:** The total expenditures of the budget are 12% above last year and on the revenue side, we are projecting a 6% increase in total revenue receipts. Education Spending, the amount needed after subtracting our revenue from expenses will be an increase of 10% from last year.

**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):** Another decrease in home value sales this year has created a higher percentage increase in our homesites, benefiting our tax rate.

**Impact Aid:** Our Impact Aid Reserve for Tax Relief Fund (the funds we use to protect taxpayers from costly jumps in the tax rate) is at \$1.18 million. We propose the use of \$304,692 this year to project the tax rate at \$1.21. The funds are a buffer to spikes in the CLA and as the balloon of early years students



move through the elementary program and enter the tuition middle and high school years. The funds are received each year from the Federal Government. We will be addressing how to protect the current funds in this account for Sunderland residents as part of the Act 46 merger process. The chart below shows the trend of our school district tax rate from FY 2007 to 2015.



### Warned articles

We ask the voters to authorize the school board to appropriate \$10,000 for the Bus Reserve Fund and \$5,000 for the Technology Reserve Fund. Our bus is at the point where maintenance costs are increasing. The board will be looking at options for selling and replacing the existing bus.

We also ask the voters to approve the payment of the announced tuition of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,250 per pupil in grades 9-12 for the 2016-2017 school year for those students attending either Burr and Burton Academy or Long Trail School. This tuition rate does not cover the full cost of Long Trail School's tuition. This is a 2% increase from last year.

The success of a strong educational program at Sunderland stems from the generous support of our community. Our community members and businesses are an integral part of the success of Sunderland children as they grow and learn. We thank the Sunderland residents for providing the resources needed to support the educational programs for our community's children.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sunderland School Board of Directors  
 Gordon Woodrow, Chair, Leslie Perra, Clerk, Heidi French, Melanie Virgilio and Mary Van Vleck

**Sunderland Elementary School  
Principal's Report  
January 2016**

Sunderland Elementary continues to thrive and offer students a unique, personalized education that enhances the students on many levels. In the areas of academics, enrichments, special areas (art, music, physical education and technology/library skills) and most importantly, the overall dispositions (such as independence, persistence and collaboration) that will round the children out to be productive citizens as they grow and mature are all of equal importance. The student population has grown to over eighty this year. The progress and growth in math and reading continues to strive to meet standards on all grade levels. Instructional practices have moved students in a very positive direction in all the areas cited. These positive motivators could not have happened without the vision of the Supervisory Union leadership, the board of education members always asking, 'is it what is best for children?', the dedication of all individuals on the Sunderland education team and most importantly, the families and community members who have endlessly supported the endeavors undertaken at the school.

The goal is to continue to maintain, upgrade where/when needed and keep Sunderland children able and ready to compete in a global world continues to be at the forefront. Using careful, thoughtful financial oversight, thorough and rigorous curriculum standards and a team approach Sunderland school members (students and adults) have embraced technology, assessments, personalized learning plans and ePortfolios for every student to succeed at their own pace. Students have exhibited plans that include ever-changing goals to attain, plans for their own future and strategic learning paths that will help them. The involvement of parents continues to make this entire vision possible. Thanks to the taxpayers' support, the wisdom of the board members' planning and the drive and desire of all involved, from our SU leadership down to every employee at Sunderland, we can say we are a successful, growing educational institution.

It is a pleasure to be an educational leader in this community. Thank you for the continued support and for caring about the children's educational needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melody Troy, Principal

# Town of Sunderland

Date Prepared: 6/29/2015

## Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

Fiscal Year 2016

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 below.

Base homestead tax rate	\$0.99	
Base spending amount	\$9,459	
Excess spending threshold	\$17,103	
Average statewide education spending per equalized pupil	\$14,412	Actual Homestead Tax Rate
Common level of appraisal for Sunderland	114.93%	

### Equalized homestead tax rate for Sunderland from town school district

1. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$13,476.62	
2. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	\$45.04	
3. Amount over excess spending threshold if any	\$0	
4. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate		\$13,476.62
5. District spending as a percent of base spending amount	142.47%	
6. District equalized tax rate equals line 5 times base rate		\$1.4105
7. Percent of equalized pupils at town school district	100.00%	
8. Equalized tax rate from school district		\$1.4105
9. Actual tax rate attributable to district	(\$1.4105 / CLA: 114.93%)	\$1.2273

Homestead Tax Rate

You should see this rate on your tax bill.  $\Rightarrow$

**\$1.2273**

## Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation

Base Non-Residential Tax Rate / CLA

Base NR Rate:      CLA:  
\$1.535      /      114.93%

You should see this rate on your tax bill.  $\Rightarrow$

Non-Residential Tax Rate

**\$1.3356**

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Receipts:**

Cash in Bank 7/01/14	Checking	\$ 91,656.56
	Impact Aid	\$ 1,315,019.61
After School Program		\$ 11,459.43
Class Funds		\$ 1,100.00
Donations	Dean Magarian Fund	\$ 762.50
	Helen Daniels Library Fund	\$ 285.00
	Staff Support	\$ 323.85
Enrichment		\$ 1,017.88
Fund Raiser GI GO		\$ 356.00
Grants	BRSU	\$ 2,192.10
	Efficiency Vermont	\$ 4,475.00
	Federal Snacks	\$ 139.62
	FFV	\$ 483.73
	Medicaid	\$ 3,957.80
	SWP Subgrant	\$ 1,211.07
Interest		\$ 9,385.20
Lunch Revenue		\$ 14,199.72
PL 874 H.E.W.		\$ 217,777.00
Reimbursements	Arlington School Dist	\$ 3,229.44
	Bank of Bennington	\$ 0.37
	Currier Memorial	\$ 2,691.26
	Dorset School Dist	\$ 229.29
	PLTA	\$ 957.37
State of Vermont		\$ 496,918.59
Taxes		\$ 1,735,996.03
Tuition Sandgate		\$ 23,145.14
Voided Check		\$ 3.88

**Disbursements:**

Regular Orders	\$ 1,669,938.10
Payroll Orders	\$ 555,813.49
Payroll Expenses	\$ 46,132.55
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,938,973.44</b>
Cash in Bank 6/30/154 (Checking)	\$ 134,292.69
(Impact Aid)	\$ 1,532,796.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,938,973.44</b>

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

	<b>Balance 7/1/2014</b>	<b>Incoming Transfers</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2015</b>
Bockwith Fund (Donated)	\$ 168.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.68
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Bus Fund	\$ 22,799.32	\$ -	\$ 28.80	\$ -	\$ 22,828.12
Impact Aid (Bank of Benn.)	\$ 72,628.48	\$ -	\$ 903.68	\$ -	\$ 73,532.16
<b>SAVINGS</b>					
Student Activity Account	\$ 9,206.98	\$ 132.00	\$ 4.63	\$ -	\$ 9,343.61
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$104,801.46</b>	<b>\$ 132.00</b>	<b>\$ 937.11</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105,870.57</b>

# Sunderland School District

## FY17 Budget

	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
Early Education	\$25,000	\$14,550	\$21,000	\$39,330	\$40,196
Elementary Program	503,138	548,430	610,728	612,220	702,491
Secondary Program	1,014,636	930,129	827,963	918,132	849,573
Health Services	9,503	8,779	9,851	9,845	30,148
Library/Media	17,459	13,216	17,587	22,464	40,829
Board	13,761	16,139	14,081	13,720	13,936
Treasurer	13,556	20,603	300	956	323
Superintendent's Office	46,436	46,436	48,078	48,078	54,787
School Administration	168,055	170,050	176,071	184,656	181,648
Fiscal Services	12,461	13,144	12,894	13,594	11,424
Plant and Grounds Operations	113,199	97,043	116,363	110,972	112,805
Vehicle Operation Services	20,481	19,862	21,719	52,884	23,020
Special Education	404,191	351,128	477,625	471,946	638,768
Extracurricular	4,500	18,572	27,536	32,826	33,055
Foodservice Program	<u>30,750</u>	<u>34,003</u>	<u>32,750</u>	<u>30,250</u>	<u>30,250</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>	<b>\$2,397,126</b>	<b>\$2,302,084</b>	<b>\$2,414,546</b>	<b>\$2,561,873</b>	<b>\$2,763,253</b>
Warned Articles	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$2,407,126</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,312,084</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,441,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,584,373</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,778,253</u></b>

# Sunderland School District

## FY17 Budget

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b><u>Local</u></b>					
1322 Tuition	\$12,200	\$23,145	\$25,300	\$8,065	\$13,200
1500 Interest	3,000	10,323	6,000	6,000	6,000
1990 Misc/Prior Year Exp. Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>29,161</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,692</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$15,200</u>	<u>\$62,629</u>	<u>\$31,300</u>	<u>\$50,757</u>	<u>\$19,200</u>
<b><u>State/Federal</u></b>					
3145 Small Schools Grant	\$82,737	\$83,163	\$82,737	\$91,878	\$83,348
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	10,971	10,951	12,374	12,375	13,808
3460 State Placed - Regular Education	15,400	6,765	14,600	14,674	0
4810 Forest Revenue	17,000	15,896	16,300	15,900	15,900
3900 Misc Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$126,108</u>	<u>\$117,664</u>	<u>\$126,011</u>	<u>\$134,827</u>	<u>\$113,056</u>
<b><u>Special Education</u></b>					
3201 Special Education Block Grant	\$45,429	\$45,429	\$49,906	\$49,906	\$52,597
3202 Special Education Reimbursement	201,427	184,519	221,544	226,107	319,717
3204 Early Education Block Grant	<u>10,258</u>	<u>10,258</u>	<u>11,342</u>	<u>11,342</u>	<u>11,564</u>
	<u>\$257,114</u>	<u>\$240,206</u>	<u>\$282,792</u>	<u>\$287,355</u>	<u>\$383,878</u>
<b><u>After School Program</u></b>					
1900 Fees	\$0	\$11,059	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
3900 Grants/Subgrants	<u>0</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>14,326</u>	<u>14,555</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,459</u>	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$20,826</u>	<u>\$21,055</u>
<b><u>Foodservice Program</u></b>					
1600 School Meal Sales	\$12,000	\$14,781	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
3450 State Reimbursement	450	433	450	450	450
4400 Federal Reimbursement	<u>9,000</u>	<u>15,808</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
	<u>\$21,450</u>	<u>\$31,022</u>	<u>\$21,450</u>	<u>\$21,450</u>	<u>\$21,450</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$419,872	\$462,980	\$470,053	\$515,215	\$558,639
3100 Education Spending	<u>1,864,802</u>	<u>1,864,802</u>	<u>1,899,493</u>	<u>1,899,493</u>	<u>1,973,779</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,284,674</b>	<b><u>\$2,327,782</u></b>	<b>\$2,369,546</b>	<b><u>\$2,414,708</u></b>	<b>\$2,532,418</b>
Transfer from Impact Aid Reserve Fund	262,000		72,000		343,500
Prior Year Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised	<u>(139,548)</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>(97,665)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$2,407,126</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,441,546</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,778,253</u></b>

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FUND BALANCES	General Fund	Impact Aid					Building & Grounds Improvement Reserve			Technology Reserve		BFG Reserve		Enrichment		Grants		Other Designated	
		Reserved for Tax Relief	Bus Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve
Actual Balance June 30, 2014	<u>(\$57,320)</u>	<u>\$1,263,648</u>	<u>\$37,652</u>	<u>\$88,376</u>	<u>\$3,277</u>	<u>\$10,100</u>								<u>\$5,085</u>	<u>\$13,494</u>		<u>\$2,538</u>		
Actual Revenue FY15	\$2,327,782	\$217,777										\$763		\$2,863	\$44,309		\$1,237		
Actual Expenditures FY15	(2,302,084)	(262,000)												(3,883)	(36,274)		(2,347)		
Transfers from Reserves	262,000																		
Transfer - Voted 3/14	(10,000)		\$5,000							\$5,000									
Transfer - Voted 3/15	(220,378)	220,378																	
Actual Balance June 30, 2015	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,439,803</u>	<u>\$42,652</u>	<u>\$88,376</u>	<u>\$8,277</u>	<u>\$10,863</u>								<u>\$4,065</u>	<u>\$21,529</u>		<u>\$1,428</u>		
Anticipated Revenue FY16	\$2,414,708	\$60,000																	
Anticipated Expenditures FY16	(2,561,873)	(72,000)	(\$52,652)	(\$15,000)															
Transfers from Reserves	72,000																		
Transfer - Voted 3/15	(10,000)		10,000																
Warned Article	(12,500)																		
Anticipated Balance June 30, 2016	<u>(\$97,665)</u>	<u>\$1,427,803</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$73,376</u>	<u>\$8,277</u>	<u>\$10,863</u>													
Budgeted Revenue Receipts FY17	\$2,532,418	\$60,000																	
Budgeted Expenditures FY17	(2,763,253)	(343,500)																	
Transfer from Reserves	343,500		\$10,000							\$5,000									
Warned Articles - To Be Voted 3/16	(15,000)																		
Budgeted Balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,144,303</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$73,376</u>	<u>\$13,277</u>	<u>\$10,863</u>													



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			<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>EARLY EDUCATION</b>							
1000	320	Contracted Services	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$14,550</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$39,330</u>	<u>\$40,196</u>
<b>ELEMENTARY PROGRAM</b>							
<u>Instruction/Support</u>							
1100	110	Salaries - Teachers	\$340,281	\$345,392	\$354,288	\$360,660	\$404,975
1100	115	Salaries - Paraeducators	6,775	15,382	15,750	7,010	6,843
1100	120	Substitutes	7,000	6,350	7,000	7,000	7,200
1100	210	Group Medical	62,872	89,618	91,629	95,108	137,916
1100	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	34,979	36,544	36,809	37,927	44,111
1100	331	ESL Assessment	0	0	5,925	5,925	6,738
1100	332	Instr Svc (Guidance/Music/PE)	25,381	33,702	55,527	54,790	55,908
1100	561	Tuition	3,250	0	0	0	0
1100	610	Instructional Materials	10,000	7,950	20,000	20,000	15,000
1100	730	Equipment	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
2100	320	Support Services	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$493,738</u>	<u>\$534,938</u>	<u>\$588,928</u>	<u>\$590,420</u>	<u>\$680,691</u>
<u>Instructional Support</u>							
2200	270	Tuition/Prof Development	\$7,400	\$13,355	\$19,800	\$19,800	\$19,800
2200	325	District Prof Development	<u>2,000</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<u>\$9,400</u>	<u>\$13,492</u>	<u>\$21,800</u>	<u>\$21,800</u>	<u>\$21,800</u>
<b>Total Elementary Program</b>			<u><b>\$503,138</b></u>	<u><b>\$548,430</b></u>	<u><b>\$610,728</b></u>	<u><b>\$612,220</b></u>	<u><b>\$702,491</b></u>
<b>SECONDARY PROGRAM</b>							
1130	320	Instructional Services	\$13,198	\$13,070	\$13,450	\$32,035	\$33,000
1130	561	Tuition - Public In State	365,450	287,108	285,400	301,263	270,000
1130	564	Tuition - Out of State	40,650	41,256	0	0	0
1130	566	Tuition - Private In State	577,802	569,160	509,288	562,861	530,150
1130	569	Vocational Tuition	17,536	19,535	19,825	19,568	16,423
1130	890	Tuition Prior Year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Secondary Program</b>			<u><b>\$1,014,636</b></u>	<u><b>\$930,129</b></u>	<u><b>\$827,963</b></u>	<u><b>\$918,132</b></u>	<u><b>\$849,573</b></u>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>							
2130	110	Salary	\$7,958	\$7,958	\$8,237	\$8,238	\$0
2130	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	795	784	864	857	0
2130	332	Shared Nurse Services	0	0	0	0	29,398
2130	610	Services/Supplies	<u>750</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
<b>Total Health Services</b>			<u><b>\$9,503</b></u>	<u><b>\$8,779</b></u>	<u><b>\$9,851</b></u>	<u><b>\$9,845</b></u>	<u><b>\$30,148</b></u>

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			<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>LIBRARY/MEDIA</b>							
2220	115	Library/Media Support	\$2,716	\$2,257	\$2,812	\$6,522	\$10,202
1100	210	Group Medical	0	0	0	709	1,721
2220	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	243	216	275	733	990
2220	330	Contracted Service/Tech	3,600	3,188	3,600	3,600	3,600
2220	331	Technology Assessment	0	0	0	0	13,416
2220	620	Library Books & Supplies	3,900	1,779	3,900	3,900	3,900
2220	670	Technology Supplies	1,500	1,124	1,500	1,500	1,500
2220	730	Technology Equipment	<u>5,500</u>	<u>4,652</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<b>Total Library/Media</b>			<b><u>\$17,459</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,216</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,587</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,464</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,829</u></b>
<b>BOARD</b>							
2310	116	Salaries	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
2310	116	Recording Secretary	400	400	400	400	400
2310	220	Social Security	161	161	161	161	161
2310	330	Grant Writing Services	500	0	500	500	500
2310	333	Services/Workshops	400	1,032	400	400	400
2310	360	Legal Services	1,000	6,230	1,000	1,000	1,000
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	4,800	4,923	5,120	4,757	4,950
2310	610	Postage/Travel/Supplies, etc.	600	206	600	600	600
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	302	3,000	3,000	3,000
2310	810	VSBA Dues	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>1,225</u>
<b>Total Board</b>			<b><u>\$13,761</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,139</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,081</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,720</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,936</u></b>
<b>TREASURER</b>							
2313	116	Salary	\$12,500	\$19,092	\$0	\$0	\$300
2313	220	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	956	1,461	0	956	23
2313	610	Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Treasurer</b>			<b><u>\$13,556</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,603</u></b>	<b><u>\$300</u></b>	<b><u>\$956</u></b>	<b><u>\$323</u></b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>							
2321	331	Assessment	<u>\$46,436</u>	<u>\$46,436</u>	<u>\$48,078</u>	<u>\$48,078</u>	<u>\$54,787</u>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>							
2410	110	Principal Salary	\$82,910	\$83,235	\$86,148	\$93,641	\$87,449
2410	115	Staff Salaries	28,829	28,897	29,848	29,557	30,306
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	33,166	34,232	34,659	34,659	37,397
2410	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	12,800	12,735	13,266	13,849	13,546
2410	320	Professional Development	3,150	2,680	3,150	3,150	3,150
2410	332	Copier Lease	2,400	4,743	4,200	4,700	4,700
2410	332	Subfinder Services	300	289	300	300	300
2410	530	Telephone	2,000	2,252	2,000	2,300	2,300
2410	580	Travel	500	52	500	500	500
2410	610	Office Supplies	<u>2,000</u>	<u>935</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total School Administration</b>			<b><u>\$168,055</u></b>	<b><u>\$170,050</u></b>	<b><u>\$176,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$184,656</u></b>	<b><u>\$181,648</u></b>

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			<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>							
2520	331	Accounting Assessment	\$9,061	\$9,061	\$9,094	\$9,094	\$6,924
2520	332	Travel/Postage/Flex Admin	800	1,483	800	1,500	1,500
2317	370	Audit Services	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>			<b><u>\$12,461</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,144</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,894</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,594</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,424</u></b>
<b>PLANT AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS</b>							
<u>Plant Operations</u>							
2600	115	Salaries	\$28,930	\$28,242	\$31,433	\$32,139	\$33,366
2600	210	Group Medical Insurance	15,197	15,197	15,880	15,880	17,135
2600	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	5,572	5,398	5,749	5,754	5,973
2600	332	Water Testing Oversight	0	869	901	899	931
2600	411	Water Testing	5,000	201	5,000	2,000	300
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	2,300	2,303	2,300	2,300	2,300
2600	430	Repairs & Maint	25,000	20,604	25,000	25,000	25,000
2600	500	PD/Travel	0	508	300	300	300
2600	610	Custodial Supplies	5,500	3,154	5,500	5,500	5,500
2600	622	Electricity	9,000	7,571	9,600	8,000	8,000
2600	624	Heating Oil	12,500	8,801	10,500	8,200	9,000
2600	730	Building Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>1,561</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<b><u>\$108,999</u></b>	<b><u>\$94,409</u></b>	<b><u>\$112,163</u></b>	<b><u>\$105,972</u></b>	<b><u>\$107,805</u></b>
<u>Grounds</u>							
2630	424	Lawn Care	\$2,700	\$2,614	\$2,700	\$3,500	\$3,500
2630	610	Supplies	<u>1,500</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
			<b><u>\$4,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,634</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,000</u></b>
<b>Total Plant and Grounds Operations</b>			<b><u>\$113,199</u></b>	<b><u>\$97,043</u></b>	<b><u>\$116,363</u></b>	<b><u>\$110,972</u></b>	<b><u>\$112,805</u></b>
<b>VEHICLE OPERATION</b>							
2711	115	Salaries	\$7,982	\$6,623	\$8,185	\$8,126	\$8,273
2711	210	Group Medical	3,799	3,799	3,970	3,970	4,284
2711	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	1,460	1,330	1,554	1,534	1,538
2711	330	Medical Testing	200	580	200	200	200
2711	524	Bus Insurance	340	344	360	256	275
2711	591	Workshops/Travel	100	79	200	200	200
2740	430	Maintenance	3,000	4,413	3,500	8,000	5,000
2740	626	Gasoline	3,500	2,618	3,500	3,000	3,000
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	100	76	250	250	250
2740	730	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,348</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Vehicle Operations</b>			<b><u>\$20,481</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,862</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,719</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,884</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,020</u></b>

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			<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION-Elementary</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	115	Salaries - Paraeducators	\$21,828	\$13,050	\$13,436	\$9,979	\$6,843
1100	120	Substitutes	750	1,636	750	750	750
1100	210	Group Medical	7,209	6,488	6,780	1,883	4,064
1100	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	2,615	1,707	1,868	1,423	745
1000	320	Special Ed Services/PK	3,000	4,718	0	0	0
1000	331	BRSU Assessment/PK	17,181	17,181	0	0	0
1100	332	ESY/Tutoring	750	1,415	0	0	0
1100	566	Tuition/Services	0	0	0	0	0
1100	610	Supplies/Equipment	<u>1,100</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$54,433</u>	<u>\$47,026</u>	<u>\$22,834</u>	<u>\$14,035</u>	<u>\$12,402</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
2152	500	Speech Services	0	585	0	0	0
2152	610	Supplies	500	2,073	0	0	0
2711	500	Transportation	<u>6,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$4,158</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Instructional Support</u>							
2200	325	PD/Travel	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
			<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>BRSU Services</u>							
1200	332	Special Ed Instruction	\$35,463	\$40,627	\$0	\$0	\$0
2160	331	OT/PT	3,288	3,288	0	0	0
2152	332	Speech	8,589	8,300	0	0	0
2400	331	Administration	<u>4,496</u>	<u>4,496</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$51,836</u>	<u>\$56,711</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Elementary Special Education</b>			<b><u>\$115,169</u></b>	<b><u>\$107,895</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,834</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,035</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,402</u></b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION-Secondary</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1200	320	Instructional Contracted Svcs	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1200	566	Tuition - Private	72,100	53,639	0	0	0
1200	594	Excess Costs - Public	96,800	48,507	6,993	10,113	10,500
1200	595	Excess Costs - Private	<u>48,201</u>	<u>80,881</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$217,851</u>	<u>\$183,027</u>	<u>\$6,993</u>	<u>\$10,113</u>	<u>\$10,500</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$12,100	\$7,111	\$0	\$0	\$0
2152	595	Speech Services	21,350	12,711	0	0	0
2711	510	Student Transportation	<u>30,000</u>	<u>32,663</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$63,450</u>	<u>\$52,485</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
2400	331	BRSU Assessment	<u>\$7,721</u>	<u>\$7,721</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Secondary Special Education</b>			<b><u>\$289,022</u></b>	<b><u>\$243,233</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,993</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,113</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,500</u></b>

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<u>BRSU Special Education Assessments</u>					
Early Education			\$16,443	\$16,443	\$24,185
Student Services K-8			162,952	162,952	267,476
Student Services 9-12			216,431	216,431	241,321
Support Services/Administration			<u>51,972</u>	<u>51,972</u>	<u>82,884</u>
Total BRSU Services			<u>\$447,798</u>	<u>\$447,798</u>	<u>\$615,866</u>
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b><u>\$404,191</u></b>	<b><u>\$351,128</u></b>	<b><u>\$477,625</u></b>	<b><u>\$471,946</u></b>	<b><u>\$638,768</u></b>
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR</b>					
1000 320 Student Activities	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$847</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
<u>After School Program</u>					
1000 115 After School Staffing	\$0	\$15,461	\$19,775	\$25,288	\$25,288
1000 290 P/R/Insurance/Fringe	0	1,809	2,261	2,038	2,267
1000 610 Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$17,725</u>	<u>\$23,036</u>	<u>\$28,326</u>	<u>\$28,555</u>
<b>Total Extracurricular</b>	<b><u>\$4,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,572</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,536</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,826</u></b>	<b><u>\$33,055</u></b>
<b>FOODSERVICE PROGRAM</b>					
1000 115 Foodservice Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,188	\$2,242
1000 290 P/R/Insurance/Fringe	0	0	0	0	239
3100 610 Supplies/Travel	750	4,797	750	250	250
3100 630 Food Expenses	28,000	29,206	30,000	30,000	30,000
3100 739 Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Foodservice Program</b>	<b><u>\$30,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,003</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,250</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,250</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>	<b><u>\$2,397,126</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,302,084</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,414,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,561,873</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,763,253</u></b>
Warned Article - Treasurer	0	0	17,000	12,500	0
Warned Article - Transfers To Reserves	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$2,407,126</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,312,084</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,441,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,584,373</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,778,253</u></b>

# Sunderland School District

FY17 Budget

## SECONDARY TUITION

	FY16 Budgeted			FY16 Anticipated			FY17 Budgeted		
	Rate	Students	Tuition	Rate	Students	Tuition	Rate	Students	Tuition
<b>561 Tuition - Public In State</b>									
Arlington 7-12	\$14,600	14.00	\$204,400	\$14,674	15.42	\$226,273	\$12,500	17.00	\$212,500
Dorset			0	\$12,200	1.00	12,200	\$13,100	1.00	13,100
Manchester	\$13,500	6.00	81,000	\$13,650	4.60	62,790	\$14,800	3.00	44,400
	<u>20.00</u>		<u>\$285,400</u>		<u>21.02</u>	<u>\$301,263</u>		<u>21.00</u>	<u>\$270,000</u>
<b>564 Tuition - Out of State</b>									
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>\$0</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>566 Tuition - Private In State</b>									
Burr & Burton	\$15,950	24.25	\$386,788	\$15,950	27.60	\$440,220	\$16,250	25.00	\$406,250
Long Trail 7/8	\$14,250	1.00	14,250	\$14,297	2.00	28,594	\$14,725	2.00	29,450
Long Trail 9-12	\$15,950	5.00	79,750	\$15,950	5.00	79,750	\$16,250	4.00	65,000
Maple Street	\$14,250	2.00	28,500	\$14,297	1.00	14,297	\$14,725	2.00	29,450
	<u>32.25</u>		<u>\$509,288</u>		<u>35.60</u>	<u>\$562,861</u>		<u>33.00</u>	<u>\$530,150</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>52.25</u>		<u>\$794,688</u>	<u>56.62</u>		<u>\$864,124</u>		<u>54.00</u>	<u>\$800,150</u>
<b>Prior Years Tuition Due/(Refunded)</b>									
Arlington 7-12				(\$2,452)	14.06	(\$34,475)			
CDC				(\$1,566)	1.37	(2,145)			
						<u>(\$36,620)</u>			
Manchester				\$370	6.5	<u>\$2,405</u>			
<b>Tech</b>									
State Flow Through	\$8,229	1.35	\$11,110	\$8,229	1.35	\$11,109	\$8,236	1.10	\$9,060
Balance of CDC Tuition	<u>\$6,456</u>	1.35	<u>8,715</u>	<u>6,266</u>	1.35	<u>8,459</u>	<u>6,694</u>	1.10	<u>7,363</u>
<b>Vocational Tuition</b>	<u>\$14,685</u>		<u>\$19,825</u>	<u>\$14,495</u>		<u>\$19,568</u>	<u>\$14,930</u>		<u>\$16,423</u>

Grades	7-12
Arlington Allowable Tuition - FY15	\$11,384
Arlington Announced Tuition - FY15	14,178
Variance	(\$2,794)
Amount Over 3% Allowed Variance	(\$2,452)

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 2 & 3, 2015**

The floor meeting was called to order by Moderator Sally Ayrey at 7:00 PM with approximately 56 people in attendance. Moderator Ayrey then recessed the floor meeting until the end of the Town floor meeting.

At 8:45 PM Moderator Ayrey convened the annual School District floor meeting with approximately 34 people in attendance.

Hearing no objection Moderator Ayrey introduced State Representative Alice Miller and asked her to address the assembly. Representative Miller gave some of her background information and spoke about the Veterans' Home and stated that the number of residents has declined and the money available is limited because of the \$118 million dollar budget gap. She is very supportive of the Veterans' Home. Michael DiMonda thanked her for her support of the Veterans' Home and the veterans themselves. As a member of the education committee Representative Miller went over H 361, the education bill. She stated that there are 28,000 less students in Vermont than in 1997 however spending and property taxes keep going up. James Ayrey asked if the personal income tax was considered for the source of education income. Representative Miller stated that it had been considered but it was unsustainable and over time would not be able to cover the school expense.

Moderator Ayrey introduced the School Directors: Chairman Gordon Woodrow, Heidi French, Leslie Perra, Dineen Squillante, Melanie Virgilio, Principal Melody Troy, Town Clerk/Treasurer Rose Keough, and Phil Anton from Burr and Burton Academy. Moderator Ayrey then reviewed the rules and procedures for tonight's meeting.

Gordon Woodrow addressed those assembled explaining that Sunderland is one of a handful of small schools in Vermont doing quite well financially. Gordon Woodrow asked everyone to look at page 42 of the annual report and noted that the homestead tax rate will be at approximately \$1.24 which is very close to last year. Gordon Woodrow commended Principal Melody Troy and the staff at Sunderland Elementary School for the results they are achieving.

Hearing no objection Moderator Ayrey dispensed with the reading of the warning.

**Article 1.** Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?

Moved by: Marilyn Couture

Seconded by: Carl Graves

With no discussion article one passed.

**Article 2.** Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Bus Reserve fund?

Moved by: Colleen York

Seconded by: Deborah Cullinan

With no discussion article two passed.

**Article 3.** Shall the voters appropriate \$12,500 for the Town School District Treasurer's salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015?

Moved by: Leslie Perra

Seconded by: Colleen York

John Cullinan asked if this is a change from any previous practice. Gordon Woodrow stated that it is a change. John Cullinan asked him to elaborate. Leslie Perra explained that last year there was a petition to pay the Treasurer's salary at 1% of the taxes collected and this year the Board chose to ask to put it back where it was the previous year. John asked if this article would

override the decision from last year. Leslie Perra stated that last year's was for one year only. Rose Keough made the following statements: for about three years she had been told that the Treasurer's salary needed to be cut back and that is why she brought it to the voters last year to decide; last year's vote remains in effect until the voters change it; the issue is not the money but who does what and who is responsible for what and she hopes to have it clarified by the court very soon. She further stated that the Board has again given them that opportunity and she would like it to remain at the 1% of taxes collected. Rose Stone stated that as she understands it if this article is voted down the pay would remain at the 1%. Moderator Ayrey stated that was correct. Leslie Perra stated that it was not the Board's intent to cut the pay but to allocate it appropriately between the town and school. She further stated that the lion's share of the work performed by the Treasurer is for the town so the Board wanted to shift the bucket and reduce the school share and have the Town pick that up so that the salary would not change. She said that if the Treasurer worked a total of ten hours a month as School Treasurer it would calculate to \$171.00 per hour but at the \$12,500.00 salary it is still \$104.00 per hour. Weiland Ross stated that he was still unclear why this is being voted on again this year when the voters made it clear last year by a large vote in favor of the 1% and the idea of shifting the bucket makes no sense because the state law says that a reasonable salary is 1% of the taxes collected. Gordon Woodrow noted that the law does not state "reasonable." Weiland Ross also stated that what the Board was trying to do did not make sense because it does not matter if there is one person as School Treasurer and one as Town Treasurer the law allows the 1% of the taxes collected. Melanie Virgillio stated that she believed that the law stated up to 1% of the taxes collected is the allowable amount; it does not recommend that you pay 1% it is a cap to be paid. Melanie Virgillio stated that the Board decided to bring the salary to the voters this year because they felt that the 1% is in excess of funding to the educational budget. Melanie Virgillio stated that the Board was setting the salary at \$12,500 when Mettawee is at \$1,200 and Rupert is at \$400 and all other districts pay no stipend for the Treasurer. Melanie Virgillio stated that the position by law only requires the Treasurer to sign checks as directed by the Board; it is not an extensive position. Melanie Virgillio stated that all the work is done by the BRSU prior to the Treasurer receiving the orders to sign the checks. Weiland Ross asked how much does the Dorset and Manchester pay the Treasurer and Melanie Virgillio stated that each receives \$0. Weiland Ross asked who pays these Treasurers and Melanie Virgillio stated that as far as she knew the Treasurer for Manchester volunteers his service and she did not know who the Treasurer for Dorset was. Leslie Perra stated that after the vote last year many people stated that they were not informed and would have voted against the 1% had they known. Harriet Welther asked if the position of School Treasurer and the position of Town Treasurer each receive a separate salary and Moderator Ayrey stated yes that each is a separate position and the Town pays the town salary and the school pays the school salary. Jennifer Willams requested an explanation on what a yea vote would do and what a nay vote would do on this article. Moderator Ayrey stated that a yes vote would set the pay at \$12,500 for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and that a no vote would leave the situation as it is which is to pay the 1% of the school taxes collected. James Ayrey asked if there is a lawsuit currently in process to determine the actual responsibilities of the Treasurer and what the BRSU does. Gordon Woodrow stated that there is one filed by Rose to the Board to get clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the School Board Treasurer. Gordon Woodrow also stated that the voters could make the salary any figure they wanted or they could vote no and it would go back to the 1% of the taxes collected. Marilyn Couture asked what last year's salary amount was and Leslie Perra stated that the anticipated amount is \$20,553 John Cullinan stated that to and outsider the BRSU is the elephant in the house behind all of this and asked what is the stand of the BRSU and if they are directing the Board in any way, noting that Mr. French is absent. Melanie Virgillio stated that the Board contracts the BRSU for accounting purposes but the superintendent does not recommend any information as to what the salary should be and it has been a Board discussion and decision. Melanie Virgillio wanted it to be clear that the article is about the salary for the



budget and has nothing to do with the lawsuit on roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer. James Ayrey stated that his point in asking the question was because it determines the nature of the work and the Treasurer has significant responsibility and her authority is being limited to perform those responsibilities as spelt out in her letter. James Ayrey noted that as a previous school business administrator he certainly would not take the job with the responsibilities and no authority to get it done. Gordon Woodrow stated that all the authority is in the law. Gordon Woodrow stated that there is a lawsuit filed by Rose but feels that no authority has been taken away and there are checks and balances in the law for Treasurers and School Board member and feels that is not in question. Melanie Virgillio stated that the roles and responsibilities is not the question here and the \$12,500 salary is more than generous for that position. James Ayrey stated that that is a very arbitrary position for the Board to take because this is what it is all about and the article should be removed and to go back to the pay of the last fiscal year, the 1% of taxes collected. John Cullinan asked prior to last year what the salary was. Leslie Perra stated that it was \$12,500. Dineen Squillante stated that the Board asked the Treasurer how many hours she worked on School District Treasurer duties and the answer was that she was in the office for forty hours per week. Dineen Squillante noted that answer made it very hard to decipher because of those hours what was used for School Treasurer and what was used for Town Treasurer. Rose Keough stated that with the positions she holds it is not a matter of from 8:00 until 9:00 is Town Treasurer and 9:00 to 10:00 is School Treasurer. Rose noted that the Board forgets about issuing tax bills and the collection of taxes and that the town portion of that work is minute. Rose Keough explained that she explains the school tax bill to property owners because of the income sensitivity. Rose Keough stated because of her position at times there are lengthy discussions at the grocery store answering questions. Rose Keough noted that all of these things come into play as School Treasurer. Rose Keough also stated that in her opinion she is the person responsible for oversight of the School District funds and hopefully the courts will decide that soon. Michael Welther stated that he felt as if the issue has been pushed onto the voters and it should be a discussion between the Selectboard and School Board on how much each pay. Gordon Woodrow stated that is not what the article is about. Gordon stated that they were asking the voters to set the pay at \$12,500 or the voters could vote no and the salary remains at the 1%. Harriet Welther stated that she felt very uncomfortable discussing someone's salary in public. Weiland Ross moved to Call the Question and Mark Hyde seconded the motion. The motion to Call the Question passed. By hand count the article failed with a 16 yes and 16 no vote.

**Article 4.** Shall the voters transfer any General Fund surplus on June 30, 2015, an amount anticipated to be \$134,777, to the Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief Fund?

Moved by: James Ayrey

Seconded by: Weiland Ross

Rose Stone stated that she thought that the impact aid came from the National Forest Service in lieu of taxes we do not get from the forest to offset taxes. Rose Stone also stated that the voters voted several years ago to use 1/3 of the balance each year to offset the taxes. Gordon Woodrow stated that there is about 1.1 million in the Impact Aid. He also stated that at this time we are sitting pretty well in tuition students but one of these days we will be hitting a mark when we will be tuitioning out way more secondary students and we are going to wish we had this money. Rose Stone stated that when the paperwork is made out timely by the BRSU we get money each year. Gordon Woodrow stated it would not be a smart move to use the money for tax relief when we are really going to need it four years from now. Rose Keough noted that she understands the theory on the Impact Aid Fund but it is Federal dollars and cannot recall ever putting local dollars into it. Rose Keough asked why the money was not put into the budget or possibly the Bus Reserve Fund. Rose Keough stated that 1.3 million dollars is more than half the current budget and that it is a pretty good cushion. Leslie Perra explained that the budget needs to be level

funded each year and you cannot just apply it to the next year. Leslie Perra noted that there has been increased enrollment each year. Deborah Cullinan asked if the article does not pass what would happen to the money. Gordon Woodrow stated that the money sits as a surplus, it is not going away. Deborah Cullinan asked why not keep it where it is and would it not decrease your general fund budget. Gordon Woodrow stated that he would have to check with the BRSU on the accounting and how this would actually play out. Weiland Ross stated that he would be in favor of the article so that the money is earmarked and not sitting in an anonymous surplus fund. Article four passed.

**Article 5.** To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot. (Article 8)

Moved by: Sally Ayrey

Seconded by: Harriet Welther

There was no discussion.

**Article 6.** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting?

Moved by: Marilyn Couture

Seconded by: Kelly Dickie

Phil Anton from Burr and Burton Academy thanked the people of Sunderland for their continued support and Burr and Burton enjoys the twenty eight students attending this year. Phil Anton stated that he would hang around for a few minutes after the meeting if anyone would like to talk. Jennifer Williams stated that she was new to Vermont and this form of voting is very different from where she came from. She requested that everything be transparent and everyone should be informed. Moderator Ayrey stated that all board and committee meetings are warned and agendas are posted in advance of the meetings. Moderator Ayrey also noted that our web administrator has done a magnificent job of keeping the website up to date with a wealth of information on it and also noted that as voters we have a responsibility to pay attention and make ourselves aware of what is going on, go to the meetings and ask the questions and it is transparent. She stated that Vermont has an open meeting law so things have to be well published and documented; Vermont is very open and this is the oldest form of town government in the country. Jennifer Williams asked for permission to speak to Rose Keough and stated that when a new resident moves here it would be nice to have things explained instead of learning as you go. Rose Stone stated that meetings are posted at the town garage, the school and the office.

Moderator Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 9:55pm until Tuesday March 3, 2015 when the polls will open at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM. at the new municipal building at 104 Mountain View Road.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 3, 2015, at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

**Article 7.** Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$15,950 for the 2015-2016 school year for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and who attend Burr & Burton Academy or Long Trail School?

YES	91
NO	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate \$2,414,546 necessary for the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016?

YES	87
NO	25
BLANK	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**Article 9.** To elect School District officers and directors as follows:

**School District Moderator**, for 1 year

<b>SALLY AYREY</b>	98*
<b>BLANK</b>	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**School Director**, for 2 years

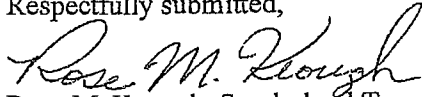
<b>HEIDI FRENCH</b>	95*
<b>WRITE-IN</b>	2
<b>BLANK</b>	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**School Director**, for 3 YEARS

<b>WRITE-IN</b>	5
<b>BLANK</b>	110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM after announcing the results. (\*denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

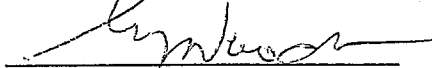
**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of the Sunderland Town School District, Sunderland, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to transact the following business.

Article 1: Shall the voters appropriate \$12,500 for the Town School District Treasurer's salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015?

Dated this 27th day of April 2015.

SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



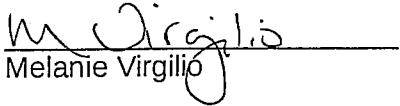
Gordon Woodrow, Chair



Leslie Perra, Clerk



Heidi French

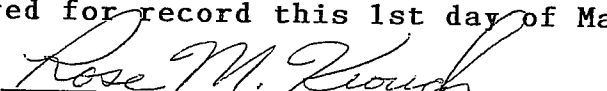


Melanie Virgilio

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for record this 1st day of May 2015 at 9:00AM.

ATTEST:

  
Rose M. Keough, Town Clerk

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2015**

The floor meeting was called to order by Moderator Sally Ayrey at 7:00 PM with approximately 75 people in attendance.

Moderator Sally Ayrey reviewed the conduct of the meeting which will be by Robert's Rules of Order and State law. Moderator Ayrey introduced School Directors: Chairman Gordon Woodrow, Heidi French and Melanie Virgilio. Moderator Ayrey also introduced Superintendent Daniel French.

Article 1: Shall the voters appropriate \$12,500.00 for the Town School District Treasurer's Salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015?

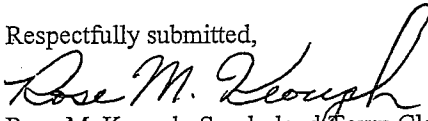
Moved by: John Stuermer

Seconded by: Eric Wachtel

Melanie Virgilio explained the Board's position and reasons. John Stuermer stated that it sounded like campaigning for the Board. Kathleen Morse asked why the amount is \$12,500.00. Melanie Virgilio stated that was the amount prior to the 1% of taxes that the Town approved last year. Mark Hyde asked if the BRSU had the authority to sign checks and Gordon Woodrow stated that they did not. Dineen Squilante moved to amend the motion to \$4,000.00 instead of \$12,500.00. The motion was seconded by Timothy Williams. Discussion continued on the responsibilities of the School District Treasurer vs the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union and the hours the School District Treasurer actually works in the position. John Williams moved to call the amended motion with Michael Welther seconding the motion. The assembly agreed unanimously. The hand vote of 34 in favor of the motion and 34 against the motion defeated the amendment. David Kiernan moved to allow Superintendent Daniel French to speak at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary VanVleck. With more than two thirds in favor Superintendent French addressed the assembly. Superintendent French then explained that article one is an appropriation because the way the one percent of taxes collected was voted upon did not add anything to the budget so the budget would run with a deficit. Superintendent French also noted that the \$12,500.00 was the amount that the Board decided to put in the article based on previous history and the amount could be changed to whatever the voters wanted it changed to. Michael Welther moved to call the original motion, seconded by Mark Hyde. Nine people requested the voting to be done by paper ballot. Matthew Vernon stated that the Town Clerk should recuse herself from the process. The Board of Civil Authority conducted the balloting with 48 people in favor of article one and 25 opposed to article one. Article one was approved.

Moderator Sally Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

# SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL RESULTS

3/3/2015

## ARTICLE A: FOR SVRTSD BOARD

(Vote for not more than FOUR)

Jon Gauthier	69
Jackie Kelly	71
Edward Letourneau	66
Heidi Pickering	79
Blank	<u>175</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>460</b>

## Article B: For CLERK

(Vote for not more than ONE)

Cassandra Barbeau	73
Blank	<u>42</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

Article C: YES	84
No	14
Blank	<u>17</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

Article D: YES	75
No	22
Blank	<u>18</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> AND MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont, at 6:30 in the evening, on Monday, February 29, 2016 to transact the following business from the floor.

ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,000 each.

ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$13,000.

ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.

ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.

ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.

ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.

ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 1, 2016.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

ARTICLE A: To elect 4 (Four) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms.

ARTICLE B: To elect a Moderator for a term of 3 (three) years.

ARTICLE C: To elect a Treasurer for a term of 3 (three) years.

ARTICLE D: To elect a Clerk for a term of 3 (three) years.

ARTICLE E: Shall the voters of the of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$3,437,005, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE F: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at the Arlington High School Gym, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, Morse Hill Road, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Village Offices, Main Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, Readsboro, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Town Office, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

**Register to Vote! Applications for addition to voter checklist must be received by the Town Clerk's Office of said District by Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 5 PM for approval by your Town Clerk.**

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.



Signatures

James Boutin, Chair

James J. Boutin

Rickey Harrington, Vice Chair

Edward Letourneau, Clerk

Gloria Alexander

Jon Gauthier

Jon Gauthier

Jessica Gulley-Ward

Leon Johnson

Leon Johnson

Jackie Kelly

Jackie Kelly

Francis Kinney

John MacDonald

John MacDonald

Heidi Pickering

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Received for recording this 28 day of January 2016

Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or

Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD,

Cassandra Barbeau

District: <b>Sunderland</b> County: <b>Bennington</b>		<b>T202</b> <b>Bennington - Rutland</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,955 of spending per equalized pupil
				<b>9,955</b>	<b>1.00</b>
				<b>11,157</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,209,908	\$2,397,126	\$2,414,546	\$2,763,253
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$22,500	\$15,000
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$2,409,908	\$2,407,126	\$2,437,046	\$2,778,253
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	\$2,409,908	\$2,407,126	\$2,437,046	\$2,778,253
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$35,654	\$46,436	\$48,078	\$54,787
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$683,849	\$542,324	\$537,517	\$804,474
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$683,849	\$542,324	\$537,517	\$804,474
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,726,059	\$1,864,802	\$1,899,529	\$1,973,779
15.	<b>Equalized Pupils</b>	134.80	134.11	140.95	143.10
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$12,804.59</b>	<b>\$13,905.02</b>	<b>\$13,476.62</b>	<b>\$13,793.00</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	\$28.59	\$45.04	NA
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,456 NA	threshold = \$16,166 NA	threshold = \$17,103 NA	District Threshold \$13,793.61
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$12,805	\$13,905	\$13,477	\$13,793.00
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	139.926% based on \$9,151	149.758% based on \$9,285	142.474% based on \$9,459	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$13,793.00 ÷ (\$9,955.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.3153 based on \$0.94	\$1.4676 based on \$0.98	\$1.4105 based on \$0.99	\$1.3855 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Sunderland equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.39)	\$1.3153	\$1.4676	\$1.4105	\$1.3855
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	110.08%	118.33%	114.93%	114.93%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.3855 / 114.93%)	\$1.1949 based on \$0.94	\$1.2403 based on \$0.98	\$1.2273 based on \$0.99	\$1.2055 based on \$1.00
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$13,793.00 + \$11,157) x 2.00%]	2.52% based on 1.80%	2.70% based on 1.80%	2.56% based on 1.80%	2.47% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.47%)	2.52% based on 1.80%	2.70% based on 1.94%	2.56% based on 1.94%	2.47% based on 2.00%

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2015**

**Sunderland Elementary School**

Enrollment	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Resident	-	13	13	13	9	11	14	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
Non-Resident	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	0	13	13	13	9	11	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	81

**Sunderland Enrollment**

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Arlington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	3	3	2	16
Burr & Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6	7	7	27
Long Trail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	2	7
Sunderland	-	13	13	13	9	11	14	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
Other	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	21
TOTAL	14	13	13	13	9	11	14	6	8	6	10	11	11	11	150

**SUNDERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

The Sunderland Board of School Directors engaged RHR Smith & Company, CPAs of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY15 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 362-2452.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**  
**Daniel M. French, Ed.D.**  
**January 2016**

There were several leadership changes in our school system during the 2014-2015 school year. Randi Kulis was promoted from Special Education Director to the position of Director of Student Services. Daryl Houk was hired as a Special Education Director, and Tom Quinn was hired as the Principal of the Manchester Elementary-Middle School. All three of these leaders bring extensive experience to their positions. We were fortunate to have found such talented leaders to join our organization.

We completed the centralization of special education services under the BRSU budget. The centralization of these services is a requirement of Vermont law. All of these costs except paraeducator costs are now organized under the BRSU budget with each member district being assessed a share of the costs based on its relative number of students. The centralization of paraeducator costs was optional under the law. The BRSU Board decided not to centralize paraeducators since many of these staff provide non-special education services at the local district level. Although we have accomplished the centralization of special education costs, special education staff themselves for the most part remain employees of their local districts because the shift to the BRSU as their employer of record must be negotiated through the collective bargaining process, and that process is currently under way.

Our districts moved forward with full implementation of expanded access to early education programs in order to meet the requirements of Act 166. Under this law, districts pay a fixed amount to approved early education providers for 10 hours a week of early education services for each student. Districts are allowed to count these children in their equalized pupil totals which then lowers tax rates. The mechanics of early education funding under Act 166 will take a few years to work out, but the educational benefits of early education are well established and support making this important investment in the future success of our students.

A major education reform law, Act 46, was enacted by the General Assembly in May 2015. Act 46 is landmark legislation that will have a significant impact on the organization of Vermont's public education system. The most prominent aspect of Act 46 pertains to school district consolidation which is seen as the long-term solution for controlling education spending and addressing education quality and equity concerns on a statewide basis. Our school board members spent the summer becoming familiar with the consolidation provisions of the law. School boards held community engagement events to share their understanding of the law and how it might impact their districts. This initial exploration of Act 46 consolidation options will now move forward as groups of our districts organize formal merger study committees. These committees will be responsible for creating merger plans to submit to the State Board of Education and ultimately the voters in each community.

Act 46 also includes several mechanisms to encourage the restraint of education spending in the near term. The required wording of budget articles on district warnings has been changed to include information on how proposed budget amounts relate to changes in education spending per equalized pupil. Another change has been the implementation of a new spending penalty cap. Both of these changes were included in Act 46 to encourage the restraint of education spending at the local level in order to lower education property tax rates state wide.

Act 46 is the latest in a series of policy challenges our districts have navigated in recent years. Our ability to do so has been the direct result of the hard work of school board members and their interest in open public deliberations on difficult and often contentious issues. We have been successful because we have challenged our organization to look for opportunities for improvement in what might otherwise be characterized as an adverse regulatory context. I am confident that with your continued support our districts will be able to create a more efficient and effective governance structure for our educational system under Act 46. Changing our governance structure, however, is a means to an end not an end in itself. Our challenge will be to ensure the new governance structure can meet or exceed our expectations for delivering on the desired end results for our students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Annual AHERA Notification  
Sunderland School District  
March 2016**

TO: Parents, Teachers, Employees, other personnel or their guardians.  
FROM: Daniel M. French, Superintendent of Schools

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 [g][4]) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public in our office and at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
Dorset School	130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251	802-362-2606
Flood Brook School	91 VT Route 11 Londonderry, VT 05148	802-824-6811
Manchester Elementary Middle School	80 Memorial Ave. Manchester Ctr., VT 05255	802-362-1597
Sunderland Elementary School	98 Bear Ridge Rd. Sunderland, VT 05250	802-375-6100
Currier Memorial School (UD#23)	234 North Main St. Danby, VT 05739	802-293-5191
Mettawee Community School (UD#47)	5788 VT Route 153 West Pawlet, VT 05775	802-645-9009
Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union	6378 VT Route 7A Sunderland, VT 05250	802-362-2452

## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER'S REPORT

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged RHR Smith & Company, C.P.A.s of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY15 financial statements. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection by calling the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, 362-2452.

### Summary of Fund Balances

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Equipment / Software Reserves</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
<b>Balance June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$57,341</b>	<b>\$4,801</b>	<b>(\$22,962)</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Actual Revenues FY15	1,145,060	0	\$2,039,876
Actual Expenditures FY15	<u>(1,127,969)</u>	<u>(1,449)</u>	<u>(1,989,233)</u>
<b>Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b><u>\$71,432</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,352</u></b>	<b>\$27,681</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Anticipated Revenues FY16	1,692,295	0	\$9,413,263
Anticipated Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,700,070)</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>(9,676,210)</u>
<b>Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>\$60,657</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,652</u></b>	<b>(\$235,266)</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Budgeted Revenues FY17	2,004,152	0	\$9,858,054
Budgeted Expenditures FY17	<u>(2,034,152)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,622,788)</u>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b><u>\$27,657</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,652</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY17**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn RED	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
<i>ADM K-6/8</i>	1069.67		181.82	300.80		263.05			80.00	87.60	156.40	
District Share			17.0%	28.1%		24.6%			7.5%	8.2%	14.6%	
ESL	<u>\$90,094</u>		<u>\$15,314</u>	<u>\$25,335</u>		<u>\$22,156</u>			<u>\$6,738</u>	<u>\$7,378</u>	<u>\$13,173</u>	
<i>ADM K-6/8</i>	1069.67		181.82	300.80		263.05			80.00	87.60	156.40	
District Share			17.00%	28.12%		24.59%			7.48%	8.19%	14.62%	
Technology/District Services (80%)	<u>\$179,365</u>		<u>\$30,488</u>	<u>\$50,439</u>		<u>\$44,109</u>			<u>\$13,416</u>	<u>\$14,688</u>	<u>\$26,225</u>	
<i>ADM</i>	2,245.10	110.80	311.97	593.74	12.00	468.43	115.31	33.00	152.75	105.85	190.35	150.90
Percentage		4.94%	13.90%	26.45%	0.53%	20.86%	5.14%	1.47%	6.80%	4.71%	8.48%	6.72%
Technology/SU (20%)	<u>\$44,841</u>	<u>\$2,213</u>	<u>\$6,231</u>	<u>\$11,859</u>	<u>\$240</u>	<u>\$9,356</u>	<u>\$2,303</u>	<u>\$659</u>	<u>\$3,051</u>	<u>\$2,114</u>	<u>\$3,802</u>	<u>\$3,013</u>
<i>ADM</i>	2,245.10	110.80	311.97	593.74	12.00	468.43	115.31	33.00	152.75	105.85	190.35	150.90
Percentage		4.94%	13.90%	26.45%	0.53%	20.86%	5.14%	1.47%	6.80%	4.71%	8.48%	6.72%
Administration	<u>\$774,391</u>	<u>\$38,218</u>	<u>\$107,606</u>	<u>\$204,796</u>	<u>\$4,140</u>	<u>\$161,573</u>	<u>\$39,773</u>	<u>\$11,383</u>	<u>\$52,687</u>	<u>\$36,510</u>	<u>\$65,656</u>	<u>\$52,049</u>
<i>District Accounting</i> (Assessment to districts is based on staff FTE)	<u>\$142,996</u>	<u>\$2,524</u>	<u>\$15,282</u>	<u>\$40,655</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$35,189</u>	<u>\$2,524</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$7,850</u>	<u>\$15,701</u>	<u>\$15,701</u>	<u>\$4,206</u>
<i>Assessed Expenditures</i>	<u>\$1,231,687</u>	<u>\$42,955</u>	<u>\$174,921</u>	<u>\$333,084</u>	<u>\$6,062</u>	<u>\$272,383</u>	<u>\$44,600</u>	<u>\$13,724</u>	<u>\$83,742</u>	<u>\$76,391</u>	<u>\$124,557</u>	<u>\$59,268</u>
<i>Less Surplus from Accounting Services</i>												
Accounting Allocation FY16		2.02%	10.43%	27.66%	1.49%	24.04%	2.02%	1.49%	5.96%	10.64%	10.64%	3.62%
Surplus Applied	<u>(\$15,529)</u>	<u>(\$314)</u>	<u>(\$1,620)</u>	<u>(\$4,294)</u>	<u>(\$231)</u>	<u>(\$3,733)</u>	<u>(\$314)</u>	<u>(\$231)</u>	<u>(\$926)</u>	<u>(\$1,652)</u>	<u>(\$1,652)</u>	<u>(\$562)</u>
<i>Less Surplus Used at Previous Year ADM</i>												
ADM 12/14	2,222.78	110.90	311.40	589.77	14.00	472.46	106.00	31.00	146.05	101.90	195.70	143.60
Percentage Allocation		4.99%	14.01%	26.53%	0.63%	21.26%	4.77%	1.39%	6.57%	4.58%	8.80%	6.46%
Surplus Applied	<u>(\$14,471)</u>	<u>(\$722)</u>	<u>(\$2,027)</u>	<u>(\$3,840)</u>	<u>(\$91)</u>	<u>(\$3,076)</u>	<u>(\$690)</u>	<u>(\$202)</u>	<u>(\$951)</u>	<u>(\$663)</u>	<u>(\$1,274)</u>	<u>(\$935)</u>
Total Surplus Applied	<u>(\$30,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,036)</u>	<u>(\$3,647)</u>	<u>(\$8,134)</u>	<u>(\$322)</u>	<u>(\$6,809)</u>	<u>(\$1,004)</u>	<u>(\$433)</u>	<u>(\$1,877)</u>	<u>(\$2,315)</u>	<u>(\$2,926)</u>	<u>(\$1,497)</u>
<i>Assessment</i>	<u>\$1,201,687</u>	<u>\$41,919</u>	<u>\$171,274</u>	<u>\$324,950</u>	<u>\$5,740</u>	<u>\$265,574</u>	<u>\$43,596</u>	<u>\$13,291</u>	<u>\$81,865</u>	<u>\$74,076</u>	<u>\$121,631</u>	<u>\$57,771</u>

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

## General Budget - FY17

	FY15 <u>Budget</u>	FY15 <u>Actual</u>	FY16 <u>Budget</u>	FY16 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY17 <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
ESL					
District Shared Positions	\$69,744	\$143,032	\$87,158	\$87,124	\$90,094
Technology Staff	49,828	104,209	138,066	139,484	216,085
Administration	0	0	0	0	224,206
Accounting	762,733	746,972	783,801	788,442	799,891
Transportation	149,285	133,756	152,652	137,820	142,996
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>547,200</u>	<u>560,880</u>
	<b><u>\$1,031,590</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,127,969</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,700,070</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Interest	\$1,800	\$865	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	500	121	500	500	500
ESL Services Fees (Additional Staff)	0	73,288	0	0	0
District Shared Teachers	49,828	104,209	138,066	139,484	216,085
Transportation Service Fees	0	0	545,000	547,200	560,880
Grant Administration	<u>25,000</u>	<u>24,115</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$77,128</u></b>	<b><u>\$202,598</u></b>	<b><u>\$696,566</u></b>	<b><u>\$712,184</u></b>	<b><u>\$802,465</u></b>
Assessments	<u>942,462</u>	<u>942,462</u>	<u>980,111</u>	<u>980,111</u>	<u>1,201,687</u>
<b>Fee/Assessments</b>	<b><u>\$942,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$942,462</u></b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,201,687</u></b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$1,019,590</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,145,060</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,676,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,692,295</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,004,152</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit Raised)	<u>12,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$1,031,590</u></b>		<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>

	FY15 <u>Budget</u>	FY15 <u>Actual</u>	FY16 <u>Budget</u>	FY16 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY17 <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>					
<b><u>ESL</u></b>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$61,954	\$112,004	\$57,755	\$57,516	\$58,954
2200 210 Medical Insurance	0	18,926	19,787	19,885	21,456
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,290	10,462	6,116	6,223	6,184
2200 320 Professional Development	2,000	1,554	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 580 Travel	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 610 Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>ESL Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$69,744</u></b>	<b><u>\$143,032</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,158</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,124</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,094</u></b>
<b><u>District Positions/Shared Teachers</u></b>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$43,722	\$83,626	\$112,830	\$114,510	\$167,212
2200 210 Medical Insurance	0	7,182	7,708	7,746	24,362
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	3,606	12,632	11,028	10,728	15,511
2200 320 Professional Development	2,500	769	6,500	6,500	9,000
<b>District Shared Positions Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$49,828</u></b>	<b><u>\$104,209</u></b>	<b><u>\$138,066</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,484</u></b>	<b><u>\$216,085</u></b>
<b><u>Technology Staff</u></b>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$145,003
2200 210 Medical Insurance	0	0	0	0	53,375
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	0	18,328
2200 320 Professional Development	0	0	0	0	2,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Technology Staff Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$224,206</u></b>



**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union**  
**General Budget - FY17**

		<u>FY15</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY15</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY16</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY16</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>Administration</u></b>						
2321 110	Superintendent	\$127,500	\$127,500	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
2321 110	Assistant Superintendent	64,890	64,890	67,161	66,512	68,175
2321 115	Salaries - Staff	217,723	212,059	225,733	216,413	219,597
2321 210	Medical Insurance	108,986	103,890	109,778	108,703	118,467
2321 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	53,978	50,467	54,466	53,938	53,514
2321 320	Professional Development	17,500	16,536	19,500	19,500	19,500
2321 321	Board Development	3,000	2,894	3,000	3,000	3,000
2321 330	Superintendent Search	0	0	0	10,000	0
2321 330	Contracted Services	1,500	1,007	1,500	9,000	1,500
2321 330	Minutes	538	0	538	538	538
2321 330	Accounting System	16,000	13,313	16,000	16,277	16,500
2321 330	Flex Plan Administration	1,000	1,005	1,000	1,020	1,000
2321 330	Alarm System Monitoring	300	264	300	264	300
2321 360	Legal	5,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
2321 370	Audit	6,250	6,250	8,000	7,000	7,000
2321 423	Custodial/Trash	3,200	2,928	3,200	3,200	3,200
2321 440	Equip Rent/Copier	2,500	2,557	2,500	2,500	2,500
2321 441	Rent	62,343	62,343	63,925	63,925	65,850
2321 520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,725	5,660	5,900	5,305	5,500
2321 530	Telephone	2,200	492	2,000	2,000	2,000
2321 530	Internet	8,300	8,210	8,300	7,952	8,200
2321 531	Postage	3,400	3,352	4,700	4,000	4,000
2321 540	Advertising	1,500	2,001	1,500	1,500	1,500
2321 580	Local Travel	7,000	5,356	7,000	6,000	6,000
2321 610	Supplies	10,000	9,892	10,000	10,000	10,000
2321 670	Tech Supplies/Services	5,800	2,553	5,800	6,200	6,200
2321 670	Schoolmessenger	2,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
2321 670	Schoolmaster	13,400	13,948	14,000	14,471	14,750
2321 670	Haiku	0	12,305	0	0	12,500
2321 670	IQM2	4,500	3,330	4,500	5,180	4,500
2321 739	Equip Purchase	500	500	500	500	500
2321 810	Dues	<u>5,400</u>	<u>6,470</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,544</u>	<u>6,600</u>
<b>Administration Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$762,733</u></b>	<b><u>\$746,972</u></b>	<b><u>\$783,801</u></b>	<b><u>\$788,442</u></b>	<b><u>\$799,891</u></b>
<b><u>District Accounting</u></b>						
2510 115	Salaries - Staff	\$96,656	\$90,230	\$101,403	\$101,324	\$102,532
2510 210	Medical Insurance	37,006	29,681	35,448	20,407	24,765
2510 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>15,623</u>	<u>13,845</u>	<u>15,801</u>	<u>16,089</u>	<u>15,699</u>
<b>District Accounting Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$149,285</u></b>	<b><u>\$133,756</u></b>	<b><u>\$152,652</u></b>	<b><u>\$137,820</u></b>	<b><u>\$142,996</u></b>
<b><u>Transportation</u></b>						
2711 519	Transportation Contracts	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$545,000</u>	<u>\$547,200</u>	<u>\$560,880</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b><u>\$1,031,590</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,127,969</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,700,070</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION**  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY17

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn Towns	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
1 <u>PK Sites - Less Medicaid covered costs</u>												
2 Students at Site										12	29.95	
3 Site Based Early Education	<u>\$202,231</u>									<u>\$108,993</u>	<u>\$93,238</u>	
4 <u>Early Education - Instruction - Less IDEA covered costs</u>												
5 ADM (less site)	162.28											
6 Percentage Allocation			24.15	53.75		48.38			15.75	6.25	4.00	10.00
7 Early Education Instruction	<u>\$136,341</u>		<u>14.9%</u>	<u>33.1%</u>		<u>29.8%</u>			<u>9.7%</u>	<u>3.9%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>6.2%</u>
			<u>\$20,290</u>	<u>\$45,159</u>		<u>\$40,648</u>			<u>\$13,232</u>	<u>\$5,250</u>	<u>\$3,361</u>	<u>\$8,401</u>
8 <u>Early Education - Speech - Less IDEA covered costs</u>												
9 ADM (less site for ud47)	174.28											
10 Percentage Allocation			24.15	53.75		48.38			15.75	18.25	4.00	10.00
11 Early Education Speech	<u>\$113,394</u>		<u>13.9%</u>	<u>30.8%</u>		<u>27.8%</u>			<u>9.0%</u>	<u>10.5%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>	<u>5.7%</u>
			<u>\$15,713</u>	<u>\$34,972</u>		<u>\$31,478</u>			<u>\$10,247</u>	<u>\$11,875</u>	<u>\$2,602</u>	<u>\$6,507</u>
12 <u>Early Ed Instructional/Support Services - Less IDEA covered costs</u>												
13 ADM	204.23											
14 Percentage Allocation			24.15	53.75		48.38			15.75	18.25	33.95	10.00
15 Early Ed Instructional Support Services	<u>\$9,160</u>		<u>11.8%</u>	<u>26.3%</u>		<u>23.7%</u>			<u>7.7%</u>	<u>8.9%</u>	<u>16.6%</u>	<u>4.9%</u>
			<u>\$1,083</u>	<u>\$2,411</u>		<u>\$2,170</u>			<u>\$706</u>	<u>\$819</u>	<u>\$1,523</u>	<u>\$448</u>
16 <u>Services K-6/8* - Includes Cornerstone Program - Less IDEA covered costs</u>												
17 Projected FY17 Enrollment	1,093.66	11.28	169.73	291.80	0.00	259.05	2.72	1.83	91.25	86.60	158.40	21.00
18 Percentage Allocation		<u>1.0%</u>	<u>15.5%</u>	<u>26.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>23.7%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>	<u>0.2%</u>	<u>8.3%</u>	<u>7.9%</u>	<u>14.5%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
19 Services K-6/8	<u>\$3,205,797</u>	<u>\$33,065</u>	<u>\$497,520</u>	<u>\$855,341</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$759,341</u>	<u>\$7,973</u>	<u>\$5,363</u>	<u>\$267,476</u>	<u>\$253,848</u>	<u>\$464,312</u>	<u>\$61,558</u>
20 <u>Services 7/9-12*</u>												
21 Projected FY17 Enrollment	858.65	88.92	100.00	213.69	10.00	146.00	110.12	30.17	48.75			111.00
22 Percentage Allocation		<u>10.4%</u>	<u>11.6%</u>	<u>24.9%</u>	<u>1.2%</u>	<u>17.0%</u>	<u>12.8%</u>	<u>3.5%</u>	<u>5.7%</u>			<u>12.9%</u>
23 Services 7/9-12	<u>\$4,250,479</u>	<u>\$440,171</u>	<u>\$495,019</u>	<u>\$1,057,804</u>	<u>\$49,502</u>	<u>\$722,726</u>	<u>\$545,115</u>	<u>\$149,349</u>	<u>\$241,321</u>			<u>\$549,472</u>
24 <u>Behavior Analysis/Psychological/OT/PT/Administration/Transportation - Less IDEA and Medicaid covered costs</u>												
25 Projected FY17 Enrollment	2,156.54	100.20	293.88	559.24	10.00	453.43	112.84	32.00	155.75	104.85	192.35	142.00
26 Percentage Allocation		<u>4.6%</u>	<u>13.6%</u>	<u>25.9%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>21.0%</u>	<u>5.2%</u>	<u>1.6%</u>	<u>7.2%</u>	<u>4.9%</u>	<u>8.9%</u>	<u>6.6%</u>
27 Psych/OT/PT/Admin/Transportation	<u>\$981,247</u>	<u>\$45,137</u>	<u>\$133,450</u>	<u>\$254,143</u>	<u>\$4,906</u>	<u>\$206,062</u>	<u>\$51,025</u>	<u>\$15,700</u>	<u>\$70,650</u>	<u>\$48,081</u>	<u>\$87,331</u>	<u>\$64,762</u>
28 <u>Deficit Raised</u>												
29 Prior Year Overall Assessment Allocation												
30 Deficit Raised	<u>\$235,266</u>	<u>\$13,645</u>	<u>\$28,232</u>	<u>\$62,699</u>	<u>\$1,647</u>	<u>\$62,581</u>	<u>\$14,822</u>	<u>\$4,235</u>	<u>\$12,234</u>	<u>\$10,352</u>	<u>\$14,586</u>	<u>\$20,233</u>
			<u>5.8%</u>	<u>22.4%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>	<u>26.6%</u>	<u>6.3%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>	<u>5.2%</u>	<u>4.4%</u>	<u>6.2%</u>	<u>8.6%</u>
31 <b>TOTAL FY17 ASSESSMENT</b>	<u>\$9,133,915</u>	<u>\$532,018</u>	<u>\$1,191,307</u>	<u>\$2,302,529</u>	<u>\$56,055</u>	<u>\$1,825,006</u>	<u>\$618,935</u>	<u>\$174,647</u>	<u>\$615,866</u>	<u>\$439,218</u>	<u>\$666,953</u>	<u>\$711,381</u>

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	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
PK Sites	\$104,766	\$98,886	\$214,859	\$217,023	\$223,155
Early Education Instruction/Support	204,659	210,478	260,037	251,202	259,542
Direct Services	195,200	222,827	34,154	67,674	70,679
Cornerstone Program	160,188	124,521	136,582	138,624	148,173
Services K-6/8	0	0	2,951,281	3,026,077	3,062,273
Services 7/9-12	0	0	4,251,296	4,407,351	4,250,479
Behavior Analyst	0	0	112,117	88,185	90,672
Psychological Services PK-12	223,754	224,935	234,692	255,752	258,978
Occupational/Physical Therapy PK-12	298,319	293,200	311,991	309,606	318,870
Administration PK-12	583,161	584,822	619,653	648,933	665,300
Transportation PK-12	168,533	229,564	248,103	265,783	274,667
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$1,938,580</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,989,233</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,676,210</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Cornerstone Program	\$160,188	\$115,074	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Services	363,733	452,391	34,154	67,674	70,679
IDEA Grants	553,000	587,958	615,000	651,173	601,876
EEI Grant	0	11,143	0	0	0
Medicaid Grant	49,988	57,844	81,203	50,008	51,584
Miscellaneous	0	420	0	0	0
<b>REVENUE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$1,126,909</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,224,830</u></b>	<b><u>\$730,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$768,855</u></b>	<b><u>\$724,139</u></b>
Assessments	815,046	815,046	8,644,408	8,644,408	9,133,915
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,941,955</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,039,876</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,413,263</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,858,054</u></b>
Surplus to Reduce Assessments	(3,375)		0		(235,266)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,938,580</u></b>		<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>		<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>

	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b><u>Early Education</u></b>					
<b><u>PK Sites</u></b>					
1100 110 Salaries/Instruction	\$54,176	\$54,176	\$117,295	\$120,838	\$123,759
1100 115 Paraeducators/Subs	17,013	14,554	16,504	15,485	15,599
1100 210 Group Medical	21,492	21,326	22,293	22,367	24,133
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	7,810	7,188	13,199	13,675	13,464
1100 610 Supplies	1,250	1,114	2,000	1,250	2,000
2152 110 Salaries/Speech	0	0	37,654	37,510	38,372
2152 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	0	0	3,414	3,398	3,328
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	2,500	528	2,500	2,500	2,500
2200 581 Dues/NAEYC Fees	525	0	0	0	0
<b>Total PK Sites</b>	<b><u>\$104,766</u></b>	<b><u>\$98,886</u></b>	<b><u>\$214,859</u></b>	<b><u>\$217,023</u></b>	<b><u>\$223,155</u></b>
<b><u>Early Education Instruction</u></b>					
<b><u>Instruction</u></b>					
1100 110 Salary	\$81,125	\$77,723	\$86,684	\$83,067	\$85,144
1100 112 ESY	0	315	3,000	1,902	2,000
1100 210 Medical	23,857	22,009	25,445	24,369	26,293
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	8,575	7,944	9,276	8,806	8,759
1100 320 Instructional Services	0	11,143	10,000	6,145	7,145
1100 320 Instructional Services/IDEA	0	5,881	0	10,450	9,807
1100 610 Supplies	300	757	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	3,000	2,248	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 580 Travel	1,200	1,751	3,000	3,000	3,000
	<b><u>\$118,057</u></b>	<b><u>\$129,771</u></b>	<b><u>\$141,405</u></b>	<b><u>\$141,739</u></b>	<b><u>\$146,148</u></b>

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			<b>FY15 Budget</b>	<b>FY15 Actual</b>	<b>FY16 Budget</b>	<b>FY16 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY17 Budget</b>
<b>Speech/Support</b>							
2100	320	Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$588	\$1,000
2152	110	Salary - Speech	53,098	50,014	71,349	68,345	70,014
2152	112	ESY	0	200	2,000	920	1,000
2152	210	Medical	19,722	18,414	19,431	23,067	24,889
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	5,982	5,367	7,852	7,543	7,491
2152	610	Supplies	300	297	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	2,500	1,498	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200	580	Travel	5,000	4,917	5,000	5,000	5,000
			<u>\$86,602</u>	<u>\$80,707</u>	<u>\$118,632</u>	<u>\$109,463</u>	<u>\$113,394</u>
<b>Total Early Ed Instruction</b>			<b><u>\$204,659</u></b>	<b><u>\$210,478</u></b>	<b><u>\$260,037</u></b>	<b><u>\$251,202</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,542</u></b>
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>							
2160	110	Salary	\$11,362	\$18,983	\$16,819	\$5,888	\$6,035
2160	210	Medical	3,571	5,966	5,337	2,013	2,172
2160	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	1,758	2,919	2,658	953	953
			<u>\$16,691</u>	<u>\$27,868</u>	<u>\$24,814</u>	<u>\$8,854</u>	<u>\$9,160</u>
<b>Physical Therapy</b>							
2190	110	Salary	\$7,073	\$16,361	\$16,564	\$0	\$0
2190	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	574	1,319	1,374	0	0
			<u>\$7,647</u>	<u>\$17,680</u>	<u>\$17,938</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy/PK</b>			<b><u>\$24,338</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,548</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,752</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,854</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,160</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>							
2420	610	Testing Supplies/Adv/Postage	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$3,542</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<b>Total Early Education Services</b>			<b><u>\$234,997</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,568</u></b>	<b><u>\$308,789</u></b>	<b><u>\$266,056</u></b>	<b><u>\$274,702</u></b>
<b>Direct Services PK-8</b>							
1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$20,492	\$23,361	\$23,315	\$22,639	\$23,205
1100	110	Salary/Paraeducators	0	0	0	30,820	32,280
1100	210	Medical	9,574	10,786	7,380	7,417	8,003
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	2,455	2,948	2,459	5,798	6,191
1100	580	Travel	1,500	0	0	0	0
2152	110	Salary/Speech Teacher	108,731	130,787	0	0	0
2152	210	Medical	32,856	38,362	0	0	0
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,592	13,278	0	0	0
2152	580	Travel	2,500	1,417	0	0	0
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	5,500	1,888	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Special Ed Direct Services</b>			<b><u>\$195,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$222,827</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,154</u></b>	<b><u>\$67,674</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,679</u></b>
<b>Cornerstone Program</b>							
1100	110	Salary/Teachers & Behaviorist	\$86,153	\$64,562	\$66,684	\$69,563	\$71,306
1100	115	Salary/Paraeducators	14,291	12,003	14,791	13,154	16,834
1100	120	Substitutes	0	1,215	2,000	2,000	2,000
1100	210	Medical	40,640	32,142	34,853	27,418	29,584
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,604	9,184	10,754	10,789	10,949
1100	610	Program Supplies/Services	5,000	237	5,000	5,000	5,000
2100	320	Counseling Services	0	0	0	8,200	10,000
2200	325	Professional Development	2,500	5,178	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Cornerstone Program</b>			<b><u>\$160,188</u></b>	<b><u>\$124,521</u></b>	<b><u>\$136,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$138,624</u></b>	<b><u>\$148,173</u></b>

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			<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated by Schools in the Supervisory Union</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$1,033,520	\$1,027,858	\$1,034,845
1100	112	ESY Services	0	0	34,000	26,682	30,000
1100	120	Substitutes	0	0	14,000	14,000	14,000
1100	210	Medical	0	0	244,389	261,636	290,167
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	109,445	106,879	107,000
1100	320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	0	0	14,435	17,965	14,735
1100	320	Instructional Services/IDEA	0	0	0	7,850	4,649
1100	500	Tuition	0	0	502,747	629,569	621,098
1100	590	Special Education Services	0	0	59,000	40,320	41,500
1100	592	District Services/Extraordinary	0	0	210,035	178,482	182,000
1100	610	Supplies & Equipment	0	0	37,500	37,500	37,500
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,259,071</u>	<u>\$2,348,741</u>	<u>\$2,377,494</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$16,900	\$9,246	\$9,308
2100	112	ESY Support Services	0	0	0	4,558	5,000
2100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	367	404
2140	110	Salary/Counseling	0	0	2,100	6,860	6,300
2140	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	169	581	508
2140	320	Evaluations	0	0	15,000	15,000	15,000
2140	320	Counseling Services	0	0	20,200	23,250	17,550
2152	110	Salary/Speech Teacher	0	0	396,275	405,822	406,311
2152	112	ESY Services	0	0	6,000	7,973	8,000
2152	120	Substitutes	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
2152	210	Medical	0	0	99,291	96,245	103,847
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	42,325	43,264	42,341
2152	320	Speech/Auditory Services	0	0	450	1,170	1,210
2152	610	Speech Supplies	0	0	7,000	7,000	7,000
2711	519	Transportation Services	0	0	2,500	2,000	0
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$613,210</u>	<u>\$628,336</u>	<u>\$627,779</u>
<u>Staff Support</u>							
2213	325	Prof Development/Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
2214	325	District Prof Development	0	0	32,000	2,000	10,000
2214	580	Travel	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$79,000</u>	<u>\$49,000</u>	<u>\$57,000</u>
<b>Total Services/Grades in the SU</b>			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,951,281</u>	<u>\$3,026,077</u>	<u>\$3,062,273</u>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,761	\$71,711
1100	115	Paraeducators	0	0	0	27,188	35,369
1100	112	ESY Services	0	0	6,000	15,374	15,500
2160	210	Medical	0	0	0	7,533	8,128
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	484	9,641	12,237
1100	320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	0	0	145,810	127,587	108,790
1100	3/500	Summer Services	0	0	95,127	126,414	120,300
1100	500	Tuition	0	0	1,458,641	1,669,544	1,621,414
1100	590	Special Education Services	0	0	2,210,449	2,021,462	1,930,923
1100	610	Supplies	0	0	0	6,100	6,000
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,916,511</u>	<u>\$4,065,604</u>	<u>\$3,930,372</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union  
Special Education Budget  
FY17**

	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>Student Support</b>					
2100 320 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$5,926	\$6,507
2140 320 Evaluations	0	0	15,000	15,000	15,000
2140 3/500 Counseling Services	0	0	86,100	78,172	79,250
2152 3/500 Speech Services	0	0	190,335	165,567	159,850
2160 3/500 Occupational Therapy Services	0	0	17,400	12,582	12,900
2190 3/500 Physical Therapy	0	0	1,000	7,500	1,000
2711 519 Transportation Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,450</u>	<u>57,000</u>	<u>45,600</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$334,785</u>	<u>\$341,747</u>	<u>\$320,107</u>
<b>Total Services/Grades Outside the SU</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,251,296</u>	<u>\$4,407,351</u>	<u>\$4,250,479</u>
<b>Behavior Analyst</b>					
2160 110 Salary	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$55,000	\$56,375
2160 210 Medical	0	0	14,808	19,851	21,419
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	7,309	5,834	5,878
2160 610 Supplies	0	0	2,000	1,000	500
2200 320 Professional Development	0	0	5,000	3,500	3,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$112,117</u>	<u>\$88,185</u>	<u>\$90,672</u>
<b>Psychological</b>					
2100 110 Salary/Psychologists	\$171,479	\$171,480	\$177,482	\$177,767	\$182,211
2100 210 Medical	26,205	26,205	27,384	27,384	29,548
2100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	16,570	16,012	17,126	37,901	34,519
2100 611 Materials & Supplies	3,000	2,954	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 325 Professional Development	3,000	4,882	6,000	6,000	6,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,402</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>
<b>Total Psychological</b>	<u>\$223,754</u>	<u>\$224,935</u>	<u>\$234,692</u>	<u>\$255,752</u>	<u>\$258,978</u>
<b>Occupational Therapy K-12</b>					
2160 110 Salary	\$132,453	\$124,831	\$132,029	\$141,523	\$145,061
2160 210 Medical	41,630	39,235	41,898	45,222	48,794
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	20,507	19,195	20,870	22,408	22,416
2160 610 Supplies	2,000	935	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 320 Professional Development	1,500	1,263	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,618</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
	<u>\$203,090</u>	<u>\$188,077</u>	<u>\$205,797</u>	<u>\$220,153</u>	<u>\$227,271</u>
<b>Physical Therapy K-12</b>					
2190 110 Salary	\$64,371	\$55,083	\$57,381	\$73,230	\$75,061
2190 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	5,220	4,440	4,761	6,069	6,078
2190 610 Supplies	300	52	300	300	300
2200 580 Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>\$70,891</u>	<u>\$59,575</u>	<u>\$63,442</u>	<u>\$80,599</u>	<u>\$82,439</u>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy</b>	<u>\$273,981</u>	<u>\$247,652</u>	<u>\$269,239</u>	<u>\$300,752</u>	<u>\$309,710</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union  
Special Education Budget  
FY17**

			<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY15 Actual</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>
<b>Administration</b>							
2400	110	Director of Student Services	\$100,940	\$100,940	\$104,473	\$100,000	\$102,500
2400	110	Program Directors	247,801	249,124	257,443	251,292	257,574
2400	115	Salaries - Clerical	39,202	37,144	38,444	38,072	39,024
2400	210	Medical	80,504	85,327	89,168	94,212	101,652
2400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	40,388	39,778	41,890	77,482	75,556
2400	325	Professional Development	13,000	12,940	15,000	15,000	15,000
2400	330	Contracted Service	4,500	5,564	4,500	6,000	6,000
2400	360	Legal	5,000	1,953	5,000	5,000	5,000
2400	531	Telephone/Postage	1,950	636	1,600	1,600	1,600
2400	540	Advertising	2,000	814	5,000	3,000	3,000
2400	580	Travel	8,000	8,968	10,000	10,000	10,000
2400	610	Supplies/Software/Copier	7,500	8,224	7,500	7,500	7,500
2400	739	Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<u>\$553,785</u>	<u>\$551,412</u>	<u>\$583,018</u>	<u>\$612,158</u>	<u>\$627,406</u>
<u>Transportation Administration</u>							
2711	110	Coordinator	\$20,000	\$19,429	\$20,109	\$20,021	\$20,522
2711	210	Medical	0	6,561	6,749	6,749	7,282
2711	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>3,376</u>	<u>3,878</u>	<u>3,777</u>	<u>4,005</u>	<u>4,090</u>
			<u>\$23,376</u>	<u>\$29,868</u>	<u>\$30,635</u>	<u>\$30,775</u>	<u>\$31,894</u>
<b>Total Administration</b>			<u>\$577,161</u>	<u>\$581,280</u>	<u>\$613,653</u>	<u>\$642,933</u>	<u>\$659,300</u>
<b>Transportation</b>							
2712	115	Salary/Drivers & Assistants	\$106,744	\$143,136	\$131,410	\$159,871	\$167,775
2712	210	Medical	0	7,209	22,599	7,533	8,128
2712	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	17,789	24,605	22,894	26,434	26,706
2712	430	Repairs & Maintenance	10,000	16,455	12,000	16,000	16,000
2712	500	Services/Insurance	1,000	1,425	2,000	2,000	2,000
2712	540	Advertising	1,500	366	1,500	1,000	1,000
2712	580	Prof Dev/Travel	0	302	0	500	500
2712	592	Services/Districts	0	3,340	0	9,500	10,000
2712	610	Supplies	1,500	534	1,200	1,200	1,200
2712	620	Fuel	30,000	32,192	36,000	32,000	32,000
2712	910	Bus Lease Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>9,745</u>	<u>9,358</u>
<b>Total Transportation</b>			<u>\$168,533</u>	<u>\$229,564</u>	<u>\$248,103</u>	<u>\$265,783</u>	<u>\$274,667</u>
<b>Total Special Education/Early Education</b>			<u>\$1,938,580</u>	<u>\$1,989,233</u>	<u>\$9,374,765</u>	<u>\$9,676,210</u>	<u>\$9,622,788</u>

## **Arlington Area Childcare Annual Report for 2014-2015**

In our 31st year of providing quality early care and education, Arlington Area Childcare continues to focus on the family centered approach to providing an early care and education program for the community. A Strengthening Families grant continues to support us in developing relationships with families through information, education and support. Through this funding our administrative staff can help needy families with transportation, subsidy, and many other support services. **Happy Days has again successfully achieved 5 STAR Accreditation with the State of Vermont.**

In 2014-2015, 117 children attended Happy Days Playschool and Camp Adventure. 65 of these children were from Arlington, 7 from Sandgate, 28 from Sunderland, and 17 from other nearby towns. The community members from the towns of Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate supported our program with town funds. We greatly appreciate each towns' continued support of Happy Days Playschool.

Having joined the T.E.A.C.H. program, a staff development project of the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children, last year, Happy Days had 2 teachers take early childhood coursework and graduate with AA degrees in early childhood education. The TEACH program supports coursework for early childhood staff and partners with centers. Its components include partial tuition and book support, release time for studying, compensation after attaining a degree, a travel stipend, and commitment of the employee to remain employed at the center for a specified period of time. Happy Days agrees to pay 10% of the tuition and 40% of the release time funding and pay a bonus at the end of the coursework. Congratulations to **Michelle Ennis** and **Jessie Cerretani** for their successful completion of this coursework.

All the staff, parents and Board members worked very hard on several fund raisers. Our goal was to raise \$11,000 to supplement our budget and buy some new equipment. We met our goal by selling pizzas, Cabot cheese, having a supper with the Federated Church, the Battenkill Duck Run and the Duck Derby. We were able to buy a much needed hard surface bike track for our preschool playground. We thank the many local businesses for their help with our fund raisers, especially Mack Molding, Bank of Bennington, and the Federated Church.

Happy Days reduced costs again this year by having two small preschool classes with one teacher each. This was an excellent environment in which the children could learn and grow and was budget friendly for Happy Days. Our enrollment began to increase in the other age groups and we were able to secure a Strengthening Families Grant from the State of Vermont for another year. Our finances seem to have leveled out, with additional help from our fund raisers and donors.

Thank you again for the continuous support of all the community members and the local businesses of Arlington.



ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CLUB INCOME STATEMENT			
	BUDGET 2015	11/01/2015- 11/30/2015	YTD
<b>INCOME</b>			
RENT	\$16,800.00	\$550.00	\$13,700.00
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
USE OF BUILDING	\$2,200.00	\$800.00	\$2,746.00
DUES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
TOWNS	\$2,350.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
FUNDRAISING	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$735.00
GRANTS	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
MM INTEREST	\$5.00	\$0.04	\$4.34
TRANSFERS FR MM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
REFUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$27,355.00</b>	<b>\$4,450.04</b>	<b>\$21,381.34</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
ELECTRICAL	\$1,600.00	\$195.46	\$1,363.95
FUEL OIL	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,405.72
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE-GENERAL	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$1,975.48
GRANT/CONTRACTOR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INSURANCE	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,826.00
MAINTENANCE	\$7,000.00	\$4,320.02	\$9,086.51
MISC EXPENSE	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ALARM SYSTEM	\$800.00	\$47.68	\$618.38
POSTAGE & PRINTING	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.80
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$4,605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
REFUND/SECURITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
ADVERTISING FOR APARTMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$277.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$27,355.00</b>	<b>\$4,963.16</b>	<b>\$22,078.84</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$513.12</b>	<b>-\$697.50</b>

<b>FUNDRAISING - HEATING SYSTEM</b>			
FUNDRAISING - HEATING SYSTEM		\$600.00	\$5,430.00
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE		\$0.00	-\$349.88
INTEREST INCOME		\$0.52	\$0.52
<b>NET</b>		<b>\$600.52</b>	<b>\$5,080.64</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>AS OF 11/30/15</b>			
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Bank of Bennington	\$850		
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Peoples	\$5,634		
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$3,221		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-HEATING SYSTEM	\$5,431		
FIXED ASSETS	\$480,689		
OTHER ASSETS-ART WORK	\$16,000		
OTHER ASSETS-JIMMY FISHER CANOE	\$3,000		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$514,825</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$514,825</b>		

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE  
P.O. BOX 62  
ARLINGTON, VERMONT 05250

January, 2016

Town of Sunderland Select Board  
P.O. Box 295  
East Arlington, Vt. 05250

Dear Select Board,

On behalf of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc. I am writing to express our appreciation for the continued financial support of the Select board and the citizens of Sunderland. The Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc is respectfully requesting that the Board consider funding for the year 2016 in the amount of \$1500.00. The costs from Manchester Health Services for providing home care to our residents in need continues as well as well as the four Scholarships we offer each year and our Medical Assistance program. We sincerely hope you will accept our request so that we will be able to continue to fund these important services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jean Freebern. President

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc

# Arlington Fire Department Annual Report 2015

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 134 calls for assistance in 2015.

The calls by town were as follows;

Arlington	82	Shaftsbury	3
Bennington FD	1	Sandgate	16
Sunderland	23	Shushan NY	5
Clarksburg MA	1	Manchester FD	2

The breakdown of calls by incident were as follows:

FIRES	structure – chimney	12
	Wildland brush / debris fires	15
	motor vehicle / tractor / equipment	2
RESCUES	Rescue Squad Assist	12
	car accidents w/extrication	4
	car accidents w/spills & traffic control	24
	wild land / water rescues	3
SERVICE CALLS	storm damage – power lines down	10
	Alarm activations – no emergency	28
HAZARDOUS COND	CO detected - spills/leaks – furnace malfunctions	5
MUTUAL AID	to neighboring agencies	12
GOOD INTENT	unfounded or cancelled en route	7

The Volunteers of the Arlington Fire Department had another full year in 2015. The 31 responding Volunteer members spent nearly 1,010 hrs responding to calls for service in 2015. This is on top of training time in excess of another 1,080 hrs throughout the year. This averages 68 hrs per member per year of volunteer service.

With our oldest fire truck turning 26 years old we look forward to starting a committee to explore the purchase of a new apparatus in the fall. The process of purchasing a fire truck takes approximately 2 years from forming a committee to actually ordering and receiving the truck. The last truck we purchased was in 2013 and allowed us to bring twice the water to a scene with less equipment and manpower. As our equipment ages we continually spend more money on upkeep, and the safety of those operating the truck and those depending on the truck to perform flawlessly becomes a bigger concern. We hope you will continue to support the sinking fund to purchase our emergency equipment when needed.

This year we have begun a new era of receiving our emergency calls: Through a system called E-DISPATCHES which allows our firefighters to receive their calls through their Smart Phones and tablets. We hope to soon bring an I PAD to each fire truck with programming to direct firefighters to an emergency, a water source, and staging area or landing zone. With the E-911 & GPS technology this will surely help our response times to assist someone in need.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to **PLEASE TEST and CHANGE SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR**. Also practice Fire Prevention at home, and at work, and have a Family Meeting Spot at the end of your driveway. Also **PLEASE POST YOUR 911 NUMBERS CLEARLY** at the end of your driveway if you cannot see your home from the road. Please help us help you. **Dial 911 for all emergencies** or (802)-375-2323 for non-emergencies.

Hope to see you at the Annual Fireman's Carnival on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Rec. Park.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fire Chief 2015 - 2016  
James Paustian

## ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD

Arlington Rescue Squad would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the continued support of the residents of Sunderland, the Town appropriations help us remain solvent and able to respond day or night with a highly trained staff of EMT's.

Arlington Rescue responded to a total of 541 calls in 2014 with a total of 86 calls in the Sunderland area for auto accidents and medical calls of all nature, we continually train and hone our skills to provide the highest quality care available and are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine.

Please remember to post your house numbers on your house and mailbox, many times we respond to emergency calls and are unable to find the right address quickly, if you have a long driveway please have your numbers by the road to facilitate finding you in an emergency. Number signs are still available at the squad building.

Arlington Rescue non emergency telephone number is 802-375-6589 between the hours of 6am and 6pm, Monday thru Friday or in an emergency dial **911**.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Mattison      President Arlington Rescue Squad

## **Bennington County Regional Commission**

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community development, transportation, healthy community design, energy, environmental conservation and protection of water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region. More information on these programs can be found at [www.bcrcvt.org](http://www.bcrcvt.org).

The BCRC also plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The Commission works with our member towns and villages and these other organizations to implement the ideas and projects that derive from our planning work.

During the past year, the BCRC has completed and adopted a new comprehensive regional plan. That plan is a valuable resource document for the Commission, municipalities, and anyone interested in planning and development in southwestern Vermont. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, a regional solid waste plan overseen by a new 13-town alliance, a process that has led to a new Northshire Economic Development Strategy, continued work toward implementation of downtown redevelopment plans in Bennington, assistance with planning and obtaining nearly two million dollars in funding for major streetscape and transportation improvements, a study that lays the basis for creating a direct transit link to the Albany rail station, mapping and environmental assessments to support water quality and flood hazard management efforts, and support for a new "drug free community" program overseen by BCRC staff and the Alliance for Community Transformations.

The BCRC will continue to provide technical planning assistance to its member municipalities in the coming year. Special initiatives to be undertaken include: a new regional energy plan aligned with Vermont's ambitious energy goals, a downtown redevelopment and marketing plan for Bennington, support for efforts to expand and diversify local food systems, a new program in comprehensive water quality management, expansion of bike-ped facilities, and a renewed effort to assess and support redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: [www.bcrcvt.org](http://www.bcrcvt.org)).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sullivan, Director

## Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

### Universal Recycling Law

In 2012, the Vermont legislature passed Act 148, now known as the Universal Recycling Law, to increase recycling and reduce the types and amounts of materials being sent to landfills. In June of 2014, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR) adopted a Materials Management Plan, as required under the Universal Recycling Law. This plan established actions and requirements for VT ANR, solid waste management districts, alliances, towns and other management entities responsible for managing solid waste to implement the law, including preparation of their own solid waste implementation plans or "SWIPs."

### Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

During the beginning of the planning process, the towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford formed a study committee to determine whether or not to form a solid waste district or alliance to develop and implement the SWIP. Over the course of several public meetings in late 2014 and early 2015 the committee decided to form an alliance, and the towns entered into an interlocal contract forming the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance in 2015. Each town appointed representatives to the Alliance Board.

### Solid Waste Implementation Plan

In the spring and summer of 2015, the Alliance Board held a series of planning meetings and discussed drafts of the SWIP. The Alliance Board held public hearings on the SWIP on June 25, 2015 at the Arlington Town Hall and on July 21, 2015 at the Sunderland Town Hall. The plan was also sent to local haulers, made available at town halls and posted on the Bennington County Regional Commission's website and several of the towns' websites. As part of the planning process, the towns adopted pay-as-you-throw ordinances, which require haulers to charge for municipal solid waste based on volume or weight.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources reviewed the plan and granted pre-approval. The Alliance adopted the plan on November 17, 2015. VT ANR approved that plan on December 14, 2015. The SWIP is in effect from 2015 through 2020.

### Household Hazardous Waste Events

The Alliance held four household hazardous waste (HHW) events in the spring and fall of 2015. Two events were sponsored by the Town of Bennington and held at the Bennington Transfer Station, and two events were managed by the Bennington County Regional Commission with the spring event at the Arlington Memorial High School and Middle School in Arlington and the

fall event at the Riley Rink in Manchester. Over 670 households participated in these events. In 2016, the Alliance will hold two events for the 13 Alliance towns. One will be held in Bennington and a second, in the northern part of the county. Dates will be posted well in advance.

## Electronics Collections

The Vermont E-Cycles program, initiated in 2011, allows for free disposal of electronic devices at sites approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The Vermont E-Cycling program provides for the collection of computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age, or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations in Bennington County include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, and Sunderland Transfer Stations. Vermont residents can bring E-Waste to any of the sites listed at <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/>.

## Fluorescent Bulbs

Vermont ANR has also implemented a plan to accept the return of fluorescent bulbs at various retail establishments throughout the county. Residents can dispose of fluorescent bulbs including compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) at several hardware stores and other retail establishments and at several of the transfer stations. Information on this program is available at <http://www.lamprecycle.org/vermont.shtml>.

## Paint Collections

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization established to assist paint manufacturers to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in the United States, including Vermont. Both latex and oil-based paint have been collected at HHW events and at special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>.

## Battery Recycling

Primary (alkaline) batteries and rechargeable batteries will now be accepted at many retailers starting in 2016. These can be recycled rather than disposed in the trash. For more information, visit Call2Recycle at <http://www.call2recycle.org/what-can-i-recycle/>.

## Education and Outreach

The Alliance will be offering education and outreach programs to schools and businesses on the requirements of the Universal Recycling Law and methods to properly recycle and reuse materials and to reduce the amount of solid waste generated. The Alliance will be developing a website early in 2016 with more information on these programs. The Alliance also hopes to offer compost bins for sale this spring.

Burdett Commons Inc  
3854C VT RTE 7A PO BOX 457 Arlington, VT 05250  
(802)375-6515 burdettcommonsinc@yahoo.com  
www.arlingtonactivityevents.org  
Burdett Commons of Arlington (Facebook)

Burdett Commons is entering its 17th year of operation. We have had another great year serving the communities of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. We started in 1999 as a community gathering place and we continue to offer programs to benefit the public. We offer various programs for the youth and adults of the community.

Our Community Together project continues to operate. Any non-profit from Sunderland, Sandgate, and Arlington may submit events and information that is shared on our website and a community calendar. It is a spot for community members to be informed of all activities happening in our area.

Children in grades 2-8 benefit from our school vacation camps. We offer day camps during the summer and school year when school is not in session. The children participate in a wide array of activities such as arts and crafts and outdoor play.

Our monthly adult craft nights continue, thanks to our various volunteer instructors. Over the year we have created jewelry, holiday decor, greeting cards, truffles, appetizers, and much more. Several instructors and participants also participate in our Summer Market and Annual Craft Fair.

Our annual haunt for the year was yet another successful event. It brings together adults and children of the community to put on a two night production for various people to attend. It is an amazing community event that people participate in through various ways such as acting, baking for the bake sale, making dinner, and coming through the Haunted House.

Thank you to the various volunteers that help us throughout the year. Thank you also to Sunderland Elementary School and Fisher Elementary School for allowing us to share your buildings for our various fund raisers. If you helped to support our programs through our annual fund drive, we also thank you.

If you are interested in volunteering with our organization please let us know. We are currently recruiting new members for our Board of Directors. We meet once a month and would love to have your input. Please consider joining us. Contact any Board member at the number above for more information.

Thank you for the continued support of our organization.

Sincerely,

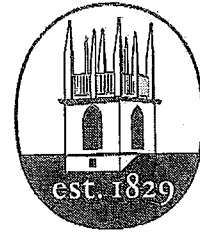
Amy Caples, Director

Burdett Commons Inc Board of Directors

Sheila Hoyt, Marilyn King, Stephen Niles, Sara Pelletier, Elaine Peacock, Margie Record



# BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY



OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

January 6, 2016

Dear Sending Town Communities:

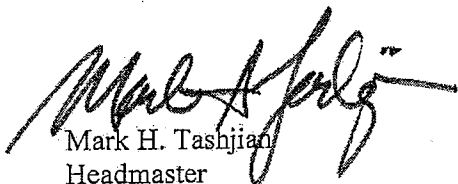
We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2016-2017 school year. With the pressures of the allowable growth rates under Act 46 and the challenges faced by our sending schools and communities, we have set our tuition at \$16,250, an increase of 1.88%, despite contracted faculty salary increases of 2.8% and benefits increasing roughly 8%. We recognize that our sending schools face the same difficult economics that we face, and we are seeking to alleviate some of their financial pressures.

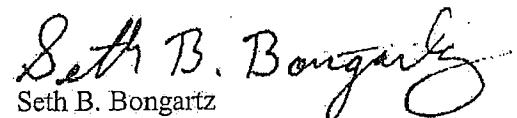
In considering our tuition, we call your attention to a few points:

- We are most proud of the quality of our faculty and their dedication to students. Meaningful teacher-student relationships are one of the hallmarks of this school, and we are able to attract and retain unusually skilled teachers in no small part thanks to the support of our sending communities.
- We remain fully committed to superb programming in academics, athletics and the creative arts, ensuring that BBA students benefit from tremendous learning experiences and opportunities inside and outside the classroom.
- We continue to raise significant capital dollars to support infrastructure growth. In the past five years, thanks to private donations, we have installed a world-class turf field, launched the Mountain Campus program in environmental studies, launched the Student Success Program to support the aspirations of first-generation college bound students, and put iPads in the hands of every student and teacher. Just this past year, we invested in the Target program, created a STEAM lab maker space, and, in partnership with Hildene, are launching a program in food systems and agricultural studies housed in their newly constructed, state-of-the-art greenhouse.
- Along with infrastructure investment, our team of educators constantly thinks about ways to improve our curriculum and teaching. This year, along with a variety of other steps forward, we have instituted Flex Block, which give students the responsibility and flexibility to maximize their use of time, seek extra help, and find enrichment opportunities.
- We augment our tuition with \$700,000 in endowment draw, \$2 million in international student revenues, and \$1 million in annual fundraising. These added sources of revenue ensure that we are able to provide programs and services that far exceed what would be possible on tuition dollars alone.

BBA cherishes its relationship with our sending communities. We seek to be an important resource, a reason that people want to live in our communities, and a source of strength and pride for all. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

  
Seth B. Bongartz  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**Burr and Burton Academy Budget**

	Audited Financials 2014-2015	Current Forecast 2015-2016	Draft Budget 2016-2017
<b>OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS</b>			
Tuition and fees	\$13,069,947	\$13,168,507	\$13,511,911
Food Service	300,371	329,336	335,000
Contributions and grants - operating	992,587	1,000,700	1,000,000
Endowment Draw	634,289	655,790	700,000
Other (Gate Receipts, Yearbook, Graduation Fees, Permits)	75,930	63,000	63,000
Total revenue	<u>\$15,073,124</u>	<u>\$15,217,333</u>	<u>\$15,609,911</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries and wages	8,312,146	8,386,920	8,621,754
Employee benefits	2,726,064	2,933,438	3,168,113
Total personnel	<u>\$11,038,210</u>	<u>\$11,320,358</u>	<u>\$11,789,867</u>
Advertising	18,367	15,000	15,000
Commissions, fees and subscriptions	294,378	242,998	240,000
Depreciation	1,406,762	1,223,586	1,112,784
Equipment and leases	159,844	117,813	119,933
Insurance	202,717	197,078	210,202
Interest	37,333	43,589	47,364
Professional development	92,996	98,500	100,000
Professional fees	118,380	124,500	124,500
Purchased services and service contracts	787,517	816,783	800,000
Repairs and maintenance	159,871	155,000	155,000
Room and board	192,650	205,200	213,593
Scholarships and awards	35,309	40,000	40,000
Supplies	680,936	733,499	700,000
Telephone and postage	72,247	86,048	85,000
Transportation and travel	420,132	447,038	450,000
Utilities	338,135	325,173	326,473
Total operating expenses	<u>\$16,055,784</u>	<u>\$16,192,163</u>	<u>\$16,529,716</u>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<u><u>(\$982,660)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$974,830)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$919,805)</u></u>



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
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[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Town report information for Green Up Day, May 2, 2015**

Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

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

**Mark your calendar!**  
**May 7, 2016 Green Up Day,**  
**46 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,**  
**always the first Saturday in May.**



GNAT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created in 1995 whose mission is to provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community. GNAT's vision is to facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.

**GNAT Service Area / Cable Channels** GNAT-TV broadcasts local community based public, education and government "PEG" programs on Comcast Cable Channels. **Channels 15, 16 & 17:** Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall; **Channels 8, 10 & 18:** Stratton; **Channel 8, 10:** Weston & Londonderry. **All local programs also available:** [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

#### **Media & Training Services**

GNAT provides opportunities for individuals and groups to produce and broadcast original, non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training to all residents, community organizations and schools within the eleven towns in our viewing area.

#### **Government Access Services to Towns**

GNAT provides video production services, television and Internet viewing of municipal meetings and educational, civic and community events. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings. GNAT produced 281 Government Meetings across seven towns in 2015.

#### **Statistics**

In 2015, GNAT produced 281 local government meetings across seven towns. GNAT provided coverage for 39 Sunderland meetings: (Select Board 25; School Board 12; Special Meetings 1; Town Meeting 1). In addition to the television cablecasts, Sunderland meetings received a total of 1819 views online: (Sunderland Town Meeting 148; Sunderland School Board 482; Sunderland Select Board 1189).



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[www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org)  
802.362.7070

**GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary**  
Year Ending September 30, 2015

**INCOME**

PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$392,512
PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$39,251
Program Service	\$13,401
Fundraising / Other Income	\$21,596
Interest	\$606
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$467,366</b>

**EXPENSE**

Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$272,509
Rent / Utilities / Insurance	\$68,275
Production Supplies	\$24,702
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,118
Equipment / Depreciation	\$43,791
Other Operating Expense	\$25,711
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$438,106</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$29,260
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$431,296
Net Assets, End of Year	\$460,556

\*Balance Earmarked for Future Capital Equipment Purchases



## Green Mountain National Forest

### 2015 - 2016 Town Meeting Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from the many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors that help us accomplish our robust program of work every year. We would like to take this time to thank you and your community for your support and the interest that you have shown in helping us manage the more than 400,000 acre GMNF which several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts enjoy and is critical our local economy. We are proud that the GMNF is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in Sunderland in the past year:

### Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance

Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained 76.93 miles of National Forest System roads in the Towns of Ripton, Rochester, Chittenden, Goshen, Lincoln, Hancock, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Sunderland, Woodford, Winhall, Stamford, Wallingford, and Readsboro. This work included grading, ditching, culvert cleaning, and brushing.

### Recreation:

Sunderland: Coordinated project planning trips with the Green Mountain Club (GMC) for future relocation of the Branch Pond trail.

### Soil Monitoring

Soil samples were collected in 2012, and the vegetation inventoried at the two Vermont Monitoring Cooperative 200-year Soil Monitoring Project sites in Lye Brook Wilderness, in the Town of Sunderland. The project will also provide insight into the storage of carbon in soil on the GMNF. The next scheduled round of soil sampling for the project is in 2017.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure.

Forest Service Offices in Vermont: Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 PM.

Rutland -- Supervisor's Office Phone: 802-747-6700	Middlebury -- Ranger Station Phone: 802-388-4362
<b>David Francomb</b> , District Ranger, South Half - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307	<b>Chris Mattrick</b> , District Ranger, North Half - Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767- 4261
<hr/> <b>JOHN SINCLAIR</b> Forest Supervisor 802-747-6700	

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# LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

Dear Town Residents,

Long Trail School is proud of the role we play in the Vermont education scene. For forty years we have provided meaningful learning experiences to students in this region. Now serving more than 28 communities, Long Trail continues to meet and exceed the goals of its families by recognizing each student's passions and encouraging their growth. Every day we see the achievements that our warm family atmosphere fosters.

Long Trail offers unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges. With over 180 students this year from nearby towns and several countries, we celebrate keen classroom engagement through interdisciplinary and multi-graded courses, and an International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. Students connect with, learn from and challenge each other daily. From Model UN programs to our engineering and science clubs, kids are thinking and learning with an eye toward the world...and to their future. Projects test their abilities to think beyond textbooks and assignments regularly provide opportunities to push the boundaries of expectations.

Fundamental to our work with students is a sense of purpose and place in community. Student organizations work with local groups and churches to assist others. Fundraising for causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders and see the difference they can make.

Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the unique educational experiences we offer. Here is some data to highlight the successes funded by your investment in a Long Trail education.

- 94% college attendance rate
- 23 International Baccalaureate (IB) diplomas awarded in the last 3 years;  
2012-2014 avg. LTS pass rate 83%; avg. global pass rate 78.9%
- SBAC scores

ELA/Literacy (% level 3 or above)	LTS	statewide
Grade 6- 11 students	100%	53%
Grade 7- 21 students	76%	55%
Grade 8- 25 students	76%	54%
Grade 11- 14 students	71%	58%
Mathematics (% level 3 or above)		
Grade 6- 11 students	82%	37%
Grade 7- 21 students	52%	43%
Grade 8- 25 students	60%	40%
Grade 11-16 students	56%	37%

We are steadfast in our desire to improve the lives of our students. We have played a role in the lives of thousands of alumni over the years and are pleased to continue to be a pivotal partner in educating area children. We welcome you to stop by anytime and see the excitement in action.

Sincerely,  
Steven E. Dear, Head of School



## LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

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## Martha Canfield Library

### Town Report 2016

The Martha Canfield Library welcomes all to read, learn and experience many new things. We can help you navigate the world of e-government and online applications, help you choose an absorbing book to learn something new or escape to another world, help you find accurate information or get you started in an online class. You can find a movie for your evening's entertainment, choose a board game or jigsaw puzzle to try with your family, find an audio book for that long car ride and much more.

This past summer, thanks to a grant from Dollar General and the help of many volunteers, we were able to expand our summer children's programs, taking part in the national theme of "Be a Hero, Read!". We held seven programs for preschool through grade 2 and seven programs for grades 3 through 6. It was wonderful to see the children create their own hero comic book, learn magic tricks, read stories, and more. Each child who attended was able to choose a free book to keep. The children kept up or improved their reading skills over the summer through the activities they did at the programs, and all had lots of fun.

A sampling of other programs includes a screening of the Vermont Movie followed by a discussion, an origami workshop, a panel of mystery writers, a talk about Sherlock Holmes and the women in his life and a holiday music concert by Harriet Welther. And for those interested in local history we had a presentation on the Shays' Settlement Project, a local archaeological dig. These and many more programs are free at your library, another of the services we provide,

For the history buffs, the Russell Vermontiana Collection, a reference library with books, photographs, manuscripts, obituaries, indexes to vital records, military history, Vermont authors, and lots more, provides hours of fascinating study. The Collection encompasses the local area as well as Vermont and towns adjacent to the Vermont border and is open on Tuesdays or by appointment.

Your support will help to keep these services that are essential to a well-informed community. Stop in and check us out. For more information, check our website: [marthacanfieldlibrary.org](http://marthacanfieldlibrary.org), or call us.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Skidmore, Director

Martha Canfield Library

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### NEIGHBORWORKS® OF WESTERN VERMONT

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

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

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

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

*These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, [nwwvt.org](http://nwwvt.org).*

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

**TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!**

Respectfully,  
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

## Vermont Department of Health

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. Your local Health Department district office is in Bennington at 324 Main Street; our phone # is 802-447-6408. We deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Bennington County Regional Planning Commission was awarded \$42,500 in order to support local tobacco control efforts.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families, pregnant women and children up to and including age five with WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. In Bennington County, 1491 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Families served by WIC are now able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing their choices (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 161 cases of infectious disease in Bennington County. In 2014, \$5,344,061 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$845,838 of which was in our district's area.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In 2014/15, \$10,250 was contributed to fund training for Bennington County's Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, since July 2013, funding of \$63,072 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

The Bennington County Prescription Drug Task Force: A local interdisciplinary team comprised of professional members with representation from The Collaborative coalition, Bennington Police Department, Vermont Department of Health, CVS, the Alliance for Community Transformations, Price Chopper, SVHC's pharmacy and concerned community members. This year, the group worked together to make the Annual Take Back Day an even bigger success and collected 683 pounds of prescription pills from Bennington county.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Bongartz, District Director

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2015 Overview  
*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprising municipal officials from across the state, elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 136 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services – including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water – on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to assist them in providing their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their roles and responsibilities. In 2015, attorneys and staff responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries from municipal officials about their statutory duties and about best practices in municipal governance. More than 1,300 people attended 16 workshops on topics ranging from municipal budgeting to solid waste management, and training for selectboard members, auditors and land use officials. Additionally, MAC conducted 10 on-site workshops at municipal offices covering Open Meeting Law compliance, financial fraud prevention, effective property tax appeal hearings as well as other topics. Attorneys provided 28 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. Many municipalities have received technical assistance on water quality and stormwater management related to the recent passage of Vermont's Clean Water Act. All handbooks, technical papers, model documents and past newsletter articles – more than 1,000 documents - are available on VLCT's website
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont's lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2016 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also provides a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free-of-charge on the VLCT website.
- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The **VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continued to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and, where appropriate, to secure health insurance through the marketplace. When substantial municipal damages occur as a result of weather events, the value to our members of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The two Trusts are responsible for \$24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2015.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

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