

**APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**For the Year 2013**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Edee Edwards
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, VICE CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SECRETARY (1 yr)	Jessica Bruno
HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (4 yrs)	Margaret Stoltzman – Term Expires 2016 Sirean LaFlamme - Term Expires 2017 Brian McNeice - Term Expires 2014 William Pusey - Term Expires 2015 John Brimmer – Term Expires 2016
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (4 yrs)	Sirean LaFlamme - Term Expires 2017 Margaret Stoltzman – Term Expires 2016 Brian McNeice - Term Expires 2015 William Pusey - Term Expires 2014 John Brimmer – Term Expires 2016
ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 yr)	Brad Rafus
TREE WARDEN (1 yr)	Ross Barnett
POUND KEEPER (1 yr)	Leonard Derby, Sr.
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER (1 yr)	William H. Pusey, Jr.
REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ON AGING (1 yr)	
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr)	Margaret Bartenhagen Nick Bartenhagen
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	Richard Gay - Term Expires 2016
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	Rick Mirucki - Term Expires 2015
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (1 yr)	Clifton Inman
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES	Lewis Sumner
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr)	Allan Dacey Andrew Rice Lewis Sumner
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Wayne Courser - Term Expires 2013
E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Greg Marguet – Term Expires 2013
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Taralee Lane
GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr)	John LaFlamme
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr)	Ross Barnett
HEALTH/SEWAGE OFFICER (1 yr)	Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M.
CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (1 yr)	Leonard Derby, Sr.
ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr)	Tristan Roberts
NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD	<i>Brattleboro Reformer</i> <i>Deerfield Valley News</i>
SELECTMEN'S MEETING DATES	Bi-Monthly on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 P.M. at Town Office

Persons interested in an appointed position, please give your name to the Select Board or the Town Clerk. Nominations and appointments are awarded during the first and second Select Board meetings after Town Meeting.

**Town of Halifax**  
**Selectboard Report for FY 2013**

The Halifax Selectboard had another very busy year in Fiscal Year 2013, which ran from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, with 62 meetings, drills, or training, totaling somewhat over 150 hours in meetings alone.

**Finance:** Tropical Storm Irene continued to take a fair amount of time and effort as bridge repairs were nearly finalized, and money was being recouped. Again this year's report will reflect those costs. We were fortunate the Hurricane Sandy spared us in October 2012.

**Infrastructure:** By the end of the fiscal year, Reed Hill and Deer Park Road Bridges, 2 of the 3 remaining Irene-damaged bridges were repaired and re-opened. (Hale Road bridge followed just a week prior to Irene's 2<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary in August 2013.) The regularly scheduled repaving on Green River Road between Hatch School and Ballou Mountain Rd was pushed into the next fiscal year, finishing in August also. We continued with engineering work for repairs on Old County Road North (regular bridge work).

**Equipment:** In late December 2012, our tandem snowplow truck was destroyed in a fire, leaving us down a machine in the midst of the winter plowing season. We replaced the truck, in part with insurance proceeds, and bought the burned truck as salvage. Re-using as much of the equipment as possible, we then upgraded our planned replacement of Truck #3 to be a second tandem truck, which will allow for more efficient service out to longer roads such as Jacksonville Stage and Green River Road.

**Services:** In January 2013, the Whitingham Ambulance Service Inc. (WASI) reported challenges in meeting state requirements including staffing. After discussing the options, in May 2013, the Selectboard had contracted with Deerfield Valley Rescue to serve the majority of the town, as WASI ceased operations and dissolved as an entity. Rescue, Inc, continues to serve the Thomas Hill portion of town, which is accessed through Guilford and Marlboro. Thanks are due to volunteers from all corners!

**People:** Due to challenges in meeting a quorum, the Selectboard by resolution changed the size of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment to be 5-person boards. We are very much indebted to the many neighbors who serve in appointed and elected positions, not to mention our volunteer-run organizations in the community.

The Selectboard encourages citizen involvement. **Please express your interest in appointed positions, listed in this Town Report. Some of these positions are compensated; many others are not.** Appointments are made by the new board in the first two meetings after Town Meeting. Join us at our regular or special meetings, and keep up to date at [www.halifaxvermont.com](http://www.halifaxvermont.com).

Edee Edwards, Chair

Lewis Sumner

Earl Holtz

## First Constable's Report

Another year has passed, 2013 behind us now. Our roads now in much better condition than last year. It was certainly a slow but steady recovery since Tropical Storm Irene passed through in 2011. With nearly all our bridges now replaced and the Green River road resurfaced, traffic, again, is able to flow more swiftly.

There has been a number of motor vehicle accidents around town, and several reports of excessive speed. Statistics show that the majority of these accidents were due to traveling too fast for road conditions resulting in loss of control and bodily injury. Always allow more time when driving in adverse weather, it's in everyone's best interest to arrive at your destination safe rather than not at all. Speeds will continue be monitored around town and the Vermont State Police will take note.

I have investigated reports of break-ins, vandalism, and theft, mainly secondary homes. In some cases have acquired the aid of the VSP. Neighbors need to remain vigilant, anything that seems out of place and not normal needs to be reported.

On the Animal Control issue, I have had a few wild animal cases where the animal appeared to have been diseased, with the assistance of the humane society, they were properly disposed of. Also, handled and solved issues of abandoned live-stock.

Again, there are dogs that have escaped license fees for the year 2013. These dog owners know who they are. Dogs need to be licensed and be current with rabbi shots. To avoid penalties, the cut- off date as always is April 1<sup>st</sup> of the ensuing year.

I can be reached by phone, or by pager but remember to record your number to enable me to get back to you. As a reminder, dial 911 to report any accident or situation that involves property damage or bodily injury.

## Emergency Medical Services

### **Halifax EMS**

Halifax EMS provide emergency first response services to the Town of Halifax. Our average response time is 7 minutes. Our members carry oxygen, medications, and medical equipment that can save lives, save limbs and improve the outcome of medical emergencies. Our members are licensed at two levels: EMT (emergency medical technician) and paramedic. EMTs have about one semesters training in anatomy, recognition of and treatment of life-threatening illness and injury. Paramedics have two years of training in anatomy, physiology, pathology, medications. Halifax has 2 paramedics and one finishing her paramedic during the spring of 2014.

Halifax EMS holds a license as an Advanced-Emergency Medical Technician level. This allows us to operate with advanced level drugs for the immediate treatment of cardiac problems and other life threatening health issues.

New laws governing EMS came into effect in January of 2014. As of that date, our EMTs and paramedics are both authorized to carry and administer a drug called "Narcan". Narcan will reverse the risks of a narcotic overdose. Our members are now authorized to carry EpiPens, which can reverse the life-threatening risks of an allergic reaction. Halifax EMS is always looking for new members or those interested in exploring a field in health care. We provide free training and help open doors to new educational opportunities. Visit our website at [www.HalifaxEMS.org](http://www.HalifaxEMS.org)

### **Whitingham Ambulance Service, Inc (WASI)**

After nearly 45 years of service in the community, Whitingham Ambulance Service shut down during the spring of 2013. The ambulance was donated to Deerfield Valley Rescue. All subscription funds were given to Deerfield Valley Rescue. The cash assets were divided evenly between Whitingham and Halifax.

### **Deerfield Valley Rescue (DVR)**

DVR now provides the transport services for most of Halifax. Like WASI, DVR is primarily a volunteer organization with a few staff members at their primary base in Wilmington. DVR depends on volunteers and contributions from the communities it serves to sustain. DVR's website is: <http://dvrescue.org>

### **Rescue Inc**

Rescue Inc provides transport services for Thomas Hill, Lucier Rd, Hale Rd, and Hosea Fisher Ln. They provide back up to some regions of the town as well. Rescue Inc has been facing internal challenges during the recent year. Their long-serving chief and assistant chief both stepped down this year. Labor disputes, staff changes and management flux have changed the organization. As of January 2014, Rescue still supported 15 towns in Vermont and New Hampshire. There are indications that one or more town may be withdrawing from the consortium that supports this organization. [www.RescueInc.org](http://www.RescueInc.org)

### **Colrain Ambulance**

Colrain Ambulance Service from over the line in Massachusetts is a key player in the matrix of transporting ambulances that provides support to our town. Colrain endeavoring to upgrade their license to paramedic level. Their website is: <http://colrain-ma.gov/boards/personnel-committee/11-news/bulletins/79-colrain-volunteer-ambulance-association-inc.html>

### **2013 Members**

Christina Moore (Chief, paramedic), Andrew Rice (Ass't Chief, EMT), Melissa Green (Capt, paramedic), Dora Green (EMT), Kathleen Sullivan (A-EMT), Chuck Putnam (EMT), Ross Barnett (EMT), Linda Lyon (EMT), Taiga Christie (EMT), Bill Moore (treasurer), Tim Putnam. *And you???*

HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE  
Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. The Committee approved several new loans in the past year, and several older loans have been paid off: we have served sixteen clients this year, with current loans amounting to \$141,587 in principal. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$168,173.64.

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair  
257-7982

Al Dacey  
257-5879

Don McKinley  
368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson  
464-5129

Patty Webster  
464-8153

Linda Donaghue  
368-2313

### Listers Report

2013 was a productive year for the Listers. We attended the annual Grand List Seminar in March where we find out about new rules and regulations, and any changes to the procedures we follow.

In June we received 8 grievance requests. Seven were settled after meeting with us, and one went on to the Board of Civil Authority. With our open door policy, we feel that this trend should continue. We encourage property owners to call, write, or stop in at the office whenever they have issues regarding their assessments rather than waiting for the formal grievance time.

We have been looking closely at the sales figures for properties and revisiting properties to insure that our assessed values more accurately reflect the market values.

We continue to update the property cards and map as subdivisions and sales warrant.

Charlene Martynowski

Joe Tamburrino

Phyllis Evanuk

Report from the  
Office of the Irene Recovery Administrator

Hurricane Irene

Hurricane Irene was a large and very destructive tropical cyclone which affected much of the Caribbean and East Coast of the US during the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season. Every water course in Halifax flooded causing extreme damage. Four town-owned bridges were destroyed by debris-filled and fast-moving water. Miles of town-owned road were destroyed. Details of the response and initial costs can be found in the Town of Halifax annual report printed in 2013. This report provides an update as of January 2014.

PW No	Working Name	Size	Cat	FEMA Est \$	Actual Expenses	Actual Revenue*
All Smalls	26 Small PWs Aggregated	Small	C	523,118.34	523,116.55	496,965.43
00073(2)	Green River Rd	Large	C	1,944,214.90	1,969,312.37	1,847,004.16
00971(3)	Deer Park Bridge - PERM	Large	C	466,209.00	530,335.93	377,629.29
01592(2)	Deer Park TEMP Bridge	Large	B	126,283.60	107,903.25	102,289.71
01730(3)	Reed Hill Bridge	Large	C	479,022.45	469,061.07	367,141.41
01880	Stowe Mtn Rd	Large	C	163,321.08	164,771.94	155,155.05
02037(1)	Brook Road	Large	C	197,113.17	198,024.73	187,257.51
02140(3)	Hale Road Bridge	Large	C	281,771.65	191,285.24	162,503.98
02259(1)	Collins & Branch Region	Large	C	98,453.57	98,550.07	93,530.89
02395(0)	Reed Hill ROAD	Large	C	73,695.79	73,838.06	70,011.00
03109(0)	Weir Rd (Weinburg) Rd Bridge	Large	C	94,666.18	94,630.65	89,932.87
				\$4,447,869.73	\$4,420,829.86	\$3,949,421.30

\*Note "Actual Revenue" is based on the January 27, 2014 value.

The term "PW" is FEMA means of referring to a reconstruction grant provided to the town.

"Small PWs" are governed by FEMA definitions. In 2011, a small "project" was less than \$67,000.

Construction Update

Deer Park Bridge – Permanent

During the 2013 construction season, the Town of Halifax finished building three bridges and removed one temporary bridge. The town let a contract to Cold River Bridges, LLC of Walpole NH to build the new Deer Park Bridge at the intersection of Deer Park Rd and Green River Rd. This bridge spans the Green River. The original bridge measured 49 feet x 16 feet. The bridge was one lane and had a wooden deck. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources required the span to be longer to follow their rules. They required a span that was 120% of the "full-bank width" of the stream. The town made a request of FEMA to extend the bridge 7'. This request was subsequently denied. In accordance with FEMA's policies, the town undertook two improvements to the bridge. First the town opted to use a concrete deck. Second, the town funded the bridge-length extension of 7'. The concrete deck was approximately the same initial cost while improving the life-span of the deck from a decade to four decades. The bridge construction terminated in May of 2013.

Deer Park Bridge – Temporary

The Town of Halifax rented a temporary bridge from the State of Vermont for \$120 per month. This temporary bridge provided a link between Deer Park Rd and Green River Rd. This bridge was removed by a state contractor after the permanent bridge was completed in June of 2013. Installation and removal services each approached \$50,000.

### Hale Rd Bridge

Hale Rd Bridge which sits very near the intersection of Halifax, Guilford, and Brattleboro is a large arched culvert. Renaud Brothers were awarded the contract to rebuild this bridge. Their work began and ended during the summer of 2013. Like the Deer Park Bridge, VT Agency of Natural Resources required a modest lengthening of this bridge to comply with their permit requirements. Yet through the finest hair splitting of administrative policy, FEMA approved the lengthening of this bridge because it more resembled a culvert than a bridge.

### Reed Hill Bridge

The Reed Hill Bridge spans the east branch of the North River and provide a direct connection between the West Halifax village post office and the paved roads of Collins, Branch, and Brook. Renaud Brothers won the bid to build this bridge. They completed their work during the fall of 2013.

### Legal Update

#### Deer Park Rd Bridge Appeal

The State of Vermont and FEMA have been embroiled in a debate about bridge length. FEMA denied funding for the lengthening of several bridges in the state where the added length was required to meet VT ANR permit requirements. As of January 2014, Halifax is the lead applicant in the administrative appeal on FEMA's policy. While a decision was due on 24 January 2014 from FEMA, none has been published. The value of the appeal to Halifax is under \$20,000. The value to the state is significantly higher as several bridges destroyed by Irene are tangled in this ruling.

### Funding Update

The Close-Out materials for all projects except Deer Park Bridge have been provided to the State of Vermont as of November of 2014. The Deer Park Bridge Close-Out material will submitted upon conclusion of the appeal. The town has received 95% of all available funding. The total cost of the disaster is \$4.44 million. The State of Vermont has agreed to provide Halifax grant funding sufficient such that our contribution is \$38,500 – 3% of our grant list in 2011.

The town is due \$471,409. The reimbursements will come in a couple of payments. The first payment will follow FEMA's final review of our Close-Out materials. We should see this payment before the 2014 town meeting. The last payment will follow after the appeal is complete and the Deer Park Bridge Close-Out book submitted and reviewed by both the State of Vermont and FEMA.

Stay prepared. Keep fresh water, dried/canned food on hand. Keep 3 days to a week of daily medications in stock. Care for yourselves and your neighbors. Next year's report should be the last report on Irene recovery. This report will provide a financial update as all construction projects are 100% complete.

Christina Moore  
Irene Recovery Administrator (Contractor)  
Town of Halifax

## Road Commissioners Report

Another year has come and gone, all the work from Irene is now complete. This past summer a full reclaim of the asphalt on Green River road included new culverts, fabric and gravel followed by new pavement, 80 % of this project was funded from a class two road grant.

This year's projects will included the Reconstruction of bridge 37 on Old County North rd, complete tree and stump removal on Deer Park and Whitneyville roads. Projects will also include ditching, grading and culvert replacement on various roads.

Bradley Rafus

Road Commissioner

## Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission Report 2013

The ZBA had only one public hearing in 2013. They reviewed and approved a Conditional Use permit to allow the addition of retail sales to an existing nursery wholesale business.

The Planning Commission approved one subdivision in October, but had a very busy year reviewing and updating the Town Plan. This was a huge task, and we gratefully acknowledge the efforts of present and past Planning Commissioners, and interested citizens who were instrumental in completing it. The last step in this process is for the voters to approve the plan.

While we did not get a grant to help with the Town Plan, we have been awarded a Municipal Planning Grant to assist us in updating the Zoning Regulations for the town which we will be doing in the next year. We look forward to public participation throughout the year, and invite citizens to come to our meetings and let us know what you would like to have included or excluded in these regulations. The Town Plan is a guide to the direction we would like to see our town take. It is an ever changing document that should be continually updated to meet the needs of the residents. The Zoning Regulations are the rules we need to adopt and follow in order to comply with the Town Plan.

Sirean LaFlamme, Chair  
ZBA

John Brimmer, Vice Chair  
ZBA & Planning Commission

## Report from Co-EMD's

This year there were two Vermont Yankee drills that required the EOC (emergency operations center) to be fully staffed, one in May and one in June. The June drill was evaluated by FEMA Halifax received high marks and passed with flying colors.

The following areas of improvement were noted but the Halifax staff:

1. Noise reduction during operation
2. Personnel organization during operation

There were no issues reported or noted by the FEMA representative.

A grant was received to help local communications with in the town. A repeater system was installed to improve communications, on the town's frequency and is up and operational.

We are currently working with the Red Cross to setup an emergency shelter for the town, the shelter will be at the Halifax school. Volunteers interested in helping with the first hours of operation, during an emergency as asked to contact either John or Ross

Weather/Emergency alert radios are still available upon request. These are free radios provided to the town by VEM through VY. Please contact one of us if you need one.

Several improvements have been made to the EOC over the last year including: a good cleaning, carpeting the floors, glass entry doors and the addition of 4 new laptops, a laser printer and Fairpoint broadband service. Also a conference table in the middle of the room. We expect to have a page on the Halifax web site in the next year.

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## Halifax Broadband Committee

The mission of the broadband committee has been expanded this year to include the town website and trying to expedite cell phone coverage and economic development in the town as well as broadband coverage.

By “economic development” we don’t mean encouraging strip malls in Halifax but rather, as encouraged in the Town Plan, seeing what can be done to make it easier for small home-based businesses in town to thrive.

The town Website has been redesigned with the help of a state grant. We encourage people to check it out at [www.halifaxvermont.com](http://www.halifaxvermont.com) and to give any feedback to the committee. There is a lot of information on the Web site, and selectboard and broadband committee agendas and meeting minutes are being posted in a timely manner.

At this point, we feel that the best way to encourage economic development in Halifax is to continue to press for universal broadband coverage, as it’s difficult in today’s world to run a business without it. Anyone with other ideas about how to encourage economic development may contact anyone on the committee. One idea is to work with Whitingham to establish a Farmers Market in Halifax that would provide an outlet for crafts as well as garden produce and maybe even meat.

FairPoint is slowly expanding its broadband DSL coverage throughout the town, but there are pockets that FairPoint will probably never reach. VTel has proposed a monopole on a site in Halifax center that is to provide service to 300 residents and business via 4G broadband. This is tentatively scheduled to be complete in 2014.

The West Halifax area has been designated as a Business Broadband Improvement District(BBID) by the Vermont Telecommunications Authority (VTA) and is planning on meeting with businesses, organizations and residents in the area during the February 2014 Broadband Committee meeting. VTA will be gathering information about how the groups in the District are using the Internet: what types of functions they rely on, and how that impacts the broadband capacity needed for the business.

Halifax is also participating in the VTA's “Vermont Cellular Resiliency Project”, to bring cellular service to the RT112 corridor through a Federal grant. The targeted site for the equipment is at the new town garage, with small radios mounted to the telephone poles along RT 112.

Gretchen Becker  
Earl B Holtz

Jessica Bruno

Curtis Caroll Emilie Poulin



**American Red Cross**  
 Vermont & the New Hampshire  
 Upper Valley Region

Down the street.  
 Across the country.  
 Around the world.™



December 16, 2013

Town of Halifax  
 Ms. Patricia Dow  
 PO Box 127  
 West Halifax, VT 05358-0127

Dear Ms. Dow,

The American Red Cross mission is to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever we are needed. The network of nearly 600 chapters of the Red Cross further our mandate in neighborhoods across the country by helping people prepare for, prevent and respond to emergencies. Chapter workers are on the ground in your community, thanks to the generosity of donors such as YOU.

Your town appropriation gift of \$250.00 on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 ensures a local Red Cross presence ready to offer a wide range of services in your area. The Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley Red Cross responds to house fires and other local emergencies, providing food, shelter and comfort to those in need. Health and safety courses in CPR, babysitting and water safety are offered—helping teach more than 9 million people each year to make communities safer. We educate people in crucial disaster preparedness tactics to bolster their readiness should emergency strike in their region. Our chapters serve military members and their families before, during and after deployment, and support wounded veterans throughout rehabilitation and return to civilian life. And vital blood donations are collected at chapter-hosted blood drives, supplying approximately 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country.

YOUR gift empowers the American Red Cross to provide these crucial, lifesaving services quickly and compassionately. Thank you for supporting your local Red Cross chapter. To learn more about your gift at work, visit [redcross.org/Vermont](http://redcross.org/Vermont) or call 1-800-660-9130. Please find enclosed a receipt that may be used for tax purposes.

Sincerely,

*Tamira Martel*

Tamira Martel  
 Chief Development Officer  
 Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley

*Frank Jones*

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**Brattleboro, VT 05301**  
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**[www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)**

Brattleboro Area Hospice provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. We develop, train, place and support volunteers. We provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. We are one of fewer than 200 volunteer hospices left in the United States. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long term care facility or some other location. Hospice volunteers organize and participate in round the clock vigils when the time is close and family can't be present. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

One hundred percent of our funding is local—we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. Your financial support helps to make this possible. We are grateful to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support which makes our work possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 3 Halifax residents. One Halifax resident served as a volunteer. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at [www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)