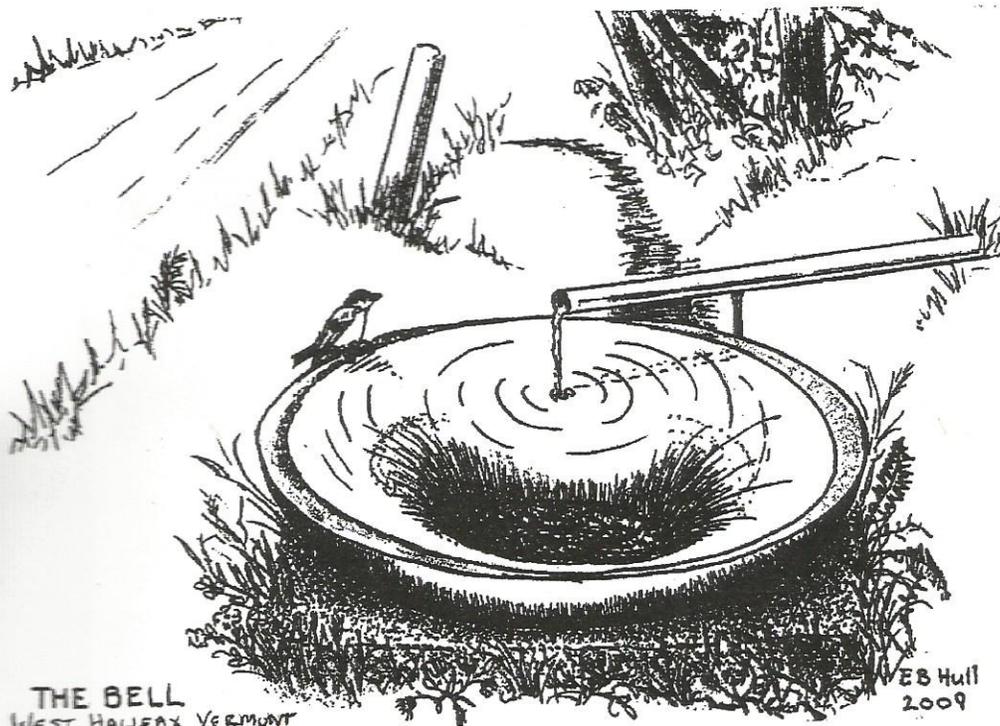


ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013



THE BELL
WEST HALIFAX VERMONT

Drawn by Elizabeth B. Hull

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 4, 2014
(Please bring this report with you)

Informational Meeting and Meet the Candidates
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Halifax Multipurpose Room

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DEDICATION

This town report is being dedicated to everyone who worked on and contributed to the writing and publication of the Halifax History Books, *Born in Controversy* Vol. 1 and *Hills and Hollows* Vol. 2. These books are a valuable snapshot into the history of our beautiful Town of Halifax.

These two books contain many stories, pictures and history of days gone by. Committee members worked over the last 20 years to create these two books. The work involved research, writing, design and layout. The Halifax Historical Society is devoted to preserving overall traditions, artifacts and to documenting the history of Halifax.



Photo Laura Sumner

From left: Stephen Sanders, Mariette Sanders, Carrie Perna, Molly Stone, Susan Rustin, Constance Lancaster, Bernice Barnett, and Elaine Fairbanks

This picture depicts the committee members at work in the meeting room at the Town Clerk's Office. The committee members include Stephen Sanders, Mariette Sanders, Carrie Perna, Molly Stone, Susan Rustin, Constance Lancaster, Bernice Barnett and Elaine Fairbanks. On behalf of the Town of Halifax, we dedicate this town report to all of you and all your efforts in creating these two History Books.

Thank you

UPCOMING EVENTS !!!

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Sunday, March 9, 2014

Check with the Town Clerk to see if your pooch is up to date with Rabies Vaccinations

HALIFAX FIRE STATION

246 Branch Road, Halifax, Vermont

Hours 9-12

AVAILABLE VACCINATIONS

RABIES VACCINATIONS \$30.00

CANINE COMBO \$30.00

(Distemper, Adenovirus, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Pertusis & Lyme)

FELINE COMBO \$30.00

(Rhinotracheitis, Distemper, Leukemia, & 2 Calci virus)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO H.R.A.C.

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT

LOOK FOR US IN MAY !!

Two Drop Locations:

Halifax School, 246 Branch Rd., Halifax, VT

&

Lane Plumbing and Heating 10 Adams Dr., Wilmington, VT

Accepted Items Include:

TVs/VCRs/DVD players

Cell Phones/Home Phones

Fax/Copy Machines/Printers

Video Games and Systems

Computers/Parts/Accessories

Wires/Plugs/Drives/Cards

Camera/Video Equipment

Speakers/Audio Equipment

Benefits Halifax School

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
MEETING DATES AND TIMES
www.halifaxvermont.com
email: halifax@myfairpoint.net

Town Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Reminder: Dog Licenses are due on or before April 1st. A current rabies certification is required.

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)

Board of Selectmen 1st & 3rd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 6:30 P.M.

School Directors 1st Wednesday, monthly
At School Library, 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission 2nd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Commission Meets as necessary

Broadband Committee 2nd Wednesday, monthly
At Town Office, 6:30 P.M.

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office	368-7390	Patricia Dow
Lister's Office	368-2080	
Highway Garage	368-2803	
Halifax Elementary School	368-2888	
Zoning Administrator	368-7033	Richard Gay
Health/Sewage Officer	451-9363	Susan Kelly, DVM
First Constable	368-7654	Leonard Derby
Road Commissioner	368-2803	Bradley Rafus
Treasurer/Tax Collector	368-7390	Patricia Dow

Non-Emergency Contact Information

First Constable	452-2737	Pager (Leonard Derby)
	368-7654	Home (Leonard Derby)
Second Constable	368-2948	Home (Roy Richardson)
State Police	254-2382	
Fire Department	368-7673	

Emergency Numbers

Fire Rescue Ambulance Halifax EMS 911

Warning Annual Town Meeting March 4, 2014

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Elementary School in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at ten (10:00 A.M.) o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect by Australian Ballot all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote for the following Town Officers:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>
Town Moderator	One year
Selectman	Three years
Town Clerk	Three years
Town Treasurer	Three years
Lister	Three years
Auditor	Three years
First Constable	One year
Second Constable	One year
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	One year
Trustee of Public Funds	Three years
Town Agent	One year
Town Grand Juror	One year
Cemetery Commissioner	Three years

ARTICLE 2: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following question, with the polls being open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.:

Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax adopt the amended Town Plan, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4385 (c)?

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes for the Town and Town School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2014 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2014 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed 5% of the general and highway fund budget to cover unanticipated revenue shortfall and to pay non-recurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses, to be funded with any budget surplus from the current fiscal FY14 year in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804(a)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will apply any budget surplus beyond 5% of the general and highway fund budget from the current fiscal year FY14 to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year FY15.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,364,275 of which \$1,166,275 shall be raised by taxes and \$198,000 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the 2015 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$13,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for the 2015 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 total for the First and/or Second Constable salary and basic operating expenses as they exercise the powers enumerated in 24 V.S.A. § 1936a (b) or enforce civil ordinances if so directed by the Selectboard, for the 2015 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 total to supplement the First and/or Second Constable salary and basic operating expenses if they are actively attending the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (Police Academy) towards becoming appropriately certified, or have completed the training from VCJTC and are certified constables with full law enforcement authority, for the 2015 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund a new position of part-time Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard to start during FY15.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town elect two additional Selectboard members for terms of one year each pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2650(b), effective the 2015 Halifax annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Halifax Community Club for upkeep and maintenance of the historic building at 20 Brook Rd. W. Halifax, VT.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will forgive the loan given to the Halifax Historical Committee under the auspices of the Halifax Historical Society for the expenses concerning the gathering of information, research, obtaining ISBN numbers, other miscellaneous expense, publishing and printing the History of the Town, which has now been completed in a two set volume, *Born in Controversy, History of Halifax, Vermont*, and *Hills and Hollow, History of Halifax, Vermont, Volume 2*.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry, an organization whose mission is to see that no one in the area goes needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care.

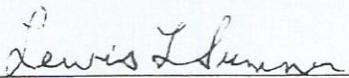
ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of:

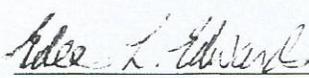
\$ 200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 250	Windham Child Care Bookmobile Program
\$ 190	RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Windham County
\$ 750	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200	Youth Services
\$ 50	Green Up Vermont
\$ 250	American Red Cross
\$ 790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$ 500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$ 1,900	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.
\$ 3,500	Whitingham Free Public Library
\$ 4,000	Halifax EMS
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

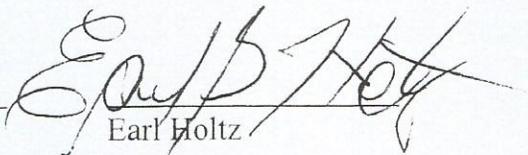
ARTICLE 17: Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the auditors' report to the voters of the town in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report itself in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a). The notice of availability shall be given via postcard at least 30 days before the annual meeting. The report shall be available at the Town Clerk's Office at least 10 days prior to town meeting.

ARTICLE 18: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 31st day of January A.D. 2014.


Lewis Sumner


Edee Edwards


Earl Holtz

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont

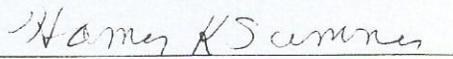
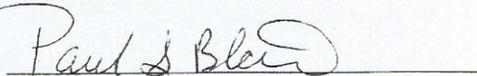
**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

MARCH 4, 2014

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town School District Meeting in said Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The Annual Town School District Meeting is called at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) for the purpose of voting on Article I. All other Articles to be taken up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

- ARTICLE I: To elect all Halifax School District officers to be elected at the Annual Town School District meeting and to fill all vacancies.
(Australian Ballot Polls open at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)
- ARTICLE II: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District appropriate \$1,467,122 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2014?
- ARTICLE III: To see if the Halifax School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE IV: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 26th day of January 2014.

School Directors

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
 OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
 MARCH 4, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

<p>For <u>Town Moderator</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA A. PUSEY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LAURA SUMNER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Selectman</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LEWIS L. SUMNER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Town Grand Juror</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>WILLIAM H. PUSEY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Town Clerk</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA DOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Town Agent</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DORA GREEN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Town Treasurer</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA DOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Trustees of Public Funds</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>HOWARD H. SMITH <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Lister</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PHYLLIS H. EVANUK <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Cemetery Commissioner</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CLIFTON J. INMAN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Auditor</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SARAH BARNETT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>School District Moderator</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA A. PUSEY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>First Constable</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LEN DERBY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>School Board</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL G. BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Second Constable</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ROY RICHARDSON <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>School Board</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>KIMBERLY R. TEFFT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF HALIFAX
HALIFAX, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2014

Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax adopt the amended
Town Plan, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 4385 (c)?

If in favor of adopting the
Amended Town Plan, make a
cross (X) in this square:



If opposed to adopting the
Amended Town Plan, make a
Cross (X) in this square:



Selectboard Proposed Budget FY15 (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY13	Spent FY13	Budget FY14	Proposal FY15
6100 Total	Wages*	\$59,025	\$54,625	\$85,387	\$52,820
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	\$13,325	\$1,480	\$13,005	\$9,448
9700 Subtotal Town	Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec.- Town	\$7,500	\$24,796	\$7,500	\$8,565
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses*	\$14,550	\$14,237	\$43,046	\$28,800
6270 Total	Town Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,120	\$2,500	\$2,500
6300 Total	Professional Services	\$10,500	\$13,993	\$10,500	\$13,500
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	\$4,100	\$4,348	\$4,090	\$4,650
6450 Total	Bridges*	\$10,000	\$996,320	\$30,000	\$204,500
6570 Total	Cemeteries	\$5,000	\$3,296	\$5,000	\$5,000
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	\$12,350	\$13,372	\$13,560	\$30,785
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses*	\$13,360	\$19,316	\$14,750	\$12,527
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	\$8,000	\$23,390	\$19,500	\$7,000
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1	\$1
6850 Total	Insurance	\$25,309	\$6,545	\$34,306	\$37,064
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees		\$77	\$100	\$100
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	\$195,519	\$1,187,914	\$283,245	\$417,260
9300 Total	Reappraisal				\$25,000
Total 7475	Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share)	\$21,395	\$17,368	\$54,550	\$15,000
	Municipal Subtotal	\$216,914	\$1,205,282	\$337,795	\$491,396
	Paid by Eames Fund	\$3,500	\$3,291	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Fees & Interest Earned	\$28,000	\$26,122	\$19,000	\$34,000
	Other Funding (FEMA, Reval.)		\$1,914,491		\$12,000
	Total Municipal	\$185,414		\$315,795	\$442,396
	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	\$703,918	\$1,373,005	\$582,668	\$723,879
	Total SB and Highway	\$889,332	\$164,432	\$898,463	\$1,166,275

*Irene Expenses FY13	
6150	EOC Project Manager*
6151	EOC Procurement Manager*
6100	Irene EOC Wages
6262	EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp*
6263	Ads & Legal Notices - SRA*
6250	Irene Town Office Expenses
6454	Bridge Construction - SRA*
6450	Irene Bridge Expenses
6740	Storm Debris Removal (SRA)*
6700	Irene Environmental Expenses
7431	Gravel & Stone (SRA)
7461	Resurfacing (SRA)
7400	Irene Road Supplies & Contractors
	Total Irene Spend: SB and Highway