

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Town of Sunderland and its citizens dedicate this annual report to James "Cubby" Ennis for his 24 years of service as Sunderland's Road Crew Foreman. We appreciate his hard work keeping our roads well maintained and safe for our use.

The sound of his plow clearing and salting roads on all those early-morning winter days was music to our ears. We were able to make it to work, school, grocery shopping, or the post office. We knew we could get out!!

Thanks Cubby, we wish you the best in your retirement.

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**TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
2011-2012**

TOWN MODERATOR (1 year term)	Sally Ayrey
TOWN CLERK (3year term) Expires 2013	Rose Keough
TREASURER (3 year term) Expires 2013	Rose Keough
SELECT BOARD:	
Term Expires 2014 (3 year term)	Joseph Boutin
Term Expires 2013 (2 years of 3 year term) (Appointed)	Mark Hyde
Term Expires 2012 (3 year term)	Steven Bendix
Term Expires 2012 (1 year term) (Appointed)	David Kiernan
Term Expires 2012 (1 year term)	Bruce Whitaker
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Jesse Stone
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)	John Stuermer
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 year term)	Kathleen Morse
LISTERS:	
Term Expires 2014 (3 year term)	Robert Montgomery
Term Expires 2012 (3year term)	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2013 (3 year term)	Lee Grey
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	
Term Expires 2011 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2012 (3 year term)	Jon French
Term Expires 2013 (3 year term)	James Ennis
AUDITORS:	
Term Expires 2014 (1 year of 3 year term) (Appointed)	Cynthia Herrmann
Term Expires 2013 (1 year of 3 year term) (Appointed)	Russell Housman
Term Expires 2012 (3 year term)	Edward Toth
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 year term) (Appointed)	Michael diMonda
TOWN AGENT (1 year term) (Appointed)	James Ayrey
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	
Term Expires 2014 (3 year term)	Melanie Virgilio
Term Expires 2012 (3 year term)	Mary VanVleck
Term Expires 2013 (3 year term)	Gordon Woodrow
Term Expires 2013 (2 year term)	Heidi French
Term Expires 2012 (2 year term)	Leslie Perra
SCHOOL MODERATOR (1 year term)	Sally Ayrey
SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER	Rose Keough
Term Expires 2013 (3 year term)	

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD
(One year term unless otherwise noted)
2011-2012

Animal Control Officer	Pat Salo
Emergency Management Coordinator (Interim)	David Kiernan
Fence Viewers	Selectboard
Green-Up Chairman	James Ennis
Health Officer	Albert "Bill" Bowen
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
Inspector of Lumber, Wood, & Shingles	Selectboard
Pound Keeper	Pat Salo
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
Town Fire Warden	Paul Ennis, Sr.
Tree Warden	Selectboard
Webmaster	Mark Hyde
Weigher of Coal	Selectboard
Zoning Administrator (Interim)	Bruce Whitaker

Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:

Term Expires March 2014	Roy Johnson
Term Expires March 2014	Peter Luca

Planning Board:

Term Expires March 2014	Frances Whitaker
Term Expires March 2013	Roy Johnson
Term Expires March 2013	Edward Toth
Term Expires March 2012	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2012	Peter Luca

Zoning Board:

Term Expires 2014	Robert Alexander
Term Expires 2013	Edward Bove
Term Expires 2013	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2012	Peter Van Vleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2012	William Weibel

Justice of the Peace: Elected November 2, 2010

Gloria Alexander
Kay Kwasniewski
Rose Stone
Sally Stone

**2012-2013
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)	\$ 15.00	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 21.50	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$ 16.25	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN (as approved by auditors)	\$ 1,500.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - CLERK (as approved by auditors)	\$ 1,300.00	annually
SELECTPERSON (as approved by auditors)	\$ 1,200.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$ 13,100.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	Fees	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 13,100.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$ 12.00	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$ 500.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 20.00	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$ 350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$ 300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$ 200.00	annually
MILEAGE	Federal Rate per mile	

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined the orders and accounts of the various officers of the Town of Sunderland for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. We find the records of the Town Treasurer to be in excellent order and the accompanying statements to be accurate to the best of our knowledge. Based on the treasurer's request, the auditors will assist in quarterly reconciliation audits. This may be expanded to a monthly activity.

The books of the tax collector were also examined for year ending December 31, 2011 and found to be in balance with the Town Treasurer. We are recommending that checks received from taxpayers be copied and attached to the reports and that cash receipts be issued for cash payments from taxpayers and also copied. An accounting summary should also be provided along with the books at the time the auditors review the Town Treasurer's records. We commend the tax collector on collecting delinquent taxes in a poor economic environment.

The town is anticipating a government request for a formal outside audit in FY 2011-2012 due to the large amount of federal funding used by Sunderland in Irene recovery efforts. The town should plan for such in its annual budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Housman
Cindy Herrmann
Edward Toth

PLANNING COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Sunderland Planning Commission added several new members during FY 2011 strengthening its technical expertise. The commission had an active year. It effectively dealt with the normal review of town project/permit applications before the commission. In addition, the commission obtained a state grant to use the expertise of Rex Burk of the Bennington County Regional Commission to carry out an extensive review and revision of Sunderland's zoning by-laws. The purpose is to update the zoning regulations to reflect both state requirements and Sunderland-specific needs identified by the commission. The draft of the new zoning by-laws will be available for public review and comment in February of 2012. The final draft will go before the select board for review as well as additional public comment in March.

Roy Johnson
Planning Commission Chairman

REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SELECTBOARD:

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 7:00 PM.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

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

CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Town Clerk's Office at 6:30 PM.

PLANNING BOARD:

2ND Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 7:30 PM.

Check The Sunderland Website At:

**www.sunderlandvt.org for any changes and information
about your town.**

TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$126,784.00 + Grand List of \$1,760,967.54

Rate = \$.0720

Highway Fund Amount of \$229,800.00 + Grand List of \$1,760,967.54

Rate = \$.1305

Cemetery Fund Amount of \$6,469.00 + Grand List of \$1,760,967.54


Rate = \$.0037

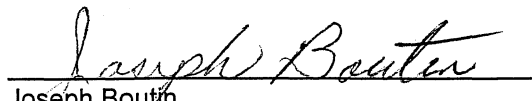
Local Agreement Amount of \$4,691.33 + Grand List of \$1,760,967.54

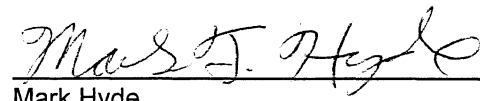
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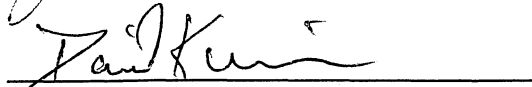
By authority, duly granted by T.17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2011-2012 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2012.


Steven Bendix, Chairman


Bruce Whitaker, Clerk


Joseph Boutin


Mark Hyde


David Kiernan

**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 in said Town of Sunderland, on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; said meeting to be adjourned and to reconvene in the forenoon in said Town on March 6, 2012 to vote for Town Officers and to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot to begin at 10:00 A.M. and to close at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town?

Article 2. 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 15th and April 15th?

Article 3. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Article 4. 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?

Article 5. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** to help defray the expenses of Burdett Commons, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Article 6. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$6,360.00** 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?

- Article 7.** Shall the Town approve 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?
- Article 8.** Shall the Town approve the sum of **\$40,000.00** to be added to the Equipment Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?
- Article 9.** Shall the Town approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guard Rail Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?
- Article 10.** 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?
- Article 11.** Shall the Town approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to establish a Road Projects Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?
- Article 12.** 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?
- Article 13.** Shall the Selectboard be required to have voter approval on the design of any Municipal Building prior to construction?
- Article 14.** Shall the Town approve the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Municipal Office Building Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?
- Article 15.** To transact any other non-binding business.

Article 16. Shall the Town approve the sum of **\$11,255.00** to defray the expenses of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund? (Taxes estimated at \$11,255.00)

Article 17. Shall the Town approve the General Fund Budget of **\$173,345.00** (Anticipated income estimated at \$21,415.00; Taxes estimated at \$151,930.00)

Article 18. Shall the Town approve the Highway Fund Budget of **\$299,300.00**? (Anticipated income estimated at \$137,950.00; Taxes estimated at \$161,350.00)

Article 19. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor – 3 year term

Auditor – 1 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 2 year Term

First Constable – 1 year term

Lister – 3 year term

Selectboard Member – 1 year term

Selectboard Member – 1 year term

Town Grand Juror – 1 year term

Auditor – 2 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Second Constable – 1 year term

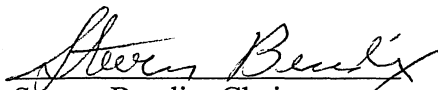
Selectboard Member - 3 year term

Selectboard Member – 1 year term

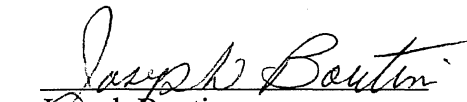
Town Agent – 1 year term


Town Moderator - 1 year term

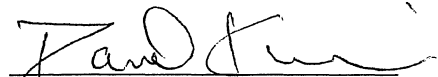
DATED THIS 4 DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2012


Steven Bendix, Chair


Bruce Whitaker, Clerk


Joseph Boutin


Mark Hyde


David Kiernan

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/1/2010	\$ 756.36
Interest- Checking	\$ 1,002.50
Late Payments	\$ 2,936.45
Overpayments	\$ 8,677.58
Real Estate & Personal	
Property Taxes (10-11)	\$ 2,002,190.31
Property Taxes (11-12)	\$ 19.26

Disbursements:

Refund Overpayments	\$ 8,677.58
State Credits	\$ 51.12
Supplies	\$ 16.60
Transfers- Cemetery Fund	\$ 5,753.19
General Fund	\$ -
Highway Fund	\$ 195,268.97
School District	\$ 1,763,974.69

TOTAL RECEIPTS

AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,015,582.46	\$ 1,973,742.15
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Cash in Bank 6/30/11	\$ 41,840.31
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TOTAL

\$ 2,015,582.46	\$ 2,015,582.46
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TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Balance 7/1/2010	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2011
Cemetery Trust	\$ 63,547.10	\$ 478.35	\$ 478.35	\$ 425.00	\$ 63,972.10
National Forest Account	\$ 147,178.90	\$ 612.75	\$ 552.91	\$ -	\$ 147,238.74
Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 117,462.25	\$ 900.52	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 158,362.77
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 5,864.45	\$ 41.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,905.55
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 11,856.08	\$ 82.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,938.29
Municipal Office Building Fund	\$ 195,349.45	\$ 1,448.23	\$ 173.82	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 206,623.86
Office Equipment Fund	\$ 23,025.81	\$ 164.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,190.25
Paving Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,877.30	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 122.70
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 51,596.31	\$ 420.22	\$ -	\$ 6,925.85	\$ 58,942.38
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 283.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.14
State Town Bridge Co-Op Fund	\$ 67,769.94	\$ 493.28	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 73,263.22
911 Grant	\$ 761.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 761.74
Guard Rail Fund	\$ 1,512.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,012.99
TOTAL	\$ 686,208.16	\$ 4,641.10	\$ 51,082.38	\$ 113,850.85	\$ 753,617.73

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:		
Cash in Bank 7/01/10	\$	44,500.72
Fees - Beverage License	\$	100.00
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$	1,034.00
Photocopier	\$	8.31
Zoning	\$	3,189.00
Fines - Traffic	\$	4,175.76
Dog	\$	82.50
Interest - Checking	\$	484.08
Delinquent Taxes	\$	17,333.35
Investment Account	\$	552.91
Miscellaneous	\$	50.00
Planning Grant	\$	3,200.00
Reimbursement- School Ballots	\$	67.19
State of Vermont:		
Current Use Tax	\$	10,719.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$	972.00
Railway Tax	\$	75.31
Taxes - Current	\$	5,348.01
Delinquent	\$	159,239.80
Overpayment	\$	0.83
Tax Sale	\$	2,323.33
Disbursements:		
Orders Paid - General Fund		\$ 162,839.21
Transfer - Municipal Office Building Fund		\$ 10,000.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 5,193.38
Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 253,456.10	\$ 178,032.59
Planning Grant Reserve		\$ 3,200.00
Cash in Bank 6/30/11		\$ 72,223.51
TOTAL	\$ 253,456.10	\$ 253,456.10

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

	Budget	Expensed	Budget	Proposed
	7/10 to 6/11	7/10 to 6/11	7/11 to 6/12	7/12 to 6/13
Animal Control	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,731.65	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Appropriations	\$ 4,490.00	\$ 4,490.00	\$ 3,435.00	\$ 3,020.00
Assessments	\$ 18,650.00	\$ 12,161.79	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Dues	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,700.00
Fire Protection	\$ 32,250.00	\$ 32,271.36	\$ 33,030.00	\$ 39,000.00
Fire Warden	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,429.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landfill	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,233.16	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,831.31	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Legal	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 742.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Equip/Lease	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,597.59	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Rental	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
Office Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,710.50	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Payroll	\$ 55,350.00	\$ 45,981.58	\$ 55,350.00	\$ 58,475.00
Planning	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Retirement	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,584.70	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,700.00
Telephone	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,212.90	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 450.00
Town Meeting	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,001.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Town Reports	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,536.88	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Zoning	\$ 500.00	\$ 16.67	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTALS	\$ 177,290.00	\$ 141,757.59	\$ 170,915.00	\$ 176,345.00
Appropriations Voted	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 26,275.00	\$ 32,325.00	\$ -
Municipal Office Bldg	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 203,565.00	\$ 178,032.59	\$ 213,240.00	\$ 176,345.00

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

Cash in Bank 7-01-12	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	100.00
Dog Licenses	\$	1,030.00
Photocopies	\$	10.00
Zoning	\$	1,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	4,200.00
Interest - Checking	\$	480.00
Investment Account	\$	550.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	13,900.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	970.00
Railway	\$	75.00
Total General Fund Anticipated Income	\$	21,415.00
General Fund Budget	\$	176,345.00
Amount to be raised by Taxes (Estimated)	\$	154,930.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Appropriations (Articles 3-7)	\$ 38,360.00
Municipal Office Building Fund (Article 8)	\$ 10,000.00

Appropriation Requests Included in General Fund Budget

American Red Cross	\$ 250.00
Bennington Coalition for Homeless	\$ 500.00
BROC - Community Action in SW Vermont	\$ 300.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 360.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
RSVP- Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 360.00
The Tutorial Center	\$ 250.00
VCIL - Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 200.00
Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 750.00

TOTAL \$ 3,020.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/10	\$ 41,144.93
Gravel Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Earned - Checking	\$ 354.85
Misc. Scrap Metal & Tires	\$ 563.60
National Forest Revenue	\$ 52,471.00
Permits - Excess Weight	\$ 150.00
Road Cut	\$ 50.00
School District - Fuel	\$ 3,623.13
State Aid to Highways	\$ 80,953.31
Taxes	\$ 195,268.97

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen		\$ 162,267.34
Road Orders		\$ 89,906.56
Transfers- Bridge Co-Op Fund		\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Fund		\$ 40,000.00
Guard Rail Fund		\$ 1,500.00
Paving Fund		\$ 40,000.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 7,200.51
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 379,579.79	\$ 355,874.41
 Cash in Bank 6/30/11		 \$ 23,705.38
 TOTAL	 \$ 379,579.79	 \$ 379,579.79

PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/10 to 6/11	7/10 TO 6/11	7/11 to 6/12	7/12 to 6/13
Building Maint. & Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,149.61	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Chiselville Bridge	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Chloride	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Class 2 Road Projects	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Cold Patch	\$ 200.00	\$ 275.94	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
Culverts	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,659.60	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Diesel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,590.85	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,034.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,518.34	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Erosion Control	\$ 300.00	\$ 162.49	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Gravel	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,656.46	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Guard Rail	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,417.19	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,360.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,500.00
Insurance Dental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,956.80	\$ 19,050.00	\$ 18,000.00
Maintenance - Bridge	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 170.66	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Pagers	\$ 400.00	\$ 81.91	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
Paving	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Pavement Marking	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,829.30	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Payroll	\$ 92,800.00	\$ 97,107.07	\$ 92,800.00	\$ 102,825.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Retirement	\$ 4,660.00	\$ 4,218.03	\$ 4,660.00	\$ 4,800.00
Road Side Mowing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Road Side Trash	\$ 600.00	\$ 49.50	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Road Signs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,425.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Rubbish - Garage	\$ 200.00	\$ 43.05	\$ -	\$ -
Safety Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Salt	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,860.88	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Sand	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,384.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,055.02	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sublet Services	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,584.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,718.55	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 775.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 500.00	\$ 124.41	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Trash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Tree Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Uniform Rental	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,560.73	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 270,960.00	\$ 259,374.41	\$ 285,460.00	\$ 299,300.00
Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -
Guard Rail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 367,460.00	\$ 355,874.41	\$ 381,960.00	\$ 299,300.00

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013**

Cash in Bank 7-01-12	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	150.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	350.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	52,900.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	50.00
Motor Fuel For School	\$	3,600.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	80,900.00
Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income	\$	137,950.00
Highway Fund Budget	\$	299,300.00
Amount to be raised by Taxes (Estimated)	\$	161,350.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 9)	\$ 40,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 10)	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 11)	\$ 50,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 12)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 13)	\$ 5,000.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/10	\$	5,261.23
Corner Stones	\$	175.00
Gift	\$	40.00
Interest - Checking	\$	41.99
- Investment	\$	478.35
Taxes	\$	5,753.19

Disbursements:

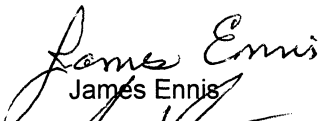

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:

Ad for Mowing Bid	\$	72.00
Corner Stones	\$	350.00
Cutting Brush	\$	225.00
Headstone Cleaning	\$	1,000.00
Mowing	\$	5,074.00
Office Supplies	\$	29.30
Payroll	\$	375.00
Rubbish Removal	\$	10.00
Payroll Expense	\$	28.68
 TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	 \$	 11,749.76
Cash in Bank 6/30/11	\$	4,585.78
 TOTAL	 \$	 11,749.76

CEMETERY BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2013

Cleaning Stones	\$	500.00
Garbage Removal	\$	150.00
Office Supplies	\$	50.00
Tree Removal	\$	250.00
Salaries	\$	405.00
Topsoil/Grass Seed/Fertilizer	\$	200.00
Cutting Brush/Trimming	\$	1,500.00
Mowing	\$	8,000.00
Verteran Flags	\$	200.00
TOTAL	\$	11,255.00


James Ennis

Jon French

We, the Cemetery Commissioners, would like to let the taxpayers know that we continue to keep our three cemeteries in the best possible condition.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Snow for their generous donation of the flag pole and flag which now proudly flies over the Ira Allen Cemetery.

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

10 2010 Licenses/Penalties	\$ 132.00
2011 Licenses	
138 Neutered Males & Females @ \$8.00	\$ 1,104.00
22 Males & Females @ \$12.00	\$ 264.00
2010 With Penalties	
31 Neutered Males & Females @ \$20.00	\$ 620.00
6 Males & Females @ \$26.00	\$ 156.00
 TOTAL	 \$ 2,276.00
 Less Town Clerk Fee 207 @ \$2.00	 \$ (414.00)
Less State Fee For Rabies 211 X \$4.00	\$ (812.00)
 Amount Deposited in Town General Fund	 \$ 1,034.00

Delinquent Tax Report as of 12/31/11

#313	Aldrich, James	1799.28	2011
#497	Blackmer, Fred	493.30	2011
#200	Cassan, Peter	68.12	2011*
#463	Lenilko, John	175.93	2011*
#472	Livingston, Donna	327.14	2011
#752	Pura Vida	1895.60	2011
#487	Samuelson	1516.70	2011
#142	Skinner, John	1581.94	2011
#823	Murtagh	4719.01	2009**
#823	Murtagh	3274.20	2010**
#823	Murtagh	<u>3069.58</u>	2011**

TOTAL \$18,920.80

*PAID IN FULL by January 15, 2012

**Property has been abandoned by the owner and released by the NJ Bankruptcy Court.

Property Tax Sales will begin before the new fiscal year begins and the properties that have not been paid in full for FY 2011, will be sold. Considering it has been a tough year due to an uncertain economy and a devastating flood, the residents of Sunderland have done remarkably well staying on top of their taxes. It is my hope that next year is easier on everyone.



Selectboard Report 2011

Town Budget: The Selectboard has been able to hold the Municipal portion of the Town taxes to a level that will allow us to meet our obligations as a 21st century town. We will have a modest increase in our town budget. The Towns C.L.A. at 110.45% remains well within the States mandate of 100% Town wide property appraisals.

New Town Building: The building committee has done due diligence in all areas of evaluating the space needs that the new town building would require, the options of existing construction verses new, and most recently the engineering evaluation of the town owned land on Sunderland Hill Road. The committee was able to obtain a engineering grant for \$10,000.00 from Dubios & King. The minutes from the committee meetings have been posted to our website at www.sunderlandvt.org and to Front Porch Forum at www.frontporchforum.com . The meetings are open to all and the committee is chaired by John Williams at vermontjw@yahoo.com .

Town Planning and Zoning Boards: The Planning Commission has been working with the BCRC on revising our Town Plan / By-Laws with the award of a \$8,000.00 grant . The Selectboard and Planning Commission are also working with BCRC, the DEC, and FEMA on Flood plain mapping and the need to identify and notify all affected residents that have property (building or land) in the new flood plains per the new mapping. Which will precipitate new flood Insurance requirements.

Town Highway Department: Our Highway Department is under the new leadership of Marc Johnston. Marc comes to us with much road management experience. Tropical storm Irene was a particularly large challenge that our road crew dealt with admirably. We have added two new pieces of equipment to our road department. A new grader and a new to us tractor-mower. We have already seen what these pieces of equipment can do in the capable hands of our road crew. We will continue with ditching, grading and brush removal along town roads.

Town Emergency Management: The response of the people of Sunderland, neighbor to neighbor, to tropical storm Irene's aftermath was nothing short of miraculous. Also the Selectboard was very fortunate to have our Highway liaison Joe Boutin, our road crew, our Interim Emergency Management Coordinator David Kiernan, Peter Luca our liaison to Kelly Stand Road Recovery, and our Town Clerk Rose Keough resident contact and FEMA liaison, to meet this challenge. With David Kiernan's guidance and experience we do plan on a revision of our Town Emergency Management Plan.

Town Website: We have a new town website that went into operation this past year. The website is a resulting joint effort of the Selectboard, Town Clerk and our Webmaster Selectman Mark Hyde. Mark is an IT professional and brings that to bare in his efforts with our website. Please visit our website at www.sunderlandvt.org , it has a wealth of information and is kept fully up to date by our Webmaster. We are also posting to our website courtesy of GNAT-TV and You Tube, videos of Selectboard meetings.

Animal Control: As required by **Vermont State Law**, all dogs must be licensed by **April 1st** each year. Please register your dog at the Town Clerks office, before this date, to avoid a fine. As in the past Mr. Pat Salo is our Animal Control Officer. He may be reached at 802-688-4020 which is his cellphone.

Sunderland's 250th Anniversary: On October 22nd, approximately 150 Sunderland residents gathered at the Sunderland Elementary School to celebrate with food, music, and displays the anniversary of the founding of our town. Thanks to the Keough family and many volunteers, we had a wonderful chicken BBQ with birthday cakes to follow. The school provided the celebration space and the students provided table and wall decorations, many displays of our towns history, and music, for all to enjoy. Thanks to Liz Luca and Sally Ayrey, we now have a town scroll that everyone was invited to sign and presently is on display at the Town Clerks office.

Sunderland Selectboard meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Sunderland Elementary School. Meetings are now being video taped by GNAT-TV and are available on public access television.



Steven Bendix, Chairman
Sunderland Selectboard

VITAL STATISTICS - 2011

BIRTHS

NAME	DATE	FATHER MOTHER
CLARK, Trevor Brent	1/29/2011	Clark, Brent
WEILL, Sofia Grace	3/10/2011	Jasberg, Kimberly Weill, Andrew
DARBY, Milo Martin	3/12/2011	Cottrell, Tricia Darby, Christopher
MORSE, Isaac Gerard	5/13/2011	Munoz, Rachel Morse, Benjamin
PINSONNEAULT, Luke	5/31/2011	Nolan, Dana Pinsonneault, Nicholas
HARVEY, Thomas Andrew	6/6/2011	Gaudette, Kimberly Harvey, Chad
CAPEN, II, Zeno King	7/5/2011	Yager, Meghan Capen, Zeno
BACHIOCHI, Jaxson James	8/16/2011	Call, Maryann Bachiochi, Nathan
KELLY, Kadence Marie	8/23/2011	Elwell, Jessica Kelly, Consuella
WALSH, Anderson Bates	9/2/2011	Bowen, Adrienne Walsh, Michael
VAN DER KAR, Finnegan Knox	9/6/2011	Giner, Michelle Van Der Kar, Matthew
MAYS, Christopher Alexander Michael	10/14/2011	Daden, Haleyanne Mays, Christopher
APPELMAN, Marcus Jules	12/23/2011	Hitt, Tiffany Appelman, Matthew
		Kruml, Jennifer

DEATHS

NAME	DATE	FATHER MOTHER
SNOW, Evelyn	2/24/2011	Grout, Walter
HILL, Stuart M.	3/16/2011	Fullum, Lucille Hill, Jerome
HOUSMAN, Roberta	5/6/2011	Harrington, Elsie Yanover, Robert
LYNCH, Marie Assunta	5/28/2011	Tiwilliger, Marion Minni, Anthony
BOWEN, Raymond F.	8/21/2011	Graziano, Giovanna Bowen, Herbert
RICE, Carl G.	11/16/2011	Morehouse, Ethel Rice, Cleon
ENNIS, Richard D.	12/5/2011	Allen, Dorris Ennis, Lewis
		McClain, Pauline

MARRIAGES

Applicant A Applicant B	DATE	FATHER MOTHER
BUTLER, Jr., Timothy James GROVER, Kimberly Rae	4/2/2011	Butler, Sr., Timothy Smith, Tina Grover, Raymond Stevens, Lina
PEACOCK, Sarah Lynn GARDER, Dimitri	6/10/2011	Peacock, Philip Smith, Barbara Garder, Leonid Mueller, Danielle
YODER, Adam Joseph BUTLER, Robyn Leigh	10/30/2011	Topping, Terry Yoder, Macy Butler, David Slade, Veronica

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2011 & MARCH 1st 2011

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Sally Ayrey at 7:30 PM. With approximately 70 people in attendance.

Moderator Sally Ayrey asked Selectboard Chairman John Stuermer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Sally Ayrey read an invocation originally from the Town of Danville, Vermont and reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

Hearing no objections Moderator Sally Ayrey waived the reading of the warning which is on page six of the Town report.

Article 1. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take appropriate action thereon.
Hearing no objections article one is approved.

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?
Hearing no objections article two is approved.

Article 3. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to properly finance the affairs of the Town?
Hearing no objections article three is approved.

Article 4. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts?
Hearing no objections article four is approved.

Article 5. 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 and April 15?
Hearing no objections article five is approved.

Article 6. Shall the Town levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes of One Percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter One and One Half Percent (1.5%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment as provided by T32 VSA Sec. 5136 as amended?
Joseph Boutin moved to approve article six, seconded by Carl Graves.

Carr Ackermann stated that the first three months should not have an interest charge so people may use that time to get caught up. Rose Stone stated that you would lose the incentive to pay on time and people would wait an additional three months to pay the bill. Carr Ackermann said she understood that but with such hard economic times this would give people that little extra time. Mary Van Vleck stated that she understood that there is some sort of legislation regarding this matter and the law could change. Joseph Boutin asked about the rate of delinquencies this past year. Rose Keough was asked to answer and she stated that on April 16, 2010 the amount was about \$280,000.00. She also stated that Delinquent Tax Collector Kathleen Morse has been more aggressive this past year because the longer taxes remain delinquent the harder it is to catch up. Carl Graves asked how much the Town has to pay on interest when it borrows money. Rose Keough was asked to answer and stated that the Town has not borrowed money in anticipation of taxes for at least the last twenty years. Marilyn Couture stated that a financial planner told her that he advised towns do actually as this article requests. Patrick Monroe stated that someone with a \$2,000.00 tax bill and paying \$20.00 for being a month or less late did not appear to be terribly arduous. Rose Stone stated that if people paid part of the amount due on time it would make the interest charged less because you only pay interest on what is owed. Richard Sargent stated that he understood that there is also an 8% charge. Rose Keough stated that the 8% is the pay for the delinquent tax collector when the taxes owed are collected.

Article six is approved.

Article 7. Shall the Town exempt 4-H Camp Ondawa, Inc. from taxation for three years (to begin with the 2012-2013 fiscal year)?

Gloria Alexander moved to approve article seven, seconded by Carl Graves.

Albert "Bill" Bowen explained that the Camp Ondawa Board is waiting for a letter from the Listers for approval. The Listers are now working on the letter and it will then be up to the State to see if they will become statutory exempt.

Article seven is approved.

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Michael Welther moved to approve article eight, seconded by Jeremy Crumb.

Rose Keough stated that the \$1500.00 amount is a \$300.00 increase compared to last year.

Article eight is approved.

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,525.00 to be used for the general operating expenses for the Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Patrick Monroe moved to approve article nine, seconded by Deborah Cullinan.

Rose Keough stated that the Arlington Park and Rec had originally requested \$4,100.00 and the Selectboard asked for more financial information from that board. When no one responded the Selectboard opted to have the same figure as last year put into the article. Patrick Monroe asked if there was a representative present and there was no response.

Article nine is approved.

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 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?

Michael Welther moved to approve article ten, seconded by Carl Graves.

Robert Alexander asked how much was requested last year. Chairman John Stuermer stated that \$15,000.00 was requested. Jeremy Crumb asked if the \$20,000.00 was the actual amount requested. Chairman John Stuermer stated that it is the amount requested. Chairman John Stuermer stated that the Rescue Squad is a valuable service to our community so the increase is warranted.

Article ten is approved.

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of Burdett Commons, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Hearing no objections article ten is approved.

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,300.00 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?

Hearing no objections article twelve is approved.

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Community Club, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Ellen Adler moved to approve article thirteen, seconded by Marlyn Couture.

Deborah Cullinan asked what the Arlington Community Club is. Rose Keough explained that the building at one time housed the Martha Canfield Library and is now used for events such as meetings to baby showers. They provide a place for Sunderland, Arlington and Sandgate communities to use. Dineen Squillante asked if all organizations requesting funding were asked for breakdowns or was it just the Arlington Park and Rec. Chairman John Stuermer stated that if the funding amount increased then questions were asked. Maureen Richman asked if anyone knew what is being requested of each town. Chairman John Stuermer stated that he did not know.

Article 14. Shall the Town approve the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Building Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount?

Roy Johnson moved to approve article fourteen, seconded by Carl Graves.

Moderator Sally Ayrey then recognized Joseph Boutin the Chairman of the Building Committee. Joseph Boutin then introduced the other members of the committee, Sally Ayrey, Robert Faley, Carl Graves, Peter Luca, Michael Perra, John Williams, Judith Edmunds and Patrick Monroe. On behalf of the committee Joseph Boutin thanked the Selectboard for allowing the committee the freedom to move forward. Joseph Boutin noted that the Building Committee was started in November and he then discussed the number one item from the survey the committee sent to the residents of Sunderland.

Most people wanted to use the School as an office building. The committee discussed the option with Superintendent Daniel French and School Board Chairman Gordon Woodrow. The Town would have to buy the building after all voter approval was granted and then close the School. Once the Town owned the building the review of maintenance would have to be addressed. The teachers control the heat in each room by shutting breakers on and off. The roof has had many repairs with more to come. The committee concluded that it would be too expensive for the Town to bring the building up to code, repair and maintain a building that was too large for our needs. The option of renting out space was addressed and by State law the Town cannot rent out space. The committee decided it was time to move on to other options. The option of constructing a building on the School property was addressed. The back acreage is a wetland and more problems than what the committee is willing to try to address. The front acreage is very small and not very feasible for a new building. The committee moved on to another option of renovating the Basketville building. It is very costly to bring that building up to code and parking would be a very big issue. The property behind the building is too wet for a parking lot. The committee then decided to research using the property that the Town currently owns. The committee researched what was needed for a building with the understanding that it should meet the needs of the Town for at least fifty years. The next step was how to minimize the effect on the taxes. The committee is currently looking into possible grants and financing options. It is now time to start looking at designs. Roy Johnson stated that the property the Town owns was purchased specifically for a Town office. Roy Johnson also stated that the building should not be for only fifty years but for the future of Sunderland.

Article fourteen is approved with no objections.

Article 15. Shall the Town approve the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Hearing no objections article fifteen is approved.

Article 16. Shall the Town approve the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Equipment Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Roy Johnson moved to approve article sixteen, seconded by Michael Perra.

Richard Goddard stated that according to the investment account there is \$117,000.00 in the fund and this \$40,000.00 would make it \$157,000.00. Chairman John Stuermer stated yes, that is correct. Richard Goddard asked what equipment the Board was considering to buy. Selectboard Member James "Cubby" Ennis stated that possibly a grader which could cost \$150,000.00 or more. Dineen Squillante asked if it would be possible to rent a grader instead of buying one. Selectboard Member James "Cubby" Ennis stated that when you have twenty-two miles of dirt road and a grader is needed you need to have one available. The current grader is twenty-eight years old and was used when purchased. Jeremy Crumb asked why the Town would not continue on the route of buying used instead of new. Dineen Squillante asked if the Town should be contracting out the job of grading. Selectboard Member James "Cubby" Ennis stated that the Town could but probably will not.

Article sixteen is approved.

Article 17. Shall the Town approve the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Paving Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

Hearing no objection article seventeen is approved.

Article 18. Shall the Town approve the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Guard Rail Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?
Hearing no objections article fourteen is approved.

Article 19. To transact any other non-binding business.

Moderator Sally Ayrey recognized Gordon Woodrow. Gordon Woodrow explained a grant that Sunderland received called the E Vermont Grant. Because of the grant Sunderland will be getting a website that will have up to date information about our Town. There will also be a leaning center at the Martha Canfield Library, the Front Porch Forum which is a type of bulletin board for all Sunderland people.

Gloria Alexander asked for support of the CDC budget that will be voted on tomorrow.

Moderator Sally Ayrey stated that after adjournment and prior to the School District Annual Meeting State Representative Cynthia Browning will be addressing the people.

Moderator Sally Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm. until Tuesday March 1, 2011 when the polls will open at 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 1, 2011, at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

Article 20. Shall the Town approve the sum of \$11,055.00 to defray the expenses of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund? (Budget amount \$11,055.00)

YES	132
NO	24
BLANK	1
SPOILED	0
TOTAL	157

Article 21. Shall the Town approve the General Fund Budget of \$170,915.00? (Anticipated income estimated at \$18,680.00; Taxes estimated at \$152,235.00)

YES	132
NO	24
BLANK	1
SPOILED	0
TOTAL	157

Article 22. Shall the Town approve the Highway Fund Budget of \$285,460.00? (Anticipated income estimated at \$137,235.00; Taxes estimated at \$148,225.00)

YES	129
NO	27
BLANK	1
SPOILED	0
TOTAL	157

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

FOR AUDITOR, for 3 years

Write-In	Richard Ashley	2
Write-In	Alan Eliason	2
Write-In	Others	6
BLANK		147
TOTAL		157

FOR AUDITOR, for 2 years of 3 year term

Write-In	Alan Eliason	6
Write-In	Others	2
BLANK		149
TOTAL		157

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, for 3 years

Write-In	Jon French	3
Write-In	Others	7
BLANK		147
TOTAL		157

FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, for 1 year

KATHLEEN C. MORSE	128*
Write-In	2
BLANK	27
TOTAL	157

FOR FIRST CONSTABLE, for 1 year

DAWN KELLEY	42
JESSE STONE	82*
Write-In Others	2
BLANK	30
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	157

FOR SECOND CONSTABLE, for 1 year

DAWN KELLEY	49
JOHN STUERMER	82*
Write-In Others	1
BLANK	25
SPOILED	0
TOTAL	157

FOR LISTER, for 3 years

Write-In	Robert Montgomery	10*
Write-In	Others	2
BLANK		145
TOTAL		157

FOR SELECTMAN, for 3 years

JOSEPH BOUTIN	106*
JAMES ENNIS	44
BLANK	7
TOTAL	157

FOR SELECTMAN, for 2 years

GARY E. WELLER	92*
Write-In Others	7
BLANK	58
TOTAL	157

FOR SELECTMAN, for 1 year

CARLYNANN "CARR" ACKERMANN	94*
STEVEN BENDIX	103*
BRUCE WHITAKER	85*
Write-In Others	4
BLANK	185
TOTAL	471

FOR TOWN AGENT, for 1 year

Write-In	Martin Arons	1
Write-In	Bill Bowen	1
BLANK		155
SPOILED		0
TOTAL		157

FOR TOWN GRAND JUROR, for 1 year

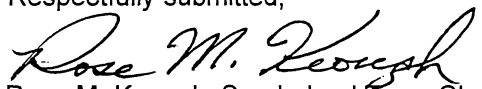
Write-In	Martin Arons	1
Write-In	James Ayrey	1
Write-In	Mike DiMonda	1
BLANK		154
TOTAL		157

FOR TOWN MODERATOR, for 1 year

SALLY AYREY	133*
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TOTAL	157

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results. (*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, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Sunderland Elementary School to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot.

To be acted upon on Monday, March 5, 2012:

- 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, 2012 through June 30, 2013?
- Article 2: Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 for the Bus Reserve Fund?
- Article 3: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 5).
- Article 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

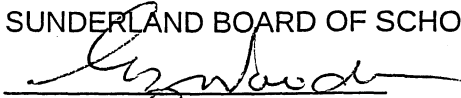
To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012:

- Article 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,259,022 necessary for the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013?
- Article 6: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$14,450 for the 2012-2013 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 7: To elect School District officers and directors as follows:
1. Moderator for one (1) year
 2. School Director for two (2) years
 3. 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 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

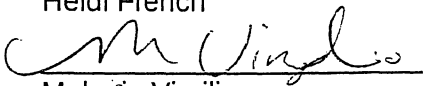
Dated this 5th day of January 2012.

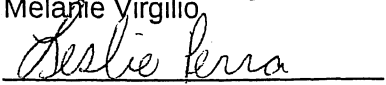
SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS


Gordon Woodrow, Chair

Mary VanVleck, Clerk


Heidi French


Melanie Virgilio


Leslie Perra

School District Directors Report
Sunderland School District
January 2012

This past year, the Sunderland School Board has focused on extensive school construction projects, working with the BRSU on school district governance, developing a local Ends (local policy for the direction of education) Policy and monitoring the overall academic progress of all Sunderland students.

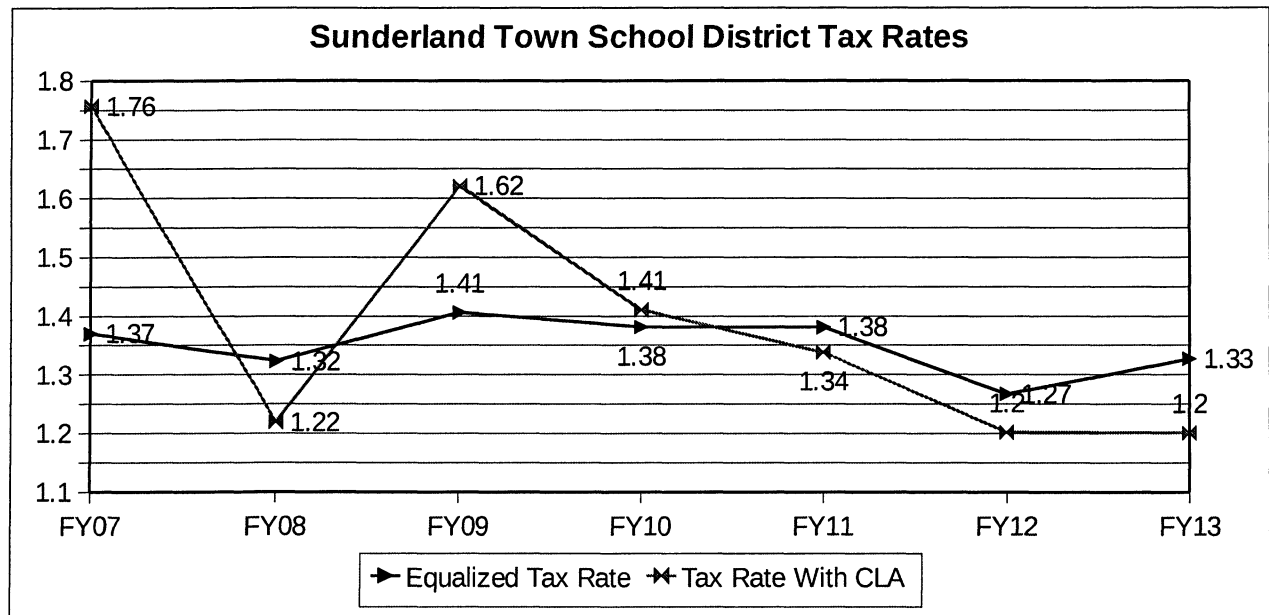
School Construction – Last year, the voters of Sunderland approved the expenditure of surplus funds to replace and upgrade several long overdue areas of the elementary school. Through the oversight of an architect, the main portion of the roof was replaced and insulated. With the surplus funds and a grant, we modified the front entryway to replace the concrete walkway and create an atrium for buffering heat loss, bringing in more natural light, and keeping the school clean. A grant from VEHI provided for a new floor for the multi-purpose room. A new heating and ventilation system was added to provide fresh air to the classrooms and controlled, efficient heating. New doors and windows were installed to improve energy conservation, security and to bring in more natural light. We will monitor our heating energy use over the coming years to determine our cost savings as we've done with the lighting upgrade project from 2007. Our electrical energy savings from the lighting project is an average of \$2930 per year.

Technology Improvements – The voters authorized a \$50,000 reserve account for technology upgrades last year. We have purchased new computers and document cameras for teachers and will add interactive whiteboards to some classrooms. Internet and server hardware upgrades to the school system were also added.

Act 153 – The act pertains to voluntary school district mergers, virtual mergers and new supervisory union duties. The board continues to monitor the implications of this act at both the District and Supervisory Union level. Two board members represent Sunderland on a Governance subcommittee of the BRSU. This subcommittee is guiding a Phase 1 Governance Reform Study of the BRSU. The study will provide foundation information for the districts to understand the best options for improving education and creating economies through governance restructuring. Affects of other districts joining the BRSU will also be examined. The board will engage the community on the implications of Act 153 as we move forward.

Ends Policy - The board is developing a local policy that will provide the direction of education for Sunderland students. The community-wide forum on education and the governance study will provide input for this policy. From the Ends Policy, the board can set goals for education and monitor progress effectively.

Elementary Program Grants – The principal and staff at Sunderland continue to seek funding through grants and donations whenever possible. We were fortunate to receive grants to help with the upgrades on the building (multipurpose room and entrance walkway). Grant money was secured to help fund the *After School Programs*, enrichment during the school day, after school and for class trips, and upgrading technology offerings in specific classes. The auxiliary funding from *Tools for School* (Price Shopper Stores) and Hannaford Stores given via friend and families sign ups for their shopping totals also garnered great rewards for the school. The dedication of community members and extended families signing up for these rewards continues to help supply needed materials, which, in turn, keep the costs down in the budget.



Warned articles

We ask the voters to authorize the school board to appropriate \$5,000 for the bus reserve fund and ask the voters to approve the payment of the announced tuition of Burr and Burton Academy and Long Trail in the amount of \$14,450 per pupil in grades 9-12 for the 2011-2012 school year for those students attending either school. Based on past voting results, the board anticipates that voters will continue to support paying the tuition by voting yes and have created a budget reflecting these tuition rates.

The success of a strong educational elementary program and quality secondary educational opportunities stems from the generous support of our community. Both resources and volunteered time have come from community members and local businesses. 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, Mary Van Vleck, Clerk, Heidi French, Leslie Perra and Melanie Virgilio
January 09, 2012

Vermont Department of Taxes

**NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2012**

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND

Prepared: June 30, 2011

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.2906

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.2024

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.

Town-specific information on education tax rate calculations is available on the Department of Taxes website at:

<http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pvredtaxrates.shtml>

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-residential rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.

32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council

COPY: Town / City Treasurer

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/10 - Checking	\$ 286,316.88
- Impact Aid	\$ 133,609.24
Donations - Hannaford	\$ 48.00
M&T Investment Group	\$ 500.00
Orvis Company	\$ 1,500.00
Larry & Ruth Snow	\$ 50.00
Stewarts	\$ 350.00
Target Program	\$ 231.62
Grants - BRSU	\$ 56,519.90
Southwest VT Supervisory Union- Kindercamp	\$ 100.00
Southwest VT Supervisory Union -Transition	\$ 60.00
State of Vermont - Bus	\$ 38,677.00
Insurance - COBRA	\$ 604.59
Interest	\$ 5,548.08
Lunch Revenue	\$ 12,300.45
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00
National Forest Revenue	\$ 19,607.02
PL 874 H.E.W.	\$ 253,504.00
Reimbursements - 941 Expense	\$ 2,093.39
Burr & Burton	\$ 595.02
O'Connor Bus	\$ 30.00
Tuition - Arlington	\$ 5,660.37
Tuition - Burr & Burton	\$ 1,596.55
State of Vermont	\$ 573,161.82
Taxes	\$ 1,763,974.69
Transfer- Bockwith Fund	\$ 40.72
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ 1,016.43
Bus Fund	\$ 38,798.00
Impact Aid	\$ 70,200.37
Student Activity Acct.	\$ 1,357.05
Tuition - Sandgate	\$ 12,695.75

Disbursements:

Regular Orders		\$	1,748,585.99
Payroll Orders		\$	505,954.05
Payroll Expenses		\$	39,978.78
Transfer - Bus Fund		\$	5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 3,280,751.94	\$	2,299,518.82
Cash in Bank 6/30/11 (Checking)		\$	523,919.51
(Impact Aid)		\$	457,313.61
TOTAL	\$ 3,280,751.94	\$	3,280,751.94

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

	Balance 7/1/2010	Incoming Transfers	Interest Earned	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/2011
Bockwith Fund (Donated)	\$ 206.71	\$ -	\$ 0.16	\$ 40.72	\$ 166.15
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ 1,015.63	\$ -	\$ 0.90	\$ 1,016.43	\$ -
Bus Fund	\$ 46,450.46	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 52.32	\$ 38,798.00	\$ 46,450.46
Impact Aid (Bank of Benn.)	\$ 70,590.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,590.72
SAVINGS					
Student Activity Account	\$ 2,605.67	\$ 5,873.19	\$ 8.15	\$ 1,371.05	\$ 7,115.96
TOTALS	\$120,869.19	\$ 10,873.19	\$ 478.15	\$ 41,226.20	\$ 90,994.33

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011
VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK**

Repayment Date	Loan Term	Principal Due	Principal Payment	Total Payment
1-Nov-14	1	\$5,800.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00
1-Nov-15	2	\$4,640.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00
1-Nov-16	3	\$3,480.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00
1-Nov-17	4	\$2,320.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00
1-Nov-18	5	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00

VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

Repayment Date	Loan Term	Principal Due	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Admin Fee	Total Payment
1-Nov-12	1	\$ 12,791.00	\$ 476.03	\$ 127.91	\$ 255.82	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-13	2	\$ 12,314.97	\$ 490.31	\$ 123.15	\$ 246.30	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-14	3	\$ 11,824.66	\$ 505.02	\$ 118.25	\$ 236.49	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-15	4	\$ 11,319.64	\$ 520.17	\$ 113.20	\$ 226.39	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-16	5	\$ 10,799.47	\$ 535.77	\$ 107.99	\$ 215.99	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-17	6	\$ 10,263.70	\$ 551.84	\$ 102.64	\$ 205.27	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-18	7	\$ 9,711.86	\$ 568.40	\$ 97.12	\$ 194.24	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-19	8	\$ 9,143.46	\$ 585.45	\$ 91.43	\$ 182.87	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-20	9	\$ 8,558.01	\$ 603.02	\$ 85.58	\$ 171.16	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-21	10	\$ 7,954.99	\$ 621.11	\$ 79.55	\$ 159.10	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-22	11	\$ 7,333.88	\$ 639.74	\$ 73.34	\$ 146.68	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-23	12	\$ 6,694.14	\$ 658.93	\$ 66.94	\$ 133.88	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-24	13	\$ 6,035.21	\$ 678.70	\$ 60.35	\$ 120.70	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-25	14	\$ 5,356.51	\$ 699.06	\$ 53.57	\$ 107.13	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-26	15	\$ 4,657.45	\$ 720.03	\$ 46.57	\$ 93.15	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-27	16	\$ 3,937.42	\$ 741.63	\$ 39.37	\$ 78.75	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-28	17	\$ 3,195.79	\$ 763.88	\$ 31.96	\$ 63.92	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-29	18	\$ 2,431.91	\$ 786.80	\$ 24.32	\$ 48.64	\$ 859.76
1-Nov-30	19	\$ 1,645.11	\$ 810.40	\$ 16.45	\$ 32.90	\$ 859.75
1-Nov-31	20	\$ 834.71	\$ 834.71	\$ 8.35	\$ 16.69	\$ 859.75

Sunderland Elementary School's Student Achievement Review

The Sunderland Elementary School is a kindergarten through sixth grade school with a current enrollment of sixty-three students. The school population has grown during the last two years and remains in the sixties. It is anticipated that the population will remain stable in the 60-65 student range for the upcoming year.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is the assessment tool used to gauge academic progress in reading, math, science and writing. Students are expected to attain proficient results at grades 3-6 for this particular set of assessments. The Sunderland School results given are based on the 2010 assessment results for reading, math and writing. The science assessment results are from the spring of 2011.

Content Areas	Sunderland Proficiency Results (%)	VT State Proficiency Results (%)
Reading	67	73
Math	65	65
Science	60	53
Writing	100	50

FY 2013 Budget

The tax rate is estimated to remain steady at \$1.20, pending legislative approval of the base tax rate. The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) adjustment and an increase in local revenue contribute to keeping our tax rate steady.

The FY 2013 school district budget presented for your approval includes a 4.5% increase in expenditures. Overall, we will have a 3.4% increase in education spending (see line 3400 Education Spending on page 2 of the budget.) This increase is primarily from one educator on extended paid medical leave, the replacement educator to cover, the addition of a 2nd grade teacher and an increase in administrative staff time. The addition of funding for the FiberConnect Broadband project is included in the Library/Media section of the budget. We expect that 60% of these costs will be reimbursed through the eRate program. The additional teacher and administrative staff time was needed to provide support to the growing student class size in the early elementary program.

Our Impact Aid Reserve for Tax Relief Fund (the funds we use to protect taxpayers from costly jumps in the tax rate) has grown to \$602,754 and we anticipate growth into FY 2012 to reach \$806,977 by June 30, 2012. We will not use any of these funds in this budget year. The funds will be needed as 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.

Sunderland School District

FY'13 Budget	FY' 11 Budget	FY' 11 Actual	FY' 12 Budget	FY' 12 Anticipated	FY' 13 Budget
EXPENDITURES					
Elementary Program	\$338,655	\$345,366	\$341,777	\$426,640	\$421,527
Secondary Program	1,207,111	989,937	1,026,585	1,022,222	977,003
Special Education-Elementary	136,207	134,183	142,544	136,759	147,794
Special Education-Secondary	323,303	321,973	266,603	248,577	280,868
Early Education	11,505	13,505	27,939	30,794	28,977
Other Instructional	4,500	260	4,500	4,500	4,500
Health Services	8,131	7,752	8,198	8,563	8,796
Library/Media	9,400	7,032	9,400	13,170	23,288
Board	14,511	10,083	13,411	13,335	13,511
Treasurer	13,556	13,649	13,556	13,556	13,556
Superintendent's Office	43,324	43,324	44,807	44,807	49,528
Fiscal Services	10,470	10,360	9,073	9,073	9,747
School Administration	106,708	109,048	127,933	125,971	138,996
Plant Operations	83,601	72,902	77,012	78,584	81,920
Grounds	2,790	2,271	2,800	2,800	2,800
Vehicle Operation Services	15,823	12,944	12,489	13,063	13,411
Vehicle Servicing	7,600	5,170	5,600	5,600	5,600
School Meals Program	<u>23,700</u>	<u>29,114</u>	<u>27,200</u>	<u>27,200</u>	<u>37,200</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED	\$2,360,896	\$2,128,873	\$2,161,427	\$2,225,214	\$2,259,022
Warned Articles	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$2,365,896</u>	<u>\$2,133,873</u>	<u>\$2,166,427</u>	<u>\$2,230,214</u>	<u>\$2,264,022</u>
	FY'11 Budget	FY'11 Actual	FY'12 Budget	FY'12 Anticipated	FY'13 Budget
REVENUE					
Local					
1322 Tuition	\$0	\$17,996	\$20,000	\$29,830	\$33,000
1500 Interest	4,000	3,019	3,000	3,000	3,000
1990 Misc/Prior Year Exp. Reimb.	<u>2,499</u>	<u>1,611</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,992</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$6,499</u>	<u>\$22,626</u>	<u>\$23,000</u>	<u>\$37,822</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>
State/Federal					
3145 Small Schools Grant	\$22,000	\$65,671	\$65,000	\$70,892	\$83,005
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	8,438	9,115	7,079	7,540	12,811
3201 Special Education Block Grant	44,629	44,629	47,021	47,021	47,683
3202 Special Education Reimbursement	214,961	217,525	188,298	169,787	197,014
3204 Early Education Block Grant	5,822	5,822	6,147	6,147	7,756
3460 State Placed - Regular Education	52,700	43,184	40,400	26,135	28,900
4810 Forest Revenue	21,100	19,607	21,100	20,000	20,000
4900 Education Jobs Fund	0	0	0	32,800	0
5400 Adjustments/Prior Year/State	<u>0</u>	<u>12,616</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$369,650</u>	<u>\$418,169</u>	<u>\$375,045</u>	<u>\$380,322</u>	<u>\$397,169</u>
Foodservice Program					
1600 School Meal Sales	\$8,500	\$12,656	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$10,000
3450 State Bkfst/Lunch	350	533	350	350	350
4400 Federal Bkfst/Lunch Reimbursement	<u>8,500</u>	<u>12,143</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>13,100</u>
	<u>\$17,350</u>	<u>\$25,332</u>	<u>\$20,850</u>	<u>\$24,350</u>	<u>\$23,450</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$393,499	\$466,127	\$418,895	\$442,494	\$456,619
3100 Education Spending	<u>1,946,175</u>	<u>1,902,504</u>	<u>1,747,532</u>	<u>1,747,532</u>	<u>1,807,403</u>
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS	\$2,339,674	<u>\$2,368,631</u>	\$2,166,427	<u>\$2,190,026</u>	\$2,264,022
Transfer from Impact Aid Reserve Fund	0		0		40,188
Prior Year Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised	<u>26,221</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>(40,188)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$2,365,895</u>		<u>\$2,166,427</u>		<u>\$2,264,022</u>

Sunderland School District
FY'13 Budget

FUND BALANCE	General Fund	Impact Aid Reserved for			Building & Grounds Improvement		Technology Reserve	Enrichment			Other Designated
		Tax Relief	Bus Reserve	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve		Enrichment	Bookwith	Grants	
Actual Balance June 30, 2010	<u>\$172,650</u>	<u>\$349,250</u>	<u>\$7,652</u>	<u>\$1,016</u>				<u>\$3,777</u>	<u>\$166</u>	<u>\$37,932</u>	<u>\$2,606</u>
Actual Revenue FY'11	\$2,368,631	\$253,504	\$0	\$0				\$5,160	\$1	\$43,354	\$2,333
Actual Expenditures FY'11	(2,128,873)	0	0					(3,563)	0	(42,384)	(3,576)
Transfer - Voted 3/10	<u>(412,408)</u>		<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$357,408</u>		<u>\$50,000</u>					
Actual Balance June 30, 2011	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$602,754</u>	<u>\$12,652</u>	<u>\$358,424</u>		<u>\$50,000</u>		<u>\$5,374</u>	<u>\$167</u>	<u>\$38,902</u>	<u>\$1,363</u>
Anticipated Revenue FY'12	\$2,190,026	\$204,223	\$0								
Anticipated Expenditures FY'12	(2,225,214)	0	0	(225,000)		(22,500)					
Transfer - Voted 3/11	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>								
Balance June 30, 2012	<u>(\$40,188)</u>	<u>\$806,977</u>	<u>\$17,652</u>	<u>\$133,424</u>		<u>\$27,500</u>					
Budgeted Revenue Receipts FY'13	\$2,264,022	\$75,000	\$0								
Budgeted Expenditures FY'13	(2,259,022)	0	0								
Transfer from Reserves	40,188	(40,188)									
Warned Articles - To Be Voted 3/12	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>								
Budgeted Balance June 30, 2013	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$841,789</u>	<u>\$22,652</u>								

Sunderland School District

FY'13 Budget

			<u>FY'11 Budget</u>	<u>FY'11 Actual</u>	<u>FY'12 Budget</u>	<u>FY'12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'13 Budget</u>
ELEMENTARY PROGRAM							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1120	110	Salaries - Teachers	\$248,187	\$254,927	\$249,062	\$299,385	\$310,485
1120	120	Substitutes	7,000	4,238	7,000	7,000	7,000
1120	210	Group Medical	34,473	35,781	35,868	45,720	48,250
1120	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	26,395	27,942	27,247	31,656	33,192
1120	566	Service Fees	0	0	0	20,279	0
1120	610	Instructional Materials	10,000	7,261	10,000	10,000	10,000
1120	730	Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<u>\$328,055</u>	<u>\$330,673</u>	<u>\$331,177</u>	<u>\$416,040</u>	<u>\$410,927</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$500	\$8,138	\$500	\$500	\$500
2100	321	Assessment	<u>700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
			<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$8,138</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
<u>Instructional Support</u>							
2200	270	Tuition Reimbursement	\$6,000	\$4,623	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
2200	325	Professional Development	2,650	1,666	2,650	2,650	2,650
2200	580	Travel/Conferences	<u>750</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
			<u>\$9,400</u>	<u>\$6,555</u>	<u>\$9,400</u>	<u>\$9,400</u>	<u>\$9,400</u>
Total Elementary			<u>\$338,655</u>	<u>\$345,366</u>	<u>\$341,777</u>	<u>\$426,640</u>	<u>\$421,527</u>
SECONDARY PROGRAM							
1130	561	Tuition Public VT	\$491,778	\$435,860	\$458,300	\$421,750	\$387,060
1130	564	Tuition Out of State	12,200	23,734	24,400	24,070	12,400
1130	566	Tuition Private VT	527,650	470,122	484,000	512,835	505,263
1130	569	Vocational Tuition	11,620	10,235	11,777	10,270	14,950
1130	593	Service Fees	0	0	0	500	8,500
1130	890	Tuition Prior Year	<u>163,863</u>	<u>49,986</u>	<u>48,108</u>	<u>52,797</u>	<u>48,830</u>
			<u>\$1,207,111</u>	<u>\$989,937</u>	<u>\$1,026,585</u>	<u>\$1,022,222</u>	<u>\$977,003</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION-Elementary							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1200	110	Salaries - Teacher	\$43,241	\$39,079	\$43,421	\$45,563	\$46,930
1200	115	Salaries - Paraeducators	27,787	26,777	30,593	27,849	28,677
1200	120	Substitutes	750	825	750	750	750
1200	210	Group Medical	25,214	27,560	30,696	30,000	30,562
1200	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	8,374	8,369	9,716	7,882	9,267
1200	332	ESY	2,000	1,060	1,500	1,100	1,500
1200	610	Supplies/Equipment	<u>1,100</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>
			<u>\$108,466</u>	<u>\$103,725</u>	<u>\$117,776</u>	<u>\$114,244</u>	<u>\$118,786</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$312	\$3,638	\$1,200	\$1,705	\$1,500
2160	331	OT/PT Assessment	10,232	10,544	4,287	4,287	5,914
2152	110	Speech Salaries	8,584	8,824	8,424	6,904	10,000
2152	210	Group Medical	0	0	0	339	2,661
2152	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	788	2,267	2,381	804	1,106
2152	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
			<u>\$20,416</u>	<u>\$25,273</u>	<u>\$16,792</u>	<u>\$14,539</u>	<u>\$21,681</u>
<u>Instructional Support</u>							
2200	325	Professional Development	\$500	\$498	\$500	\$500	\$500
2200	580	Travel	770	32	770	770	770
2200	270	Tuition	<u>1,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
			<u>\$2,670</u>	<u>\$530</u>	<u>\$2,670</u>	<u>\$2,670</u>	<u>\$2,670</u>
2400	331	BRSU Assessment	<u>\$4,655</u>	<u>\$4,655</u>	<u>\$5,306</u>	<u>\$5,306</u>	<u>\$4,657</u>
Total Elementary Special Education			<u>\$136,207</u>	<u>\$134,183</u>	<u>\$142,544</u>	<u>\$136,759</u>	<u>\$147,794</u>

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FY'13 Budget

			<u>FY'11 Budget</u>	<u>FY'11 Actual</u>	<u>FY'12 Budget</u>	<u>FY'12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'13 Budget</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION-Secondary							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1200	320	Instructional Contracted Srvc	\$31,000	\$17,770	\$1,000	\$7,916	\$5,000
1200	566	Tuition - Private	83,700	56,067	0	0	41,650
1200	594	Excess Costs - Public	56,094	38,510	14,500	25,220	25,500
1200	595	Excess Costs - Private	<u>99,450</u>	<u>150,479</u>	<u>201,856</u>	<u>174,294</u>	<u>172,169</u>
			<u>\$270,244</u>	<u>\$262,826</u>	<u>\$217,356</u>	<u>\$207,430</u>	<u>\$244,319</u>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$9,400	\$11,600	\$9,900	\$25,500	\$26,600
2152	595	Speech Services	13,328	18,341	25,000	1,300	1,300
2711	510	Student Transportation	<u>15,750</u>	<u>14,625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>\$38,478</u>	<u>\$44,566</u>	<u>\$34,900</u>	<u>\$26,800</u>	<u>\$27,900</u>
2400	331	BRSU Assessment	<u>\$14,581</u>	<u>\$14,581</u>	<u>\$14,347</u>	<u>\$14,347</u>	<u>\$8,649</u>
Total Secondary Special Education			<u>\$323,303</u>	<u>\$321,973</u>	<u>\$266,603</u>	<u>\$248,577</u>	<u>\$280,868</u>
Total Special Education			<u>\$459,510</u>	<u>\$456,156</u>	<u>\$409,147</u>	<u>\$385,336</u>	<u>\$428,662</u>
EARLY EDUCATION							
1000	320	Contracted Services	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$22,855	\$24,000
1000	331	BRSU Assessment/PK	<u>3,505</u>	<u>3,505</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>7,939</u>	<u>4,977</u>
			<u>\$11,505</u>	<u>\$13,505</u>	<u>\$27,939</u>	<u>\$30,794</u>	<u>\$28,977</u>
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL							
1400	320	Student Activities	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$260</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
			<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$260</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
HEALTH SERVICES							
2130	110	Salary	\$6,747	\$6,747	\$6,747	\$7,137	\$7,351
2130	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	634	738	701	676	695
2130	320	Purchased Services	250	0	250	250	250
2130	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
			<u>\$8,131</u>	<u>\$7,752</u>	<u>\$8,198</u>	<u>\$8,563</u>	<u>\$8,796</u>
LIBRARY/MEDIA							
2220	115	Para/Tech Assistants	\$0	\$1,302	\$0	\$3,310	\$5,545
2220	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	0	100	0	460	643
2220	330	Contracted Srvc - Technolog	1,300	1,236	1,300	1,300	9,000
2220	620	Library Books & Supplies	1,100	414	1,100	1,100	1,100
2220	670	Technology Supplies	1,500	174	1,500	1,500	1,500
2220	730	Technology Equipment	<u>5,500</u>	<u>3,806</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
			<u>\$9,400</u>	<u>\$7,032</u>	<u>\$9,400</u>	<u>\$13,170</u>	<u>\$23,288</u>
BOARD							
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	172	161	161	161
2310	330	Grant Writing Services	500	280	500	500	500
2310	333	Services/Wkshps	400	458	400	400	400
2310	360	Legal Services	1,000	256	1,000	1,000	1,000
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,550	4,285	4,450	4,374	4,550
2310	610	Postage/Travel/Supplies, etc	600	188	600	600	600
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	1,144	3,000	3,000	3,000
2310	810	VSBA Dues	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
			<u>\$14,511</u>	<u>\$10,083</u>	<u>\$13,411</u>	<u>\$13,335</u>	<u>\$13,511</u>
TREASURER							
2313	116	Salary	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
2313	220	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	956	956	956	956	956
2313	610	Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>\$13,556</u>	<u>\$13,649</u>	<u>\$13,556</u>	<u>\$13,556</u>	<u>\$13,556</u>

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FY'13 Budget

			FY'11 Budget	FY'11 Actual	FY'12 Budget	FY'12 Anticipated	FY'13 Budget
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT							
2321	331	Assessment	<u>\$43,324</u>	<u>\$43,324</u>	<u>\$44,807</u>	<u>\$44,807</u>	<u>\$49,528</u>
FISCAL SERVICES							
2520	331	Accounting Assessment	\$7,420	\$7,420	\$6,023	\$6,023	\$6,697
2520	610	Travel/Postage/Sftwr/Supplie	650	540	650	650	650
2317	370	Audit Services	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
			<u>\$10,470</u>	<u>\$10,360</u>	<u>\$9,073</u>	<u>\$9,073</u>	<u>\$9,747</u>
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION							
2410	110	Principal Salary	\$60,570	\$60,570	\$75,712	\$75,712	\$77,712
2410	115	Staff Salaries	17,378	19,071	18,254	18,617	27,040
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	10,428	10,279	13,234	11,910	12,506
2410	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	8,482	9,411	10,883	9,882	11,888
2410	320	Professional Development	3,150	2,045	3,150	3,150	3,150
1120	440	Copier Lease	2,700	2,628	2,700	2,700	2,700
2410	530	Telephone	1,500	2,188	1,500	1,500	1,500
2410	580	Travel	500	450	500	500	500
2410	610	Office Supplies	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,406</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<u>\$106,708</u>	<u>\$109,048</u>	<u>\$127,933</u>	<u>\$125,971</u>	<u>\$138,996</u>
PLANT OPERATIONS							
2600	115	Salaries	\$22,308	\$22,050	\$23,750	\$24,218	\$24,936
2600	210	Group Medical Insurance	4,642	1,716	0	0	0
2600	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	4,351	4,199	4,912	3,566	4,684
2600	411	Water Testing	5,000	4,074	5,000	5,000	5,000
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	2,300	1,907	2,300	2,300	2,300
2600	430	Repairs & Maint	15,000	15,865	15,000	16,000	17,000
2600	610	Custodial Supplies	5,500	4,492	5,500	5,500	5,500
2600	622	Electricity	9,000	8,514	9,000	9,000	9,000
2600	624	Heating Oil	<u>15,500</u>	<u>10,085</u>	<u>11,550</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,500</u>
			<u>\$83,601</u>	<u>\$72,902</u>	<u>\$77,012</u>	<u>\$78,584</u>	<u>\$81,920</u>
GROUNDS							
2630	424	Lawn Care	\$2,690	\$2,205	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700
2630	610	Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>\$2,790</u>	<u>\$2,271</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>
VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES							
2711	115	Salaries	\$10,640	\$9,752	\$10,124	\$10,811	\$11,071
2711	210	Group Medical	1,989	735	0	0	0
2711	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	2,094	1,866	1,450	1,389	1,440
2711	330	Medical Testing	200	34	200	200	200
2711	524	Bus Insurance	800	557	615	563	600
2711	591	Workshops/Travel	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>\$15,823</u>	<u>\$12,944</u>	<u>\$12,489</u>	<u>\$13,063</u>	<u>\$13,411</u>
VEHICLE SERVICING							
2740	430	Maintenance	\$3,000	\$1,159	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
2740	626	Gasoline	4,500	3,853	3,500	3,500	3,500
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>\$7,600</u>	<u>\$5,170</u>	<u>\$5,600</u>	<u>\$5,600</u>	<u>\$5,600</u>
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM							
3100	500	Administrative Fees	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200
3100	610	Supplies/Travel	1,000	180	1,000	1,000	1,000
3100	630	Food Expenses	22,500	28,934	26,000	26,000	26,000
3100	739	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
			<u>\$23,700</u>	<u>\$29,114</u>	<u>\$27,200</u>	<u>\$27,200</u>	<u>\$37,200</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED			\$2,360,896	\$2,128,873	\$2,161,427	\$2,225,214	\$2,259,022
Warned Articles - Transfers To Reserves			<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			<u>\$2,365,896</u>	<u>\$2,133,873</u>	<u>\$2,166,427</u>	<u>\$2,230,214</u>	<u>\$2,264,022</u>

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FY'13 Budget

SECONDARY TUITION		FY'12 Budgeted		FY'12 Anticipated		FY'13 Budgeted	
	Arlington 7-12	\$14,800	23.00	\$340,400	\$15,123	19.35	\$292,630
	Manchester	\$13,650	6.00	81,900	\$12,000	9.00	108,000
	Mt. Anthony	\$12,000	3.00	36,000	\$11,116	1.90	21,120
561	Tuition Public - VT	32.00	32.00	\$458,300	30.25	30.25	\$421,750
	Cushing	\$12,200	1.00	\$12,200	\$12,035	1.00	\$12,035
	School Year Abroad	\$12,200	1.00	12,200	\$12,035	1.00	12,035
	Taft	\$12,200	1.00	12,200	\$12,035	0.00	0
564	Out of State	2.00	2.00	\$24,400	2.00	2.00	\$24,070
	Burr & Burton	\$14,100	26.00	\$366,600	\$14,100	28.25	\$398,325
	Long Trail 7/8	\$12,200	5.00	61,000	\$12,035	6.00	72,210
	Long Trail 9-12	\$14,100	4.00	56,400	\$14,100	3.00	42,300
566	Tuition Private	35.00	35.00	\$484,000	37.25	37.25	\$512,835
	Total	69.00	69.00	\$966,700	69.50	69.50	\$958,655
569	Vocational Tuition	\$12,800	0.92	\$11,777	\$11,163	0.92	\$10,270
	Prior Year Allowable Tuition Charges						
	Arlington 7/8	\$2,300	3.54	\$8,142	\$1,500	3.54	\$5,310
	Arlington 9-12	\$2,300	17.31	39,813	\$2,500	15.97	39,925
	Dorset	\$0	7.00	0	\$486	7.00	3,402
	Mt. Anthony	\$900	0.17	153	\$897	2.87	2,574
	Mill River				\$0	0.00	0
	CDC				\$1,910	0.83	1,585
				\$48,108			\$52,797

Grades	7-12
Arlington Announced Tuition - FY'11	\$14,403
Arlington Allowable Tuition - FY'11	17,082
Variance	(\$2,679)

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Expenditures

		FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,429,365	\$2,360,895	\$2,161,427	\$2,259,022	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,434,365	\$2,365,895	\$2,166,427	\$2,264,022	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,434,365	\$2,365,895	\$2,166,427	\$2,264,022	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$37,592	\$43,324	\$44,807	\$49,528	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$640,606	\$463,391	\$418,895	\$456,619	10.
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 6C	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenue (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	na	12.
13.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	Total local revenues	\$640,606	\$463,391	\$418,895	\$456,619	14.
15.	Education Spending	\$1,793,759	\$1,902,504	\$1,747,532	\$1,807,403	15.
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	130.73	138.67	140.43	139.01	16.

17.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,721.10	\$13,719.65	\$12,444.15	\$13,002	17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	\$2	19.
20.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed or amount paid in tuition for those students	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$13,984 \$13,721	threshold = \$14,549 \$13,720	threshold = \$14,733 \$12,444	threshold = \$14,841 \$13,002	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,721	\$13,720	\$12,444	\$13,002	25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$13,002 / \$8,723)	160.593% based on \$8,544	160.576% based on \$8,544	145.648% based on \$8,544	149.054% based on \$8,723	26.

Prorating the local tax rate

27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (149.054% x \$0.890)	\$1.3811 based on \$0.86	\$1.3810 based on \$0.86	\$1.2671 based on \$0.87	\$1.3266 based on \$0.890	27.
28.	Percent of Sunderland equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.00%	28.
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.33)	\$1.3811	\$1.3810	\$1.2671	\$1.3266	29.
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	97.94%	103.25%	105.38%	110.45%	30.
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.327 / 110.45%)	\$1.4101 based on \$0.86	\$1.3375 based on \$0.860	\$1.2024 based on \$0.87	\$1.2011 based on \$0.89	31.
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (149.054% x 1.80%)	2.89% based on 1.80%	2.89% based on 1.80%	2.62% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 1.80%	32.
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.68%)	2.89% based on 1.80%	2.89% based on 1.80%	2.62% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 1.80%	33.
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	34.
35.		-	-	-	-	35.

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$8,891. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.89 and \$1.38. The administration has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.87 and \$1.36 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,723. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Sally Ayrey at 9:00 PM with less than 70 people in attendance.

Moderator Sally Ayrey asked School Board Chairman Gordon Woodrow to introduce fellow board members Heidi French, Eric Marchese, Leslie Perra, and Mary VanVleck, Sunderland Elementary School Principal Melody Troy and Superintendent Daniel French.

Hearing no objections Moderator Ayrey stated that Principal Melody Troy, Superintendent Daniel French and Burr and Burton Academy Representatives Mark and Phil would be allowed to speak at this meeting.

Moderator Ayrey, hearing no objections, dispensed with the reading of the warning published on page 33 of the annual report.

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, 2011 to June 30, 2012?

Hearing no objection article one is approved.

Article 2. Shall the electorate appropriate \$5,000.00 for the school bus reserve fund?

Joseph Boutin moved to approve article two, seconded by Jeremy Crumb.

Dineen Squillante asked about the Co-Op that has been previously discussed and if that would eliminate the need for this fund. Chairman Gordon Woodrow stated that the fund would still be needed in order to maintain the transportation program. Superintendent Daniel French explained that as of July 1, 2012 the State has required a Supervisory Union wide transportation plan be in effect. The money from this fund would pay the assessment bill from the Supervisory Union should a new bus be required.

Article two is approved.

Article 3. Shall the voters vote to establish a Technology Reserve Fund, with the board of school directors being authorized to expend monies in such fund to purchase and set up information technology equipment and systems within the Sunderland School District without further voter approval, and transfer into such fund the sum of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund surplus on June 30, 2011?

Moved by Joseph Boutin to approve article three, seconded by Jeremy Crumb

John Cullinan asked the Board to elaborate on this article. Chairman Gordon Woodrow stated that because of the surplus it gives the opportunity for a \$50,000.00 fund to update the existing technology program. Computers are now leased from a company and that company maintains the computers. Principal Melody Troy stated that the School now has a wireless system and upgrades are needed. The desk top computers are very old and need replacement. Joseph Boutin asked if money would be requested in future years. Chairman Gordon Woodrow stated that it depends on what the future brings but yes most likely money would be requested. Jeremy Crumb asked if the computers now leased are maintained by the leasing company and if they are PC's. Principal Melody Troy stated that the leasing company does do the maintenance and they are PC's. Patrick Monroe stated that \$50,000.00 would be more than enough to buy each student a computer. Chairman Gordon Woodrow explained that the money would address the need for administrative and teachers computers. The computers would be in the classrooms and be school property. Richard Sargent asked if the School would continue to lease and Principal Melody Troy stated that they would at this time. Patrick Monroe asked how many teachers we have. Principal Melody Troy stated that there are six teachers every day and she is the only administrator. There are part time teachers such as Physical Education two days, Art one day and Music one day. Melanie Virgilio asked if there are any computers for the Art or Music programs. Principal Melody stated that there are none.

Article three is approved.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of any remaining General Fund surplus on June 30, 2011, an amount estimated to be \$241,114, to the Building and Grounds Improvement Reserve Fund?

Jeremy Crumb moved to approve article four, seconded by Carl Graves.

Carl Graves stated that new switches for the heat need to be a priority. Chairman Gordon Woodrow stated that there are four major issues. One is the roof. Two is the heating system. Three is the plumbing. Four is the windows. Deborah Cullinan asked if a fund has already been established and Chairman Gordon Woodrow referred to page forty showing the Building and Grounds Improvement Reserve Fund with \$1016.00 as the current balance. Joseph Boutin asked if the Board felt that the \$241,000.00 surplus would be effective in correcting the list of needs. Chairman Gordon Woodrow stated that estimates have been done and the \$241,000.00 would cover it. Peter Luca stated that the best way to start a fire is by using breakers to control the heat and it needs to be fixed as soon as possible. Maureen Richman asked if a safety inspector would shut the building down and why has this gotten this far. Superintendent Daniel French stated that he is hearing about this problem for the first time and it will be stopped immediately.

Article four is approved.

Moderator Sally Ayrey opened the floor for discussion on articles five and six which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 1st.

School Board Chairman Woodrow noted that the report of the School Directors is on pages 34 and 35 of the annual report and reviewed its content. The budget was discussed and it was noted that the Principal is back to 100%. The excess secondary special education for private schools is now \$201,856 compared to the current anticipated amount of \$162,635. Superintendent Daniel French stated that special education cost is highly variable every year. John Cullinan noted the increase of the expenses of the office of the superintendent each year. Patrick Monroe asked if the Principal does any teaching at a salary of \$75,000.00 and Principal Melody Troy stated that she does not teach. Dineen Squillante noted that Principal Melody Troy even serves lunch. Monique Westbay noted that Principal Melody Troy is everywhere doing everything. Maureen Richman stated that \$75,000.00 would never cover in other areas for everything Principal Melody Troy does. Rose Stone noted that schools are billing on prior year expenses to Sunderland and then show up with a surplus in their budgets. Joseph Boutin stated that he supports school choice. Peter Luca asked who checks to make sure the students we are paying for are at the schools. Superintendent Daniel French stated that the Supervisory Union does that task.

Moderator Sally Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 10:02pm until Tuesday March 1, 2011 when the polls will open at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 1, 2011, at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,161,427 for the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012?

YES 117 NO 38 BLANK 2 SPOILED 0
TOTAL 157

Article 8. Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$14,100 per pupil for the 2011-2012 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 125 NO 27 BLANK 5 SPOILED 0
TOTAL 157

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

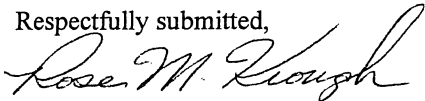
School District Moderator, for 1 year			
SALLY AYREY	136*	Write-In	0
Blank	21	Spoiled	0
TOTAL			157

School Director, for 2 years			
HEIDI FRENCH	125*	Write-In	0
Blank	32	Spoiled	0
TOTAL			157

School Director, for 3 years			
MELANIE VIRGILIO	112*	Write-In	0
Blank	45	Spoiled	0
TOTAL			157

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results. (*denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL RESULTS
3/1/2011

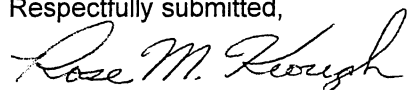
ARTICLE A. FOR SVRTSD BOARD (Vote for not more than THREE)

Jim Boutin	103
Claude DeLucia	39
Rickey L. Harrington	70
Edward Letourneau	53
Richard C. Dimitri Garder	63
Write-In Leslie Perra	1
SPOILED	5
BLANK	137
TOTAL	471

ARTICLE E. Shall the voters of the Service Region of SVRTSD appropriate \$3,431,814 as necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1,2011?

YES	116
NO	33
SPOILED	0
BLANK	8
TOTAL	157

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 5'TH AND MARCH 6'TH, 2012**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, 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 5:00 O'clock in the evening, on Monday, March 5, 2012 to transact the following business from the floor.

ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$750 each.

ARTICLE 2: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.

ARTICLE 3: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2012.

ARTICLE 4: 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 6, 2012, 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: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District appropriate \$3,428,149 as necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2012?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 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 Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, 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 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 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 Elementary School, 98 Bear Ridge 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 29, 2012 at 6 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

Rickey Harrington Vice Chair

Frank Lamb

Kevin Goodhue

Richard C. Pembroke, Jr.

Gloria Alexander

Justin J. Corcoran

Leon Johnson

Larry Johnson

Jon Peaslee

Francis Kinney

Received for recording this 31's day of January 2012

Cassandra Barbeau

Tim Corcoran, Clerk or

Cassandra Barbeau, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD

SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Principal's Report
January 2012

Sunderland Town School continues to thrive and grow! What a great issue to be dealing with in 2010-2011: an increase in school population! With academics, we continue to set and foster a community of learners, both on a student level and on a professional level. The beliefs, values and commitments of this school community have been developed resulting in a school culture that is flexible, collaborative, innovative and supportive of achievement for all students.

Educators have continued to be innovative and resourceful seeking funding that will enhance academic, social and emotional learning. Grants and learning opportunities have afforded many, many opportunities that continue to yield a school culture of shared responsibility between home and school. Data-driven decisions have moved the school forward with technology improvements and curriculum alignment to the National Common Core Standards. Educators, the community members and students continue to identify and design strategies for long-term improvements as well as planning for daily instruction.

It continues to be a pleasure to afford and offer such opportunities as

- Improved physical environments (a myriad of projects thanks to grants and tax-payer approved funding!)
- Learning opportunities to enhance classroom instruction
 - *class trips (art and history museums, nature hikes, etc.)
 - *musical opportunities (Manchester Music Festival, Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Weston Opera, etc.)
 - *extensions with artistic endeavors
- Use of on-line technology opportunities (such as *Rosetta Stone*)
- Opportunities for public speaking to larger groups, performances and other opportunities to enhance and support the learning environment

Sunderland continues to be supported and shored up by many entities. We have a superintendent who is a strong, educational leader with a clear vision for the future. The Board of Directors continue to put children first in the decision making process. The community members offer expertise, support and genuine caring for the outcomes in education. And lastly, Sunderland has a staff who continues to work collaboratively, foster improvements, seek quality dispositions for the betterment of Sunderland Elementary. We strive to become better every year. It is a process that is never-ending, always fulfilling and truly a work made better by the groups invested in the process.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2011**

<i>ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT:</i>	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
RESIDENTS	13	14	7	6	9	5	6	60
NON-RESIDENTS	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	14	15	7	7	9	5	6	63

<i>SECONDARY ENROLLMENT:</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL	2	1	3	3	6	5	20
BURR & BURTON ACADEMY	0	0	10	7	8	5	30
LONG TRAIL SCHOOL	1	5	2	0	0	1	9
MANCHESTER SCHOOL	6	3	0	0	0	0	9
MT. ANTHONY UHS	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
OTHER	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	9	9	15	10	15	15	73

SUNDERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The Sunderland Board of School Directors engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, Vermont to conduct an audit of its FY'11 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
January 2012

There were significant staffing changes at the administrative level during the 2010-2011 school year. Jean Ward, BRSU Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, retired as did James Merryman, the long-serving principal of The Dorset School. Jackie Wilson, the principal of MEMS, moved to the central office to fill the Curriculum vacancy created by Jean Ward's retirement, and Wayne Flewelling, a BRSU special education director, left the organization to become the special education director in a neighboring supervisory union. Rosanna Moran was hired to be the principal of The Dorset School, and Sarah Merrill moved up from the assistant principal position at MEMS to become principal. Brenda MacDonald was hired as the new special education director, and John Dawson was hired as the Director of Instructional Innovation, a grant-funded position charged with advancing the utilization of technology in our schools.

Our districts continued their work in navigating Act 153, a law that promotes the voluntary merger of school districts and requires the centralization of certain services at the supervisory union level. The BRSU board established a governance committee to address the voluntary merger aspects of the law. This committee had two focus areas: 1) anticipating the integration of the Mountain Towns Regional Education District (Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, and the Floodbrook School) into the BRSU on July 1, 2013, and 2) commissioning an internal Phase I governance study among the our nine BRSU districts. The vote on the Mountain Towns RED and its assignment to the BRSU is scheduled for the winter of 2012. A related issue pertains to the Winhall Town School District which is pursuing a feasibility study for joining the BRSU in 2013. I believe the integration of these districts into the BRSU will not only lower administrative costs, but also allow us to better leverage regional resources to expand learning opportunities for students.

The work surrounding the required centralization of services under Act 153 continues to move forward as well. Business services have been consolidated into the supervisory union office saving Manchester and Dorset over \$30,000 and \$15,000 per year respectively. A common collective bargaining process with our six teachers unions was initiated in the winter of 2010 with the goal of achieving a single teachers contract. Work on the centralization of special education and transportation services has been deferred until the 2012-2013 school year in order to better understand how these services might work in a reconfigured supervisory union with the potential additions of the Mountain Towns RED and Winhall.

Considerable progress was made in the area of instructional technology systems. We deployed a supervisory union-wide student information system with a common approach to report cards. This should serve our districts well as we transition to the new Common Core curriculum standards. We also implemented a new learning management system that will expand the curriculum, extend classroom activities beyond the school day, create greater opportunities for students and teachers to collaborate with their peers, and improve communication between parents and teachers. We are planning on deploying a fiber optic network with high speed Internet access among our schools and to the central office on July 1, 2012. This network will be built as part of a federal initiative to expand bandwidth access in Vermont. In this network, our schools will function as "anchor institutions" as part of a larger economic development strategy for the region.

Federal education policy as articulated through the No Child Left Behind Act continues to be a drain on our time, attention, and dollars. Vermont has applied for a waiver from its provisions, but I am concerned the direction of Federal education policy remains misguided, and ultimately will do more harm than good. As I survey the larger educational policy context, I believe our districts are well situated to articulate an alternative vision for schooling, a vision based on a respect for community, a dedication to high standards, and a focus on personalized learning opportunities for all students.

Thank you for your continued support of this work.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER'S REPORT

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, Vermont to conduct an audit of its FY'11 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>General Equipment Reserve</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
Balance June 30, 2010	\$83,511	\$3,311	\$107,857
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Actual Revenues FY'11	690,557	0	\$877,585
Actual Expenditures FY'11	<u>(703,579)</u>	<u>(6,311)</u>	<u>(886,107)</u>
Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2011	\$67,489	\$0	\$99,335
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Anticipated Revenues FY'12	691,621		\$818,893
Anticipated Expenditures FY'12	<u>(735,068)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(894,227)</u>
Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2012	\$21,042	\$2,000	\$24,001
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	<u>\$3,000</u>	
Budgeted Revenues FY'13	752,584		\$928,260
Budgeted Expenditures FY'13	<u>(764,584)</u>		<u>(940,270)</u>
Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2013	<u>\$6,042</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$11,991</u>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY '13**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt.Tabor	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD #23	UD #47
District Share				47.00%						53.00%
ESL	\$18,196			\$8,552						\$9,644
ADM	850.30		159.63	364.17				63.00	99.00	164.50
Percentage	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>18.77%</u>	<u>42.83%</u>				<u>7.41%</u>	<u>11.64%</u>	<u>19.35%</u>
Curriculum/School Support	\$70,773	\$0	\$13,286	\$30,311	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,244	\$8,240	\$13,692
ADM	1,708.75	125.93	289.63	681.84	15.00	133.85	54.00	145.00	99.00	164.50
Percentage	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>7.37%</u>	<u>16.95%</u>	<u>39.90%</u>	<u>0.88%</u>	<u>7.83%</u>	<u>3.16%</u>	<u>8.49%</u>	<u>5.79%</u>	<u>9.63%</u>
Administration	\$533,779	\$39,337	\$90,474	\$212,993	\$4,687	\$41,812	\$16,868	\$45,296	\$30,926	\$51,386
District Accounting (Allocation to districts is based on staff FTE)	\$97,336	\$2,827	\$11,820	\$40,568	\$2,232	\$2,827	\$2,232	\$6,697	\$12,653	\$15,480
Assessed Expenditures	\$720,084	\$42,164	\$115,580	\$292,424	\$6,919	\$44,639	\$19,100	\$57,237	\$51,819	\$90,202
Less Surplus Used at Prior Years ADM										
ADM 12/10	1,673.79	120.00	287.53	663.51	15.40	126.49	52.00	141.11	107.75	160.00
Percentage	100.00%	7.17%	17.18%	39.64%	0.92%	7.56%	3.11%	8.43%	6.44%	9.56%
Surplus Applied	(\$12,000)	(\$860)	(\$2,062)	(\$4,757)	(\$110)	(\$907)	(\$373)	(\$1,012)	(\$772)	(\$1,147)
Budgeted Assessment	\$708,084	\$41,304	\$113,518	\$287,667	\$6,809	\$43,732	\$18,727	\$56,225	\$51,047	\$89,055

Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

General Budget - FY '13

	<u>FY '11 Budget</u>	<u>FY '11 Actual</u>	<u>FY '12 Budget</u>	<u>FY '12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '13 Budget</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
ESL	\$0	\$16,282	\$17,194	\$17,625	\$18,196
Curriculum/School Support	66,974	65,518	68,851	69,062	70,773
Administration	527,546	535,535	537,496	557,558	578,279
Accounting	<u>86,503</u>	<u>86,244</u>	<u>87,944</u>	<u>90,823</u>	<u>97,336</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$681,023</u>	<u>\$703,579</u>	<u>\$711,485</u>	<u>\$735,068</u>	<u>\$764,584</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>					
Interest	\$2,500	\$4,742	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	500	2,922	500	2,136	500
Grant Administration	<u>41,000</u>	<u>41,219</u>	<u>41,000</u>	<u>41,000</u>	<u>41,000</u>
Revenues	<u>\$44,000</u>	<u>\$48,883</u>	<u>\$44,000</u>	<u>\$46,136</u>	<u>\$44,500</u>
Service Fees	0	26,651	0	0	0
Assessments	<u>615,023</u>	<u>615,023</u>	<u>645,485</u>	<u>645,485</u>	<u>708,084</u>
Fee/Assessments	<u>\$615,023</u>	<u>\$641,674</u>	<u>\$645,485</u>	<u>\$645,485</u>	<u>\$708,084</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$659,023</u>	<u>\$690,557</u>	<u>\$689,485</u>	<u>\$691,621</u>	<u>\$752,584</u>
Surplus Used/(Deficit Raised)	25,000		25,000		15,000
Transfers	<u>(3,000)</u>		<u>(3,000)</u>		<u>(3,000)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$681,023</u>		<u>\$711,485</u>		<u>\$764,584</u>

	<u>FY '11 Budget</u>	<u>FY '11 Actual</u>	<u>FY '12 Budget</u>	<u>FY '12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '13 Budget</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>ESL Teacher</u>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$0	\$15,055	\$15,055	\$15,682	\$16,152
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insu	0	1,227	1,539	1,343	1,444
2200 320 Professional Develop	0	0	400	400	400
2200 610 Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
ESL Position Subtotal	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$16,282</u>	<u>\$17,194</u>	<u>\$17,625</u>	<u>\$18,196</u>
<u>Curriculum Director/School Support</u>					
2200 110 Salaries	\$47,677	\$47,677	\$49,107	\$48,000	\$49,200
2200 210 Medical Insurance	6,804	6,707	6,908	7,146	7,504
2200 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insu	4,943	4,616	5,036	4,816	4,969
2200 320 Professional Develop	3,000	2,534	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 440 Copier/Services	1,500	1,432	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200 531 Telephone/Postage	250	28	200	1,500	1,500
2200 580 Travel	2,000	1,170	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 610 Supplies	500	1,354	700	700	700
2200 810 Dues	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Curriculum Position Subtotal	<u>\$66,974</u>	<u>\$65,518</u>	<u>\$68,851</u>	<u>\$69,062</u>	<u>\$70,773</u>

Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

General Budget - FY '13

EXPENDITURES		FY '11 Budget	FY '11 Actual	FY '12 Budget	FY '12 Anticipated	FY '13 Budget
<u>Administration</u>						
2321 110	Superintendent	\$110,240	\$110,240	\$110,240	\$112,445	\$114,649
2321 110	Assistant Superintendent (40%)	37,440	37,440	37,440	38,189	38,938
2321 115	Salaries - Staff	146,386	145,233	144,666	146,655	152,651
2321 210	Medical Insurance	68,972	68,944	71,012	75,179	82,066
2321 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	40,158	38,344	40,613	38,950	40,557
2321 320	Professional Development	13,000	7,380	13,000	13,000	13,000
2321 321	Board Development	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
2321 330	Contracted Services	2,500	10,529	1,500	1,500	1,500
2321 330	Minutes	0	538	538	538	538
2321 330	Accounting System	0	15,070	9,600	11,030	14,000
2321 330	Flex Plan Administration	0	0	620	1,050	1,050
2321 360	Legal	5,000	7,386	7,000	8,000	5,000
2321 370	Audit	4,600	4,600	5,000	5,125	5,125
2321 423	Custodial/Trash	2,800	3,204	2,800	2,800	3,200
2321 440	Equip Rent/Copier	3,350	2,112	3,200	2,500	2,500
2321 441	Rent	56,500	56,462	57,867	57,867	59,315
2321 520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,000	3,957	2,800	3,992	4,000
2321 530	Telephone	1,700	1,714	1,200	1,700	1,700
2321 530	Internet	750	763	750	710	8,400
2321 531	Postage	4,500	2,399	3,000	2,400	2,400
2321 540	Advertising	1,100	338	1,100	500	500
2321 580	Local Travel	6,800	4,572	6,800	5,000	5,000
2321 610	Supplies	8,200	8,286	8,200	8,200	8,200
2321 670	Software/Tech Supplies	750	181	750	750	750
2321 670	School Fusion	0	0	0	6,300	0
2321 670	Tech Services	0	0	0	1,440	1,440
2321 670	Alert Now	0	0	0	2,838	2,900
2321 739	Equip Purchase	500	500	500	500	500
2321 810	Dues	4,300	5,343	4,300	5,400	5,400
Administration Subtotal		<u>\$527,546</u>	<u>\$535,535</u>	<u>\$537,496</u>	<u>\$557,558</u>	<u>\$578,279</u>
<u>District Accounting</u>						
2510 115	Salaries - Staff	\$59,353	\$60,329	\$61,073	\$61,691	\$64,607
2510 210	Medical Insurance	16,702	15,502	15,966	18,745	21,766
2510 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	10,448	10,413	10,905	10,387	10,963
		<u>\$86,503</u>	<u>\$86,244</u>	<u>\$87,944</u>	<u>\$90,823</u>	<u>\$97,336</u>
Total Budgeted Expenditures		<u>\$681,023</u>	<u>\$703,579</u>	<u>\$711,485</u>	<u>\$735,068</u>	<u>\$764,584</u>

Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

Special Education Budget

FY '13

	<u>FY '11 Budget</u>	<u>FY '11 Actual</u>	<u>FY '12 Budget</u>	<u>FY '12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '13 Budget</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Psychological Services	\$139,691	\$137,913	\$139,858	\$207,133	\$213,397
Administration	370,749	371,861	369,944	314,100	338,257
Occupational/Physical Therapy	165,605	158,994	162,016	162,964	173,259
Behavior Educator	48,177	48,253	48,193	48,749	50,328
Early Ed Instruction/Support Services	<u>172,613</u>	<u>160,342</u>	<u>174,867</u>	<u>161,281</u>	<u>165,029</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$896,835</u>	<u>\$877,363</u>	<u>\$894,878</u>	<u>\$894,227</u>	<u>\$940,270</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>					
Assessments	\$339,717	\$339,717	\$310,315	\$310,315	\$410,670
IDEA-B/IDEA-B Pre-School	471,177	505,602	473,000	453,218	410,000
EPSDT/BEST	0	0	0	0	36,800
EEl Grant	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	30,000
Services	0	0	0	40,360	40,800
Miscellaneous	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
REVENUE SUBTOTAL	<u>\$843,035</u>	<u>\$877,585</u>	<u>\$813,315</u>	<u>\$818,893</u>	<u>\$928,270</u>
Surplus to Reduce Assessments	<u>53,800</u>		<u>81,563</u>		<u>12,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$896,835</u>		<u>\$894,878</u>		<u>\$940,270</u>

	<u>FY '11 Budget</u>	<u>FY '11 Actual</u>	<u>FY '12 Budget</u>	<u>FY '12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '13 Budget</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Psychological EEE					
2140 110 Salary	\$10,799	\$10,799	\$10,799	\$11,550	\$11,897
2140 210 Medical	2,359	2,312	2,395	2,395	2,515
2140 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,152</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>1,230</u>
	<u>\$14,280</u>	<u>\$14,245</u>	<u>\$14,346</u>	<u>\$15,138</u>	<u>\$15,642</u>
Evaluation/Psychological Services K-12					
2100 110 Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2140 110 Salary/Psychologists	97,169	97,169	97,169	144,621	148,959
2140 210 Medical	9,900	9,758	10,051	19,631	20,612
2140 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurar	9,792	9,577	9,742	14,343	14,784
2140 320 Services	3,000	2,012	3,000	3,000	3,000
2140 611 Materials & Supplies	2,200	3,203	2,200	3,000	3,000
2140 810 Dues	200	175	200	400	400
2200 320 Professional Developme	1,650	530	1,650	5,000	5,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>\$125,411</u>	<u>\$123,668</u>	<u>\$125,512</u>	<u>\$191,995</u>	<u>\$197,755</u>
Total Psychological	<u>\$139,691</u>	<u>\$137,913</u>	<u>\$139,858</u>	<u>\$207,133</u>	<u>\$213,397</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
Special Education Budget
FY '13**

			FY '11 Budget	FY '11 Actual	FY '12 Budget	FY '12 Anticipated	FY '13 Budget
Administration							
2400	110	Assistant Superintendent	\$53,352	\$53,352	\$56,160	\$57,283	\$58,406
2400	110	Program Directors	203,981	202,240	204,825	150,982	155,511
2400	115	Salaries - Clerical	12,898	14,206	12,898	13,156	23,714
2400	210	Medical	11,380	10,519	11,911	11,910	16,258
2400	210	Medical Insurance	24,078	23,485	24,205	27,876	29,270
2400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	7,842	6,644	8,053	7,809	9,538
2400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	21,918	25,575	22,242	15,434	15,910
2400	325	Professional Development	11,650	18,733	7,150	7,150	7,150
2400	330	Contracted Service	1,300	1,139	1,300	1,300	1,300
2400	360	Legal	5,000	280	5,000	5,000	5,000
2400	530	Telephone	1,350	1,191	1,350	1,350	1,350
2400	531	Postage	600	539	600	600	600
2400	540	Advertising	2,000	1,988	2,000	2,000	2,000
2400	580	Travel	4,900	3,012	4,250	4,250	4,250
2400	610	Supplies	4,000	3,961	3,500	3,500	3,500
2400	670	Computer Software	3,000	2,830	3,000	3,000	3,000
2400	739	Equipment	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,167</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Administration			<u>\$370,749</u>	<u>\$371,861</u>	<u>\$369,944</u>	<u>\$314,100</u>	<u>\$338,257</u>
Occupational/Physical Therapy EEE							
2160	110	Salary	\$27,572	\$28,355	\$25,613	\$25,758	\$20,840
2160	210	Medical	2,516	5,067	5,616	5,616	2,845
2160	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	<u>3,071</u>	<u>3,536</u>	<u>3,627</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,464</u>
			<u>\$33,159</u>	<u>\$36,958</u>	<u>\$34,856</u>	<u>\$34,874</u>	<u>\$26,149</u>
Occupational Therapy K-12							
2160	110	Salary	\$66,295	\$57,085	\$54,098	\$54,497	\$68,143
2160	210	Medical	12,739	14,046	15,439	15,439	19,681
2160	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	9,103	9,250	8,558	8,282	10,467
2160	610	Supplies	800	146	500	500	500
2200	320	Professional Development	500	362	500	500	500
2200	580	Travel	<u>500</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
			<u>\$89,937</u>	<u>\$82,477</u>	<u>\$79,595</u>	<u>\$80,718</u>	<u>\$100,791</u>
Physical Therapy K-12							
2190	110	Salary	\$37,894	\$36,436	\$42,579	\$42,579	\$41,443
2190	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	3,315	3,123	3,686	3,493	3,576
2190	610	Supplies	300	0	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>\$42,509</u>	<u>\$39,559</u>	<u>\$47,565</u>	<u>\$47,372</u>	<u>\$46,319</u>
Total Occupational/Physical Therapy			<u>\$165,605</u>	<u>\$158,994</u>	<u>\$162,016</u>	<u>\$162,964</u>	<u>\$173,259</u>
Behavior Educator							
2160	110	Salary	\$37,357	\$37,356	\$37,356	\$38,103	\$39,247
2160	210	Medical	5,299	5,294	5,453	5,453	5,726
2160	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>5,521</u>	<u>5,603</u>	<u>5,384</u>	<u>5,193</u>	<u>5,355</u>
Total Behavior Educator			<u>\$48,177</u>	<u>\$48,253</u>	<u>\$48,193</u>	<u>\$48,749</u>	<u>\$50,328</u>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union
Special Education Budget
FY '13**

			<u>FY '11 Budget</u>	<u>FY '11 Actual</u>	<u>FY '12 Budget</u>	<u>FY '12 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '13 Budget</u>
Mt. Tabor Site Early Education							
1201	110	Salaries	\$36,711	\$36,709	\$36,701	\$40,029	\$41,230
1201	115	Paraeducators/Subs	13,118	11,856	12,197	12,428	12,800
1201	210	Group Medical	18,095	14,856	15,214	15,664	16,447
1201	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	6,002	5,381	5,921	5,781	6,047
1201	610	Supplies	1,000	520	1,000	1,000	1,000
2100	300	Contracted Services	200	0	200	200	200
2152	110	Salary - Speech	17,516	0	20,010	25,645	28,909
2152	210	Medical	6,341	0	4,790	0	0
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	2,111	0	2,238	2,556	2,887
2152	592	Speech Services	0	12,123	0	0	0
2152	320	Contracted Services	500	0	0	0	0
2152	610	Supplies	400	0	400	400	400
2200	320	Staff PD/Tuition	1,800	0	1,800	1,800	1,800
2200	580	Staff Travel	500	549	500	500	500
2200	581	Dues/NAEYC Fees	<u>525</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>525</u>
Total Mt. Tabor Site			<u>\$104,819</u>	<u>\$81,994</u>	<u>\$101,496</u>	<u>\$106,528</u>	<u>\$112,745</u>
Early Education Direct Services							
1201	110	Salary	\$34,765	\$49,205	\$29,260	\$28,122	\$28,966
1201	210	Medical	555	9,605	8,445	6,003	6,303
1201	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	3,134	4,983	3,471	2,749	2,955
1201	610	Supplies	500	238	600	600	600
2152	110	Salary - Speech	13,137	0	9,990	12,803	10,692
2152	210	Medical	4,756	0	2,392	0	0
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	1,573	0	1,118	1,276	1,068
2152	592	Speech Services	0	9,123	0	0	0
2200	320	Staff PD/Tuition	700	0	700	700	700
2200	580	Travel	3,674	194	2,500	2,500	1,000
5500	900	Subgrants	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>14,895</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Early Education Direct Services			<u>\$67,794</u>	<u>\$78,348</u>	<u>\$73,371</u>	<u>\$54,753</u>	<u>\$52,284</u>
Total Early Education			<u>\$172,613</u>	<u>\$160,342</u>	<u>\$174,867</u>	<u>\$161,281</u>	<u>\$165,029</u>
Total Special Education/Early Education			<u>\$896,835</u>	<u>\$877,363</u>	<u>\$894,878</u>	<u>\$894,227</u>	<u>\$940,270</u>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY '13**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47
Psychological/Administration	<u>\$140,541</u>									
December 2011 Childcount	290	20	39	101	3	30	6	30	16	45
Percentage Allocation		<u>6.90%</u>	<u>13.45%</u>	<u>34.83%</u>	<u>1.03%</u>	<u>10.35%</u>	<u>2.07%</u>	<u>10.35%</u>	<u>5.52%</u>	<u>15.52%</u>
Special Education Psych/Admin	<u>\$140,541</u>	<u>\$9,693</u>	<u>\$18,899</u>	<u>\$48,948</u>	<u>\$1,453</u>	<u>\$14,539</u>	<u>\$2,908</u>	<u>\$14,539</u>	<u>\$7,754</u>	<u>\$21,808</u>
Occupational Therapy	\$100,791									
Percentage Allocation/Schedules		5.0%	8.2%	49.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	3.8%	6.7%	25.6%
Occupational Therapy	<u>\$100,791</u>	<u>\$5,040</u>	<u>\$8,265</u>	<u>\$49,388</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,713</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,830</u>	<u>\$6,753</u>	<u>\$25,802</u>
Physical Therapy	\$46,319									
Percentage Allocation/Schedule		6.8%	11.4%	34.1%	0.0%	6.8%	2.3%	4.5%	9.1%	25.0%
Physical Therapy	<u>\$46,319</u>	<u>\$3,150</u>	<u>\$5,280</u>	<u>\$15,795</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,150</u>	<u>\$1,065</u>	<u>\$2,084</u>	<u>\$4,215</u>	<u>\$11,580</u>
Special Education	\$287,651	\$17,883	\$32,444	\$114,131	\$1,453	\$19,402	\$3,973	\$20,453	\$18,722	\$59,190
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<u>Early Education Instruction/Speech</u>	\$11,618									
Percentage Allocation/Schedule			57.4%	12.8%					29.8%	
Direct Services	<u>\$11,618</u>		<u>\$6,669</u>	<u>\$1,487</u>					<u>\$3,462</u>	
<u>Early Education Child Integrated Svc.</u>	\$10,666									
Percentage Allocation/Schedule		9.7%	18.6%	48.0%	1.5%	6.4%	1.5%	14.2%		
Direct Services	<u>\$10,656</u>	<u>\$1,034</u>	<u>\$1,984</u>	<u>\$5,120</u>	<u>\$160</u>	<u>\$683</u>	<u>\$160</u>	<u>\$1,515</u>		
<u>Mt. Tabor Site EE Instruction/Speech</u>	\$112,745									
<i>ADM (Preliminary)</i>		19.20			3.00					
Percent of ADM as applicable		<u>86.5%</u>			<u>13.5%</u>					
Site Based Early Education	<u>\$97,524</u>				<u>\$15,221</u>					
Early Education	\$135,019	\$98,558	\$8,653	\$6,607	\$15,381	\$683	\$160	\$4,977		
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Surplus to Lower Assmt.	\$12,000	\$3,227	\$1,433	\$1,609	\$285	\$593	\$136	\$1,233	\$1,164	\$2,320
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Budgeted Assessment	\$410,670	\$113,214	\$39,664	\$119,129	\$16,549	\$19,492	\$3,997	\$24,197	\$17,558	\$56,870



**American
Red Cross**

Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley

November 10, 2011

Rose Keough
Sunderland
PO Box 295
East Arlington, VT 05252

Dear Rose:

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first “neighbor on the scene” after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community. During this past year, in addition to our response to the spring lake and flash flooding, and Tropical Storm Irene, the Vermont & New Hampshire Valley Region of the Red Cross responded to over 100 incidents and served approximately 5,000 people in our area. Although the media gives the greatest attention to larger disasters, the vast majority of responses occur at the local level.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking for funding in the amount of \$250 this year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities like Sunderland and throughout Vermont and the Upper Valley when they need it most.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nicki Raymond
Town Appropriations Coordinator
Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley Region
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Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service

The Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, students, and families in Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate by making select services available to all our towns' people without regard to age, race, economic or social circumstances.

In the schools, we support the dental program through a grant to the schools. This grant funds a licensed Dental Hygienist who screens all students in Sunderland and Fisher Schools and educates them about dental health. She also provides cleaning and fluoride treatments to any students whose parents wish to participate.

Our largest financial commitment to the three-town community is ensuring that all residents receive necessary home care. Through a contract with Manchester Health Services, we finance visiting nursing services to our citizens who are uninsured or unable to pay for home care. In addition we assist those with emergency health and dental needs through our Medical Assistance Fund.

We address the need for healthcare professionals through our scholarship program. We sponsor four scholarships which are awarded to residents of Arlington, Sunderland, or Sandgate who are pursuing their education in a health-related field. Once awarded they are renewed each year the student continues to make progress in their chosen course. Applications can be obtained through the Arlington Memorial High School Guidance Office.

We also donate funds to several community projects that service the children of our communities.

Our Board of Directors meets four times a year and meetings are open to the public.

We sincerely appreciate the support of the communities of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate and look forward to continuing to contribute to the good health of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Williams
President

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
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January 25, 2012

TO: Selectboard-Sunderland
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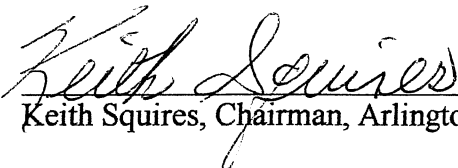
RE: Recreation Park

The Town of Arlington will be responsible for the Recreation Park in Arlington in 2012.

The budget for the Park operations has been set at \$57,659.00 for the year. The Town of Sunderland has been very generous in the past – helping to cover some of the costs of the Park – which is open to all Sunderland residents.

Arlington is asking Sunderland to contribute \$4500.00 in 2012. This amount is 7.8% of the total and will greatly help finance the operation of the Park in 2012.

Please contact the Selectboard office at 375-6474 if there are any questions.


Keith Squires, Chairman, Arlington Selectboard

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cc: files



ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

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Arlington, VT 05250

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December 19, 2011
Board of Selectmen
Town of Sunderland
P.O. Box 295
East Arlington, VT 05252

Dear Selectmen,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a request for a Town of Sunderland appropriation. During the twelve (12) twelve months ended September 30, 2011 we provided 79 ambulance responses in the town of Sunderland.

In addition to payments received directly from patients and/or their insurance carriers the Squad relies on town funds to support our operating costs and replace equipment and ambulances. Town appropriations help pay our bills and maintain fiscal solvency.

In 2011 the squad signed a bank loan to replace our ageing ambulance with a new four wheel drive ambulance at a cost of \$155,240.00. The new ambulance improved the level of safety for our staff and patients.

The plans to replace our existing building are in the final development stage. Funding to cover the cost of these capital needs will require support from residents and local businesses.

A copy of our Profit/Loss statement is enclosed.

In view of this worthy cause and the anticipated replacement of our existing building we hope that an increase in the Town appropriation to \$25,000 is acceptable.

Respectfully requested,

Bert Savoia
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc.

FOR THE TOWN REPORT

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless gratefully acknowledges the town's appropriation in support of the programs and services offered to homeless families and individuals at the 6 Bank Street Shelter, the McCall Street Apartments and Thatcher House.

The Coalition for the Homeless provided transitional housing to 93 people this past year. In addition to shelter, the Coalition assisted families through a housing sustainability grant which allowed us to assist with back rents, utility disconnects, security deposits and first month rent for an additional 226 households who were at risk of losing their housing or utilities or who were attempting to secure housing. BCH continues to provide a wide range of services and supports to homeless families and individuals in Bennington County and continues to expand our housing and services as the need grows. This year we are managing one additional property which allows us to provide transitional housing in 6 more units, assisting small families with affordable rents and programs that will move them toward permanency and self-sufficiency. As transitional housing stays become longer for many, we maintain waiting lists and struggle to shelter all those who are without housing. This coming year we will open an overnight warming space for those who need to come indoors. This will allow us to provide an unmet need in Bennington County .

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless conducts an annual homeless count each January and identified 366 individuals in Bennington County who were homeless on January 26, 2011

Respectfully submitted by:

Kendy Skidmore, Executive Director

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 and land use planning work of local planning commissions, zoning administrators, and other boards, the BCRC continues to conduct regional transportation, energy, environmental, solid waste, and emergency management planning, and to offer assistance to municipalities as needed in all of those areas. The BCRC also regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops throughout the region. More information on these programs can be found at www.bcrcvt.org.

Of particular note during the past year was the BCRC's role in responding to damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. In response to a request from the state, the BCRC and other regional planning commissions in affected areas coordinated and expedited support for local road and bridge recovery efforts, provided assistance with funding requests to FEMA and FHWA, and provided direct assistance with river restoration planning.

In recognition of the challenging economic times and the changing needs of our communities, in the coming year the BCRC will be establishing a new community development program that will work with local governments and organizations to develop resources that are needed to support sustainable communities and local economic development efforts.

The Irene recovery work noted in the report consumed a majority of BCRC staff time for several weeks. Although no one would ever hope for a repeat of that event, it was a pleasure to meet with officials in all of the towns in our region and to spend some time working with the dedicated, resourceful, and tireless local employees and volunteers who are responsible for a recovery effort that observers from federal agencies and outside consulting firms found to be astonishing in its effectiveness and efficiency. Congratulations and sincerest thanks to all involved.

With the retirement of long-time BCRC director, Rex Burke, the Commission determined that it could most effectively address its mission and best address the changing needs of its membership by reallocating resources to establish a new program in "sustainable community development." The purpose of this new program is to help local officials and community organizations identify and develop the resources and assets needed to maintain strong resilient communities and to meet local economic development objectives. The director of the program will be responsible for reaching out to towns throughout the region to work cooperatively on projects such as: economic development planning, community development grants, workforce development, food system planning, workforce housing, developing markets for forest products, renewable energy projects, and other efforts that emerge as priority concerns. The program also will serve to focus all BCRC program areas toward meeting the objectives of supporting economic prosperity and sustainable communities.

Rather than attempting to enumerate a town-by-town list of projects conducted by BCRC in the past year, I thought it would be helpful to highlight some of the region-wide initiatives that have benefited all of our communities, noting that some have been completed for individual municipalities:

Economic Development: The BCRC is a member of the Bennington Economic Development Task Force. We also have worked on a number of projects with the Bennington County Industrial Corporation – one such effort involved writing a USDA grant application, approved this year, to fund a composites industry workforce training program. The BCRC also meets regularly with the regional Workforce Investment Board and is currently assisting with a region-wide workforce assessment survey. Recognizing the potential economic benefits of more robust local food systems, the BCRC invited the Director of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund to meet with organizations in both Manchester and Bennington, and has provided support to local food groups in both of those communities. A regional broadband technology plan has been developed by BCRC to help ensure that planned telecommunication improvements meet the needs of area businesses and residents. Rex Burke has been working on broadband planning and Jim Sullivan has been involved in most other economic development initiatives; the Commission's new director of the sustainable community development program will be very involved in all of these efforts.

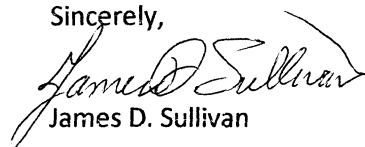
Town Plans and Bylaws: The BCRC has provided on-call technical assistance on land use and related regulatory issues to most towns and villages in the region this year. We also have helped several towns prepare applications for municipal planning grants to fund special plan and bylaw projects. New and/or updated plans, bylaws, and maps were completed for Stamford, Woodford, Dorset, and Sunderland. Staff attended meetings in Rupert, Dorset, Landgrove, Peru, and Pownal to gain more information about the particular planning needs being felt in those communities; we will meet with all of the towns and villages by the end of this year. Jim Sullivan, Rex Burke, and Jim Henderson all have provided plan and bylaw support to member municipalities.

Development (Act 250) Reviews: The BCRC reviews land use projects of "regional significance" that come before the District Environmental Commission (Act 250). Among the projects reviewed were the new/relocated library in Manchester, the replacement of the hotel and restaurant at the summit of Mount Equinox with a visitor center, and the proposed Wal-Mart expansion in Bennington. The Commission supported all three projects, and worked with the developer and Agency of Transportation to ensure that the Wal-Mart project would include a roundabout to alleviate traffic congestion on Northside Drive. Jim Sullivan provides staff support to the BCRC's project review committee.

Solid Waste: The BCRC provides a variety of solid waste related services to towns in the region, including: administering recycling programs, long-term planning, organizing household hazardous waste collections, and activities designed to implement solid waste plans. These services are particularly important since the region has no solid waste district. Michael Batchner and Collette Galusha ensure that solid waste efforts meet local needs.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you during another productive year. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


James D. Sullivan
Director

Integrated Solid Waste Application Program

The ISWAP Towns (Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Rupert, Sandgate and Sunderland) continue to contract with the Bennington County Regional Commission for the management of Household Hazardous Waste and Conditionally Exempt Generator Waste collection events. Proper collection and disposal of these materials protects the environment and public health and safety. This year, one event was held in Arlington and another in Dorset. A total of 308 households and two businesses from the six towns attended the events.

In addition to household hazardous and conditionally exempt generator waste, the 2011 events included collection and free disposal and recycling of electronics and Freon-containing appliances. Residents of the participating towns recycled their computers, televisions, refrigerators, freezers and fluorescent light bulbs at these events. The Vermont E-Cycling program, initiated in 2011 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 that employ 10 or fewer individuals. Free collection locations have been located throughout the state and operate year-round. Other electronic devices are also accepted at these locations, though there may be a fee to dispose of those items.

To comply with state requirements, the Towns of Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury and Sunderland implement actions identified in the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) . This plan was approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in 2008 and will need to be updated once the state solid waste plan is finalized. BCRC is under contract to the eight towns to implement actions identified in the SWIP.

BCRC continues to assist the ISWAP Towns with various solid waste and hazardous waste issues, and manages the financial aspects of recycling at the Northshire and Sunderland Transfer Stations on behalf of the Towns.

Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center
An Invitation to Serve
Town of Sunderland Report 2011

Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), part of the Corporation for National and Community Service – Senior Corps, is a nation-wide program for people age 55 and older who wish to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. Through meaningful and significant use of their skills and knowledge, they offer their volunteer service to non-profit and community organizations.

For 39 years RSVP in Bennington County has been helping local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and placing volunteers to meet community needs. Volunteer Center offers the same involvement to community-minded people under age 55. Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center serves as a clearinghouse of opportunities and we view people, especially seniors, as our most valuable resource. We work hard to ensure that volunteers contribute their time, energy and skills to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Bennington County.

Bone Builders (osteoporosis prevention exercise classes), Seniors for Schools & America Reads (helping young students read), and TeleCare (calling homebound elders) are three of the important programs RSVP sponsors in Bennington County. Our volunteers continually address community concerns such as health and independent living for elders, literacy, emergency preparedness and the needs of lower-income citizens.

In and around Sunderland RSVP volunteers served thousands hours last year at the AARP Tax Aide Program, the Sunderland Elementary Schools, Senior meals program, Southwestern VT Medical Center Hospital, Meals on Wheels and The Green Mountain Express, RSVP Bone Builders and The Martha Canfield Library. Throughout Bennington County 287 volunteers gave 31,788 hours of service last year to 87 different organizations.

It is the generosity of the voters of Sunderland that allows RSVP to continue these excellent programs that benefit so many Sunderland residents.

Respectfully Submitted: Patricia M. Palencsar, Executive Director

BROC

Community Action in Southwestern Vermont
Since 1965

December 19, 2011

To the Citizens of the Town of Sunderland and Members of the Selectboard,

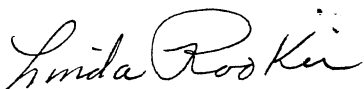
BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Sunderland who have supported our agency at town meeting over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 26 individuals in the Town of Sunderland. In addition, BROC weatherized the homes of 7 individuals through our Energy Conservation & Weatherization program and installed solar panels for hot air or hot water on the homes of 2 individuals through the Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers grant. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with economic instability and continuing rise in prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$300.00.

Sincerely,



Linda G. Rooker
Executive Director

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As the need arose, Burdett added programming in 2011. We now offer an after school program for grades 6 through 8. This 3-hour period week days from 3-6PM provides an offering of a variety of experiences such as theatre, crafts, cooking, photography, and community service as well as a time for completing homework. We are pleased to have established a collaborative with 4-H for two days of this after school program.

For adults, we have offered an adult craft workshop the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month. This has been well attended and volunteers lead the workshops. Participants pre-register for the workshops as there are often class size limits.

We continue to support the S.A.S.S.I.E.S under our 501 (c) (3) status though they are independent in establishing their program.

Burdett sponsored a Summer Market at the Community House last summer and plans to continue this in 2012. Vendors donate a percentage of their daily sales to Burdett.

Our director, Amy Caples, continues to work with youth and offered a teen retreat, sponsored by the Southshire Partnership at Camp Ondawa in September. This retreat allowed middle school students to explore issues that are important to them as well as focus on healthy living. In collaboration with the Arlington School District, Amy applied for and received State grants for the OVX(Our Voices Exposed, a high school program) and VKAT(Vermont Kids Against Tobacco, a middle school program). These grants are aimed at promoting youth understanding of healthy life styles and making healthy choices.

Our Fall Haunted Walk and/or House involves a large number of youth and a dedicated group of adults. It has become an annual community event and fundraiser. Monthly youth events are part of our program also. A special thanks to Leonard Caples, Amy's husband, and others who have given numerous volunteer hours to our youth programs through chaperoning.

We appreciate our faithful volunteers and welcome others to join us. If you would like to be involved with an effort and mission to build community by baking, chaperoning, leading a craft, helping with maintenance projects, or serving on our board, please leave a message with Amy at 375-6515 or e-mail us at burdettcommons@yahoo.com. "Many hands make light work", and in the case of Burdett activities, helps build and maintain a sense of community which we believe is an important legacy for our youth. We thank everyone who supported us in 2011 through our annual fund drive and through giving of time and/or goods. Thank you also to the Arlington Community Club for providing space for us to call home and to hold many of our activities.

We continue to maintain our website, www.arlingtonactivityevents.org , for all our area non profits. Please e-mail or call us to have your organization's activity/event or write-up posted on our web page and/or calendar. We believe this service can help coordinate area events to maximize the success for our groups. As soon as you have dates & times, contact us for posting.

As we move through 2012, we will continue to try to discern community needs and serve to meet those needs as best we can. We welcome and value your input.

Burdett Board of Directors

Center for Restorative Justice Annual Report

This past year has been one of growth and refinement for the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ): growth in some exciting new programming and refinement in improving our ability to help at-risk youth. Along with our many programs for adolescents such as Court Diversion, Juvenile Restorative Probation Program, Street Checker Program, Pre-Charge Programs, and Teen Alcohol Safety Program, CRJ has expanded its work with young children as well as adults.

With young children, CRJ now is focusing efforts to address truancy issues. This past year CRJ worked with students as young as second grade, whose chronic truancy issues were keeping them from being successful in school. One example of CRJ's effective new programming is the case of one young student who was referred to CRJ with an excess of 50 tardy and truant days. After CRJ began working with the student and family in the spring, the student was tardy only one day for the remainder of the school year.

CRJ expanded its programming with adults this past year as well. In September, CRJ took over the coordination of Bennington County's Reparative Probation Program. This program is for individuals who have been sentenced to probation by Criminal Court with one of their probation conditions to attend a Reparative Panel and complete conditions set by trained community volunteers. Another expansion of adult services is a new reentry program for young adults returning to the community from incarceration. This new reentry program uses a Circle of Support and Accountability (COSA), where community volunteers commit to supporting an individual for at least one year on a weekly basis, to become a successful, productive citizen.

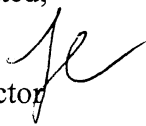
CRJ also refined its work with at-risk youth and now uses the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (better known as the YASI) to help inform case managers of important risks, needs, strengths and protective factors facing adolescent clients. This information is helping shape more meaningful and effective restorative contracts.

In closing, it is important to note, our positive impact and programmatic success would not be possible if it were not for the many dedicated CRJ community volunteers. Over fifty volunteers work with CRJ in one of our many programs and commit to over 1,000 volunteer hours each year. Anyone who is interested in learning more about ways to volunteer with CRJ, please visit our website at www.bcrj.org.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leitha Cipriano
CRJ Executive Director





SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Report to the Citizens of Sunderland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided to elders in Sunderland over the past year:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 895 meals that were delivered to the homes of 6 elders in your community; this service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing shelf-stable meals to Meals on Wheels participants and other vulnerable elders in your community to use in emergency situations. 18 Sunderland elders came together at one or more of the luncheon sites in your area to enjoy the good company of others; 562 meals were provided to this group over the past year.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA Case Management staff worked with 12 elders in Sunderland, helping with problem solving, applications, and related programs for example; Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. They also helped elders connect with in-home assistance programs, such as the Choices for Care Medicaid Waiver, which is the State’s long term care service. This program was especially helpful to frail elders who wanted to stay at home rather than to go into a nursing home.

Other:

Council on Aging services also included: 1) Medicare and health benefit counseling; 2) Our “Senior HelpLine” staff toll free at 1-800-642-5119 to provide telephone help to elders and others who needed information on available programs and support; 3) Legal assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by the Council’s contracted Registered Dietician; 5) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 6) Assistance to elders dealing with mental health issues through the Elder Care Clinician program provided by your local community mental health organization. 7) Your coordination of transportation services; 8) Community Development assistance; creating community partnerships to help make your town a better place for older persons to have a good quality of life, and 9) Caregiver support and information, including Alzheimer/Dementia respite grants to family members and others who provide valuable support to elders in need of care.

Please note:

Individual elders may also call upon SVCOA as an additional resource with any issue/concern that may be due to Tropical Storm Irene.



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Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 7, 2011

Green Up Day celebrated 41 years in 2011! Mother Nature gave us all the reprieve of a beautiful weekend for Greening Up in the midst of a record-setting wet spring. A strong sense of community spirit continues to inspire volunteers to come out and do their part in cleaning up every corner of our lovely state!

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the importance of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2012, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

Martha Canfield Library Town Report for year 2011

2011 has been a busy year at your Library, with more items borrowed than ever before. The biggest project we undertook was the reorganization of space in the Library to use the space more efficiently and add a new Youth Room. We still have a little more work to do to finish the office area and add some study carrels. All of this was funded by a donor in honor of her parents.

We completed several other special projects outside the regular budget thanks to some grants and donations. We were able to add 10 new computers for access to the internet, thanks to a donation from Mack Molding. And, thanks to a challenge grant from the Vermont Country Store, and all of your gifts to help match that, we upgraded our library catalog so you can now check it from home. Just click on the "Library Catalog" icon on our new web page, redesigned thanks to Marc Evans for his technical expertise, and to Martha Folsom and Mark Hyde for design and layout. Check it out at marthacanfieldlibrary.org. In addition, an eVermont Broadband grant provided us with digital equipment for preserving the historical materials in the Russell Collection and with presenters to give workshops on computer skills and genealogy skills. And, last but not least, The Tool Factory, in Sunderland, donated a digital camera and a Flip video camera.

We were saddened by the death of former trustee and long-time volunteer and book sale coordinator Marge Hanson. Her energy and enthusiasm is missed by many of us.

A volunteer group of Library Friends got together to help with fundraising, including the weekend book sale at Fisher School in August, a bake sale, and wish list displays for the front desk. They also organized the Anniversary Celebration/Open House in May to mark our fifteenth year in the new building. These fund-raising efforts helped to offset unexpected expenses not included in our regular operating budget, such as a new barcode scanner to replace the one that died and "no parking" signs to keep the front steps clear for pedestrians and emergency vehicles. The Board works hard to try to keep expenses down as much as possible, in spite of increases in utility costs, and still improve the level of service to our community.

And so, we look forward to another year of working toward creating the best library we can for everyone. Especially important are your suggestions, ideas, and financial help and we thank you for all you do for your Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Skidmore, Director
Martha Folsom, Board President

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THE TUTORIAL CENTER

The Tutorial Center is now celebrating our 40th anniversary of helping the region's children and adults achieve educational, career, and life success! Please accept our thank you for your many years of support for our work. It matters.

Reaching our 40th anniversary, we are proud to be Vermont's most comprehensive educational support center, and a national model for what a community education center can do for its community. This year, we have been recognized for our performance at the United States Conference on Adult Literacy in Houston, Texas. In addition, our exciting Youth Agriculture Project was featured at the National Dropout Prevention Conference as a research-based best practice in working with at-risk youth.

But we are not resting on our laurels. This past year we opened a terrific new learning center in Manchester in the historic Bourn Brook Schoolhouse, right down the street from our old center on Richville Road. With a fully-equipped computer learning lab and high-speed network, the historic "old school" has certainly gone "new school"! In this new setting, we are offering an expanded lineup of services including SAT/ACT prep to help college-seeking students improve their chances for successful college acceptance, as well as high-quality computer skills and digital arts instruction for adults wanting to hone their skills for work or fun.

Progress has also continued at our Bennington learning center, where 65 learners earned their high school credential – including an all-time high 18 young adults who succeeded via our innovative High School Completion program for ages 16-21.

The Tutorial Center continues to garner international exposure. Executive Director Jack Glade was a U.S. Delegate to the 4th Social Enterprise World Forum, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in April 2011. This event showcases the "best practices" of leading nonprofit organizations internationally. Jack provided program development guidance to international literacy organizations based on his experience at The Tutorial Center.

Despite the still-struggling economy, families and schools turned to us for support at remarkable levels this past year: area children and young adults received 6,696 hours of tutoring in subjects from beginning reading to college coursework! In addition, 331 adult learners were enrolled in literacy and adult education classes and received 15,211 hours of FREE instruction.

This is what your town funding supports. We thank you, and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Glade, Executive Director

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING TOWN OF SUNDERLAND SUMMARY REPORT

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

In FY'11 (Oct. 2010-Sept.2011) VCIL responded to over **2,183** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **400** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 29 peers were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL assisted **191** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible and provided **230** individuals with assistive technology. **556** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '11, **1** residents of **Sunderland** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels Program (MOW)
(over \$1,400.00 spent on meals for residents)

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



Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2011 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 comprised of 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 140 other municipal entities, including villages 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, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to more than 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 23 workshops and 25 on-site training sessions that attracted more than 1,600 people. Handbooks produced by MAC may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model policies and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2012 legislature, assuring that they have the financial resources and authority to recover from the effects of tropical storm Irene.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The substantial municipal damages resulting from Tropical Storm Irene made the value of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** to all our members painfully clear, as members benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2010 for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

Legislative Report for the Sandgate, Arlington, Sunderland, & West Rupert District
Rep. Cynthia Browning, January 2012

I write this report in January, and much may have changed by the time of Town Meetings, but I will provide a snapshot of the situation at this time and then an update in March.

The effects of Irene on our roads, bridges, rivers, homeowners, businesses, and farms will certainly dominate the legislative session, along with the work to balance another difficult state budget. We must assist those families and towns still struggling to recover and work to minimize or prevent future flood and erosion damage through better management of roads and rivers. In his new Budget Governor Shumlin has proposed increasing Town Highway assistance for the first time in years, and also adding funding for urgent state transportation projects and replacing reduced Federal funding for programs like low income fuel assistance. He proposes to balance this budget without raising “broad based taxes” – his reference to income taxes and the sales tax. This will probably mean higher fees for things like professional licensing, the use of one time revenue sources, and crossed fingers hoping that the economy recovers so that overall tax revenues increase within the framework of the existing rates.

In my opinion a problem with one aspect of the Governor’s proposals is that actions taken last year and continued this year will mean that the transfer of state funds into the Education Fund will be smaller than it otherwise would have been by some \$27 million. This means that property tax rates will be higher than they otherwise would have been. I think that this is an increase in a “broad based tax”. While it is correct that local school boards must keep the growth in their budgets under control, if the state continues this reduction in its contribution to the Ed Fund it will be impossible to moderate the increases in our property tax rates going forward.

The new Green Mountain Care Board is working on Health Reform. The first issue will be how to keep the Health Benefits Exchange as flexible and open as possible, so that uninsured and underinsured Vermonters can receive federal tax credits to make health insurance more affordable. There is as yet little reliable information about the benefits, costs, and financing of the proposed future state run insurance system that is called Green Mountain Care. I will endeavor to ensure that any reforms ultimately undertaken are effective and sustainable.

Our state tax code should be simpler, more efficient, and more equitable. Effective tax reform could lower income and sales tax rates by eliminating deductions, credits, and exemptions that can create inequities and inefficiencies and put upward pressure on the rates. If this were linked to budget reforms, so that all state expenditures and programs had performance goals and evidence based standards, we could make real progress towards a system of state government that fulfills basic functions effectively, reliably, and sustainably.

The merger of Green Mountain Power and Central Vermont Public Service will result in the control of 70% to 80% of the electricity in Vermont by Gaz Metro, a large, Canadian, for-profit corporation. This entity will also have significant influence over our entire electrical transmission system, and it will have a monopoly of natural gas distribution. It may be difficult for Vermont regulators to exercise enough control over such a powerful entity. If there is to be such a merger, this may be our only opportunity to impose conditions to protect rate-payers, to ensure public control of the transmission system, to protect energy conservation and efficiency, and to protect our environment. I am working to figure out how to influence this unfolding regulatory process as a legislator. The interests of Vermonters should come first.

The re-drawing of legislative districts is under way based on the new census numbers. Since the northwest part of the state has grown the most, the districts in our area generally have to get

geographically bigger or migrate northward in order to incorporate the required number of people. This re-apportionment will not be final until the end of the session, but right now a variety of changes to this district have been discussed. I have done my best to represent the interests of the current district constituents in this discussion, but this process is decidedly not under my control. The section of West Rupert may be removed and reunited with the rest of Rupert in the Pawlet district to the north, or it may stay with this district. The Town of Stratton may be added to maintain compliance with the population requirement. This district also could be combined with the Shaftsbury district to make a big district with two representatives elected at large, or otherwise cut up to solve various problems. I will continue to fight unreasonable changes.

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. I can be reached at 802.375.9019 or cynthiab@sover.net , or PO Box 389, Arlington, VT 05250. I continue to hold legislative office hours every Saturday morning at Chauncey's Restaurant on Rte. 7A in Arlington from 8 to 9:30 am.

