

ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
(Please bring this report with you)

Informational Meeting and Meet the Candidates  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Halifax Multipurpose Room

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY  
MEETING DATES AND TIMES  
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**Town Office Hours**

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

**Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)**

Board of Selectmen	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 6:30 P.M.
School Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, monthly At School Library, 7:00 P.M.
Planning Commission	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
Zoning Commission	Meets as necessary
Halifax Community Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, monthly At Community Club, 6:45 P.M. (winter meeting places TBD)

**Telephone Numbers**

Town Clerk's Office	368-7390	Patricia Dow
Town Clerk email:	<a href="mailto:halifax@myfairpoint.net">halifax@myfairpoint.net</a>	
Selectboard Administrative Assistant	368-2590	Robbin Gabriel
Admin Assistant email:	<a href="mailto:halifaxsecretary@gmail.com">halifaxsecretary@gmail.com</a>	
Lister's Office	368-2080	
Listers email:	<a href="mailto:halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net">halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net</a>	
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	380-1986	Andrew Rice
Road Commissioner	368-2803	Bradley Rafus
Treasurer/Tax Collector	368-7390	Patricia Dow

**Non-Emergency Contact Information**

First Constable	380-1986	Cell (Andrew Rice)
Constable email:	<a href="mailto:halifaxconstable@gmail.com">halifaxconstable@gmail.com</a>	
Second Constable	368-2948	Home (Roy Richardson)
State Police	254-2382	
Fire Department	368-7673	

**Emergency Numbers**

Fire	Rescue	Ambulance	Halifax EMS	911
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## Warning Annual Town Meeting March 1, 2016

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 1, 2016 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
Selectman	Two years
Lister	Two 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 elect by Australian ballot candidates for President of the United States, in the state-wide Presidential primary. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote by Australian ballot to approve the proposed revised zoning regulations.

ARTICLE 4: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 5: 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, 2016 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2016 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY16) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY17).

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,391,682 of which \$1,205,682 shall be raised by taxes and \$186,000 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY17.

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 FY17.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 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 FY17.

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 FY17.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote that the Selectboard appoint the first and second constable.

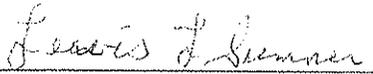
ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$4,000 to continue support of the Whitingham Free Public Library.

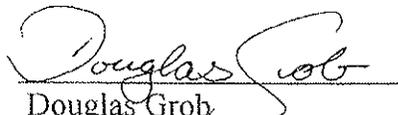
ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of:

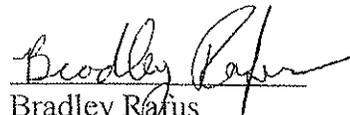
\$ 200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 250	Windham Child Care Bookmobile Program
\$ 190	RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Windham County
\$ 750	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200	Youth 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.
\$ 4,000	Halifax EMS
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

ARTICLE 14: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 26<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 2016.

  
Lewis Sumner

  
Douglas Grob

  
Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Halifax, Vermont

**WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

**MARCH 1, 2016**

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 1, 2016. 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 approve the School Board to expend \$1,474,535 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,414 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .9% lower than spending for the current year.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

STATE OF VERMONT)  
COUNTY OF WINDHAM)ss.  
On this 26 day of January, 2016, the  
Warning of the Annual Town School District Meeting  
was received by the Halifax Town Clerk.

Attest: Patricia (Dee)  
Town Clerk

Walter Sumner  
Paul D. B...  
Henry R. Telford

**School Directors**

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT  
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT  
MARCH 1, 2016

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.

For <u>Town Moderator</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE VICKI ALLEN..... Write-In	For <u>Second Constable</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE ROY G. RICHARDSON..... Write-In
For <u>Selectman</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE BRADLEY RAFUS..... Write-In	For <u>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE LAURA SUMNER..... Write-In
For <u>Selectman</u> , for 2 years Vote for not more than ONE MITCHELL GREEN..... Write-In	For <u>Town Constable</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE JOE TAMBURRINO..... Write-In
For <u>Lister</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE MARY L. BREWSTER..... Write-In	For <u>Town Agent</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE TINA L. BLAIS ..... DORA GREEN ..... Write-In
For <u>Lister</u> , for 2 years Vote for not more than ONE KATTIE RUSS..... Write-In	For <u>Trustee of Public Funds</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE STEVEN M. COHEN..... Write-In
For <u>Auditor</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE APRIL DUPUIS..... Write-In	For <u>Cemetery Commissioner</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE JEFF DEFOREST..... Write-In
For <u>First Constable</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE ANDREW RICE..... Write-In	For <u>School District Moderator</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE VICKI ALLEN..... Write-In
	For <u>School Director</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE HOMER "CHUM" SUMNER..... Write-In

Selectboard Proposed Budget FY17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)

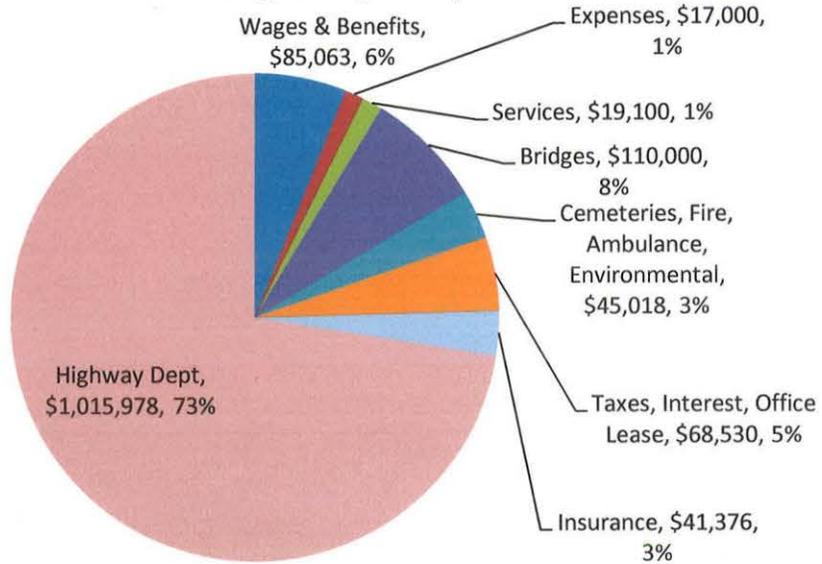
Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY15	Spent FY15	Budget FY16	Proposal FY17
6100 Total	Wages	\$52,820	\$67,054	\$77,380	\$76,900
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	\$9,448	\$2,283	\$9,448	\$2,280
9700 Subtotal Town	Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec.- Town	\$8,565	\$27,368	\$6,777	\$5,883
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses	\$28,800	\$15,736	\$26,360	\$17,000
6270 Total	Town Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,216	\$2,250	\$2,250
6300 Total	Professional Services	\$13,500	\$10,936	\$13,750	\$12,750
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	\$4,650	\$2,784	\$4,314	\$4,100
6450 Total	Bridges	\$204,500	\$364,477	\$111,000	\$110,000
6570 Total	Cemeteries	\$5,000	\$5,205	\$5,000	\$5,000
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	\$30,785	\$14,895	\$30,555	\$31,118
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses	\$12,527	\$12,667	\$13,060	\$8,900
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	\$7,000	\$8,136	\$7,500	\$8,530
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	\$1	\$19,936	\$1	\$50,000
6850 Total	Insurance	\$37,064	\$39,382	\$47,329	\$41,376
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees	\$100	\$-	\$-	\$-
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	\$417,260	\$593,075	\$354,724	\$376,087
9300 Total	Reappraisal	\$25,000	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total 7475	Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share)		\$-	\$-	\$-
	Municipal Subtotal	\$442,260	\$593,075	\$354,724	\$376,087
	Paid by Eames Fund	\$3,000		\$3,000	\$3,000
	Fees & Interest Earned	\$34,000	\$31,224	\$34,000	\$28,000
	Other Funding (FEMA)	\$12,000		\$-	\$-
	Total Municipal	\$393,260	\$561,851	\$317,724	\$345,087
	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	\$671,526	\$899,240	\$895,876	\$860,978
	Total SB and Highway	\$1,064,786	\$1,461,091	\$1,213,600	\$1,206,064
	Incomes against expenses				
	Raise & Appropriate				

Highway Proposed Budget FY17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)

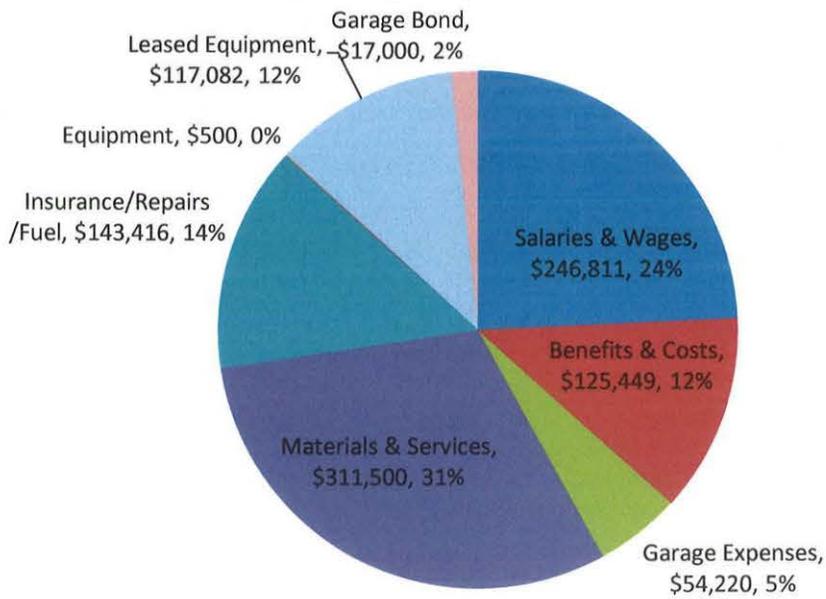
Acct #	Acct. Description	FY15 Budget	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY17 Proposal
7100 Total	Salaries and Wages	\$239,744	\$228,972	\$246,811	\$246,811
7200 Total	Employee Benefits & Costs	\$97,598	\$93,879	\$98,470	\$106,567
9700 Subtotal					
Highway	Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec. & Medicare	\$18,340		\$18,881	\$18,881
7300 Total	Garage Expenses	\$25,220	\$27,287	\$37,398	\$54,220
7410	Sand	\$28,000	\$54,557	\$32,000	\$32,000
7420	Salt	\$15,000	\$25,649	\$20,000	\$20,000
7430	Gravel & Stone	\$131,600	\$68,871	\$148,500	\$90,000
7440	Chloride	\$10,000	\$3,480	\$9,000	\$9,000
7450	Construction - Other	\$3,500	\$2,975	\$3,500	\$3,500
7460	Resurfacing - Other	\$0	\$2,980	\$140,000	\$140,000
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	\$9,000	\$8,656	\$11,500	\$10,000
7470	Roadside Mowing	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
7480	Road Signs	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,000
7490	Safety Gear	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
7400 Total	Road Supplies & Applications	\$203,600	\$180,693	\$371,000	\$311,500
	Subtotal Equipment Purchases	\$1,500	\$80,346	\$500	\$500
	Equipment Lease Payments	\$66,250	\$55,181	\$108,250	\$117,082
	Insurance- VLCT Property &				
7670	Casualty/Equip	\$22,994	\$19,744	\$17,381	\$18,416
7680	Repairs & Maintenance	\$60,000	\$110,410	\$75,000	\$75,000
7685	Diesel Fuel	\$65,000	\$83,672	\$60,000	\$50,000
7690	Finance Charge	\$0	\$72	\$0	\$0
7600 Total	Equipment & Equip. Op. Costs	\$215,744	\$349,352	\$261,131	\$260,998
6550 Total	Garage Bond	\$20,279	\$19,056	\$17,186	\$17,000
	Highway Subtotal	\$820,526	\$899,240	\$1,050,876	\$1,015,978
Incomes Against Expenses	Scott Fund	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000
	State Aid	\$135,000	\$0	\$141,000	\$141,000
	Other Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Raise and Appropriate Highway		\$ 671,526	\$ 899,240	\$ 895,876	\$ 860,978

Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule 1/2016									
Model Year	Equipment Description	Purchase Price	Purchase / Lease	Normal Life Span (Years)	Year of Replacement	Estimated Replacement Cost			
2005	International Dump Truck #1	\$105,000	P	10	2015	\$180,000			
2014	International Tandem Dump Truck #2	\$146,000	P	10	2024	\$250,000			
2013	International Tandem Dump Truck #3	\$189,000	P	10	2023	\$250,000			
2015	International TerraStar #4	\$110,000	L	7	2022	\$135,000			
2014	Ford F550 Truck #5	\$79,000	L	7	2021	\$65,000			
2015	GMC Pickup #6	\$33,000	L	7	2022	\$55,000			
1994	Morbark Wood Chipper		Own	15	2016	\$30,000			
2008	Caterpillar Excavator	\$151,000	L	15	2024	\$175,000			
2009	John Deere Loader	\$106,000	L	15	2025	\$135,000			
2012	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$288,745	L	15	2027	\$350,000			
Town of Halifax Equipment Lease and Reserve Plan 1/2016									
<b>Lease</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>		
Lease	John Deere Loader								
Lease	Caterpillar Excavator	\$22,000							
Lease	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$34,250			
Lease	Ford F550 Truck #5	\$17,850	\$17,850	\$17,850	\$17,850	\$17,850	\$17,850		
Lease	Int'l TerraStar #4 & GMC #6		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000		
Lease	Truck #1 replacement		\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000		
<b>Total Lease Payments:</b>		<b>\$74,100</b>	<b>\$117,100</b>	<b>\$117,100</b>	<b>\$117,100</b>	<b>\$117,100</b>	<b>\$82,850</b>		

## FY17 Town & Highway Proposal



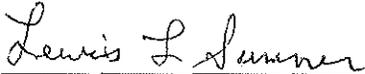
## FY17 Highway Expenses Breakdown



TOWN OF HALIFAX  
TAX RATE  
FISCAL YEAR 2016

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,267,108.55
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	<u>\$1,267,108.55</u>
MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$1,213,700.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET	\$17,000.00
CONSTABLE'S BUDGET	\$12,000.00
OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS	\$19,330.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	<u>\$1,262,030.00</u>
ARTICLE 5 APPLY BUDGET SURPLUS BEYOND \$ 60,000	(\$133,268.46)
STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT	(\$117,732.00)
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS	<u>\$1,011,029.54</u>
TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions)	\$7,204.92
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	<u><u>\$1,018,234.46</u></u>
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.7979
LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE	0.0057
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.8036
SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE	1.3600
SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.4737
<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.1636</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.2773</b>

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 21, 2015



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Lewis Sumner, Chairman



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Edee Edwards



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Doug Grob

MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 3, 2015

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Town Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 for the 238<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Patricia Pusey called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and announced that the polls would be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting by Australian Ballot for Town and Town School District Officers.

Moderator Pusey called for a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away.

The Board of Selectmen led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Pusey introduced the town officers on the platform with her: Town Clerk - Patricia Dow and Selectmen – Lewis Sumner, Chairman; Edee Edwards and Earl Holtz. Lewis Sumner introduced Robbin Gabriel as Selectboard Assistant.

Moderator Pusey stated that the meeting would be run by Roberts Rules of Order except where state law overrules and gave a brief explanation of parliamentary procedure.

Moderator Pusey read the Warning in its entirety.

ARTICLE 1: The following Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot:

TOWN MODERATOR - one year.....	Patricia A. Pusey
SELECTMAN - three years.....	Earl Holtz
LISTER – two years.....	Robbin Gabriel
LISTER – three years.....	Joe Tamburrino
AUDITOR – three years.....	Diane Longe
FIRST CONSTABLE – one year.....	Andrew Rice
SECOND CONSTABLE – one year.....	Roy G. Richardson
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES – one year.....	Laura Sumner
GRAND JUROR – one year.....	William Pusey, Jr.
TOWN AGENT – one year.....	Dora Green
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – three years.....	William Moore
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – three years.....	Kimberly Tine
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (WHITINGHAM LIBRARY) – three years.....	Catherine Bell

ARTICLE 2: Voted to hear the reports of the Town Officers and to accept the Town Report as printed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to collect taxes for the Town and Town School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2015 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2015 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 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 year (FY15).

- ARTICLE 5: Voted to apply any budget surplus beyond \$60,000 from the current fiscal year FY15 to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year FY16. .
- ARTICLE 6: Voted to recommend to the Selectboard the leasing of the old town garage building and premises to Halifax EMS for a term of not more than 49 years. An amendment to the article to exempt the Town of Halifax of liability in the event of structural failure was defeated.
- ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,405,700 of which \$ 1,213,700 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 192,000 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY16. An amendment to the article to change \$ 1,405,700 to last year's figure \$ 1,285,139 of which \$1,093,139 shall be raised by taxes was voted on by paper ballot.

Result of paper ballot on the amendment was as follows:

YES 27 NO 68 BLANK 1

Moderator Pusey declared the amendment to Article 7 defeated.

- ARTICLE 8: Voted to set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$ 13,000.00 plus \$ 4,000.00 for expenses for FY16.
- ARTICLE 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 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. Voted to approve this article with an amendment to change the \$ 2,000 to \$ 4,000.
- ARTICLE 10: Voted 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 FY16.
- ARTICLE 11: Voted to Passover to vote to elect two additional Selectboard members for terms of one year each pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2650(b), effective the 2016 Halifax annual town meeting. A paper ballot result was as follows:

YES 46 NO 24

This vote needed a 2/3 vote. With 70 ballots cast, to Passover this article 46.2 votes would have to be yes. There was a small debate over what to do in this case. The majority of the room votes to revote the Passover.

The result of the second paper ballot to Passover this article is as follows:

YES 52 NO 22

A total of 74 votes were cast, needing 2/3 vote to pass, passing over the article was approved.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of:

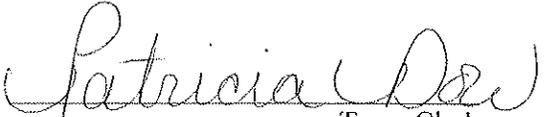
\$ 200.00	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550.00	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700.00	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 250.00	Windham Child Care Bookmobile Program
\$ 190.00	RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Windham County
\$ 750.00	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200.00	Youth Services
\$ 50.00	Green-Up Vermont
\$ 250.00	American Red Cross
\$ 790.00	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$ 500.00	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$ 1,900.00	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.
\$ 3,500.00	Whitingham Free Public Library
\$ 4,000.00	Halifax EMS
\$ 2,500.00	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500.00	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000.00	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500.00	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

ARTICLE 13: Voted to exempt the Halifax Community Club from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32, V.S.A. Section 3840.

ARTICLE 14: Discussed the following non-binding business

John LaFlamme recommended crushing gravel to save money.  
 Marilou Parkhurst asked if the highway employees could pay a portion of their insurance.  
 Craig Stone requests an edit of page 37 to correct the Justice of the Peace persons.  
 Linda Lyon thanked the Selectboard for their hard work and it would have been nice to have been able to discuss the article regarding the five member Selectboard.  
 Edee Edwards asks for help with the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and several appointed positions are open for this next term.  
 Andy Rice proposes a board be placed at the bottom of Thomas Hill and Hale Road for notices. Earl Holtz asked if someone would be willing to build a notice board. Edee Edwards stated that we are required to post notices in three places and if someone can get on an email list and print it to post it up there.  
 Joe Tamburrino suggests a change to the length of the constable term from 1 to 3 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Attest:   
 Town Clerk

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Annual Town Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6 pages 69-72.

MINUTES  
TOWN OF HALIFAX  
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2015

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Annual Town School District Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Patricia Pusey at 1:05 P.M. Moderator Pusey introduced the School Directors - Homer K. Sumner, Paul Blais and Kimberly Tefft; School Principal – Sandie Pentak; and Town Clerk - Patricia Dow.

ARTICLE I: The results of the election by Australian Ballot for school district officers were as follows:

Moderator - one year	Patricia A. Pusey
School Director - three years	Kimberly Tefft

ARTICLE II: Voted to appropriate \$ 1,489,755 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2015 with an approved amendment to increase the budget by \$ 31,000 to \$ 1,520,755 in order to keep the half time teacher position in the budget. A paper ballot was requested with results as follows:

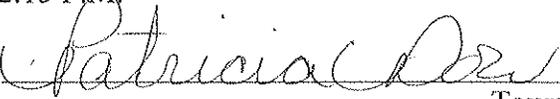
YES	55
NO	32
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ARTICLE III: Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE IV: To transact any other nonbinding business brought before the meeting.

A discussion was made on the quality of the Town Report Book being too small and illegible. A request was made to have an email address for the auditors be included.

Halifax School District meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Attest:   
Town Clerk

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 3, 2015 annual Town School District Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 73-74.

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT  
Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

Prepared by:  
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

CASH BALANCES	July 1, 2014	June 30, 2015
1100 General Account	\$ 20,408.73	\$ 147,752.86
1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage	\$ 10,744.87	\$ 10,744.87
1120 Equipment*	\$ (34,627.50)	\$ (24,649.96)
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded	\$ 10,187.95	\$ 10,416.95
1140 Niles	\$ 5,662.62	\$ 5,662.62
1160 Re Appraisal Project - outside funding	\$ 25,811.68	\$ 51,066.77
1170 Office Equipment Fund - TC fees funded	\$ 4,221.61	\$ 4,756.35
1180 Cemetery	\$ 7,310.08	\$ 7,282.07
1190 VT Emergency Mgmt - Reserved Funding	\$ 13,524.16	\$ 14,975.71
1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding	\$ 7,806.14	\$ 7,806.14
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	\$ 13,983.60	\$ 28,900.62
1150 Municipal Planning Grant	\$ 1,135.96	\$ -
1193 Town Office Bldg Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 64.00
1195 Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 25,875.39	\$ 25,592.00
1196 Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 122,045.29</b>	<b>\$ 350,371.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

**REVENUE**

**Selectboard & Highway Revenues**

5100 Property Taxes (Town Share)	\$ 1,195,812.53
5123 Delinquent Tax Sale Escrow income	\$ 5,288.98
5200 Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 7,496.36
5600 Interest Income	\$ 19,318.30
5400 Special Project Funding	\$ 190,000.00
5700 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 4,409.13
5800 Highway Department	\$ 143,339.80

**Self Funded & Independent Accounts**

5650 Cemetery	\$ 5,177.24
5501 Self Funding Accounts	\$ 22,181.01
5500 Public Safety	\$ 32,139.52
5300 Annual Projects	\$ 8,632.00

**TOTAL REVENUE** \$ 1,633,794.87

**FEMA funding relating to Tropical Storm IRENE**

FEMA Funding	\$ 247,232.06	
<b>TOTAL FEMA</b>		\$ 247,232.06

**EXPENDITURES**

6000 Selectboard Account	\$ (587,281.71)	
7000 Highway Account	\$ (943,541.92)	
9000 Town Meeting Articles	\$ (59,583.71)	
8000 Self Funding & Independent Accounts	\$ (62,293.88)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$ (1,652,701.22)
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ 228,325.71

**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/14	\$ 122,045.29
Plus Surplus(Deficit)	\$ 228,325.71
Ending Cash Balance 6/30/15	\$ 350,371.00

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT  
Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

Prepared by:  
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	
<b><u>SELECTBOARD &amp; HIGHWAY REVENUES</u></b>			
5100 PROPERTY TAXES			
5110 Property Taxes Collected - Total	\$ 2,473,719.48		
6951 Property Tax Overpayments	\$ (12,291.18)		
9900 School Taxes	\$ (1,246,191.00)		
9910 Vermont Education Property Tax	\$ (364,776.62)		
5120 Delinquent Tax Collected	\$ 210,084.63		
5130 Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 95,214.00		
5140 HS-122 State Tax Adjustment	\$ 40,053.22	\$	1,195,812.53
5123 Delinquent Tax sale escrow income		\$	5,288.98
5200 LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
5230 Town Clerk Fees	\$ 6,569.36		
5240 Dog Licenses	\$ 462.00		
5250 Driveway, Right of Way	\$ 150.00		
5280 Special License, Permit & Fees	\$ 315.00	\$	7,496.36
5600 INTEREST INCOME			
5600 Interest Income - all accounts	\$ 22.35		
5122 Delinquent Tax Interest Collected	\$ 19,295.95	\$	19,318.30
5400 SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING			
5430 Scott Fund	\$ 15,000.00		
5420 Bridge Funding	\$ 175,000.00	\$	190,000.00
5700 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			
5730 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 31.70		
5740 Refunds and Rebates	\$ 4,092.43		
5710 Law Enforcement Fines	\$ 260.00		
5720 Bank Charge Recovery	\$ 25.00	\$	4,409.13
5800 REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
5810 State Highway Aid	\$ 141,323.72		
5820 Material Sales and Service	\$ 1,097.00		
5830 Excess Weight Permits	\$ 100.00		
5850 Refunds and Rebates	\$ 818.88	\$	143,339.60
TOTAL SELECTBOARD & HIGHWAY REVENUE			\$ 1,565,664.90
5650 CEMETERY INCOME			
5616 Cemetery Interest Income	\$ 177.24		
5650 Cemetery Appropriated Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$	5,177.24
5500 SELF FUNDING			
5121 Delinquent Tax Penalty Collected	\$ 16,836.32		
5595 Delinquent tax sale expense recovery	\$ 2,534.69		
5210 Zoning & Appeals	\$ 2,810.00	\$	22,181.01
5500 PUBLIC SAFETY			
5510 Emergency Response	\$ 3,062.91		
5520 Pager Pay	\$ 1,500.00		
5550 Emergency Management Director	\$ 20,893.46		
5560 Radiological Officer	\$ 1,500.00		
5570 Annual Discretionary Funds	\$ 5,183.15	\$	32,139.52
5300 ANNUAL PROJECTS			
5310 Municipal Planning Grant	\$ 2,400.00		
5320 Reappraisal - Appropriated	\$ 5,842.44		
5340 Lister Education Funding - Appropriated	\$ 389.56	\$	8,632.00
TOTAL SELF FUNDED & INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS			\$ 68,129.77
FEMA funding relating to Tropical Storm IRENE			
FEMA Funding	\$ 247,232.06		
TOTAL FEMA		\$	247,232.06
COMBINED REVENUES			\$ 700,700.54
			\$ 2,334,495.21

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT  
Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

Prepared by:  
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

	EXPENSE	TOTALS	FY 15 BUDGET
<b>6000 SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items</b>			
<b>6100 SALARIES &amp; WAGES - TOWN</b>			
6110 Select Board Salary	\$ 4,000.00		
6112 Select Board Secretary	\$ 2,040.00		
6113 Selectboard Assistant	\$ 8,500.00		
6120 Town Clerk	\$ 24,000.00		
6121 Town Clerk Assistant	\$ 1,550.50		
6130 Lister - Regular	\$ 18,488.00		
6140 Planning/Zoning Secretary	\$ 3,975.00		
6160 Auditor	\$ 3,500.00		
6180 Assistant Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00		
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES - TOWN		\$ 67,053.50	\$52,820.00
<b>6200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
6210 Workshops/Conferences/Training	\$ 1,322.50		
6240 Retirement Town Share - Town Clerk	\$ 960.00		
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 2,282.50	\$9,448.00
<b>9700 PAYROLL EXPENSES - TOWN</b>	<b>\$ 8,484.03</b>	<b>\$ 8,484.03</b>	<b>\$8,565.00</b>
<b>6250 TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			
6251 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 292.65		
6252 Telephone	\$ 1,254.59		
6253 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 5,194.53		
6254 Ads & Legal Notices	\$ 1,012.19		
6255 Office Supplies	\$ 2,798.01		
6256 Lister Supplies	\$ 2,436.19		
6259 Planning Board Expenses	\$ 1,190.39		
6260 Selectmen Expenses	\$ 1,557.70		
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		\$ 15,736.25	\$28,800.00
<b>6270 TOWN EXPENSES</b>			
6271 Street Lights	\$ 2,016.31		
6274 WCHS stray dogs	\$ 200.00		
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES		\$ 2,216.31	\$2,500.00
<b>6300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>			
6320 Legal Services	\$ 2,990.15		
6330 Internet Services	\$ 597.86		
6340 VT Law Enforcement Services	\$ 7,348.23		
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 10,936.24	\$13,500.00
<b>6400 TOWN MEETING EXPENSE</b>			
6420 Ballot Clerks	\$ 1,356.00		
6430 Printing	\$ 1,069.70		
6435 Town Meeting Postage	\$ 388.10		
TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXPENSE		\$ 2,813.80	\$4,650.00
<b>6453 BRIDGES</b>		\$ 364,582.98	\$204,500.00
<b>6570 CEMETERIES - Appropriated Funding</b>		\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>6600 FIRE COMPANY</b>			
6610 Dispatching Fee	\$ 12,241.00		
6620 special UL Fuel	\$ 1,190.96		
6630 Insurance & Dues	\$ 725.00		
6640 Equipment & Gear	\$ 737.60		
TOTAL FIRE COMPANY		\$ 14,894.56	\$30,785.00

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT  
Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

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SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT CONT'	EXPENSE	TOTALS	FY 15 BUDGET
<b>6700 ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE</b>			
6710 WSWMD	\$ 9,329.22		
6720 Landfill Closure	\$ 1,316.02		
6730 Other	\$ 2,022.10		
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE		\$ 12,667.34	\$12,527.00
<b>6750 TAXES AND INTEREST</b>			
6751 County Tax		\$ 7,329.00	\$7,000.00
6753 Short Term Interest - IRENE Line of Credit		\$ 807.06	
<b>6800 TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>		\$ 19,936.00	\$1.00
<b>6850 INSURANCE</b>			
6851 Employment Practices Liability	\$ 1,797.00		
6853 Workers Compensation	\$ 21,211.00		
6854 Property & Casualty	\$ 12,297.00		
6855 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 471.00		
6857 Property & Casualty - EMT	\$ 892.00		
TOTAL INSURANCE		\$ 36,668.00	\$37,064.00
6920 Bank Service Charges & fees		\$ 46.44	\$100.00
8350 Selectboard purchase of tax sale property		\$ 14,161.70	
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT</b>		\$ 585,615.71	\$417,260.00

7000 HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items	EXPENSE	TOTALS	FY 15 BUDGET
<b>7100 SALARIES &amp; WAGES</b>			
7120 Road Commissioner Salary	\$ 4,200.00		
7110 Road Crew Regular Wages	\$ 196,590.28		
7110 Road Crew Overtime Wages	\$ 29,061.11		
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		\$ 229,851.39	\$239,744.00
<b>7200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
7210 Training & Education	\$ 45.00		
7220 Health Insurance	\$ 76,325.06		
7230 Life Insurance	\$ 777.24		
7260 Retirement - Town Share	\$ 8,965.52		
7270 Uniform - Town Contribution	\$ 7,235.97		
7280 Hiring Costs/Drug Testing	\$ 479.86		
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 93,828.65	\$98,378.00
9700 Payroll Expenses - Road		\$ 18,883.80	\$18,340.00
<b>7300 GARAGE EXPENSES</b>			
7310 Electric	\$ 3,682.71		
7320 Heating Fuel	\$ 9,812.30		
7330 Telephone	\$ 789.69		
7340 Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,684.90		
7360 Office & Cleaning Supplies	\$ 377.42		
7370 Trash Collection	\$ 1,020.00		
7390 New Salt Shed Bldg Construction	\$ 22,560.96		
7380 Shop Supplies	\$ 8,920.33		
TOTAL GARAGE EXPENSES		\$ 49,848.31	\$46,793.00
6550 Garage Bond & Interest		\$ 19,056.00	\$20,279.00

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT  
Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

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**7400 ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS**

7410 Sand	\$ 54,556.63	\$28,000.00
7420 Salt	\$ 25,648.56	\$15,000.00
7430 Gravel	\$ 68,871.27	\$131,600.00
7435 Stone	\$ 13,526.00	
7440 Chloride	\$ 3,480.00	\$10,000.00
7450 Culverts & Cold Patch	\$ 8,655.89	\$9,000.00
7460 Construction	\$ 2,975.00	\$3,500.00
7461 Resurfacing	\$ 2,980.00	\$0.00
7470 Roadside Mowing		\$4,500.00
7480 Road Signs		\$1,500.00
7490 Safety Gear	<u>\$ 1,926.10</u>	\$500.00

**TOTAL ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS** \$ 182,619.45

**7600 EQUIPMENT EXPENSES**

Equipment Lease Payments		\$66,250.00
7615 Excavator	\$ 20,949.09	
7640 Grader	\$ 34,231.56	
7690 Finance Charge	\$ 71.87	
7645 Shop Supplies & Tools	\$ 885.60	
7665 Trucks	\$ 79,460.40	\$1,500.00
7670 VLCT Property & Casualty/Equipment	\$ 19,774.00	\$22,994.00
7680 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 110,410.02	\$60,000.00
7685 Diesel Fuel	<u>\$ 83,671.78</u>	\$65,000.00

**TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES** \$ 349,454.32

**TOTAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT** \$ 943,541.92 \$842,878.00

**VOTED TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - Additions to budgeted items  
AND INDEPENDENT FUNDED ACCOUNTS**

9100 Municipal Planning Grant	\$ 6,141.09	
9300 Reappraisal Project	\$ 134.47	

**9400 CONSTABLE (Salary & Expenses)**

9410 Salary	\$ 1,368.00	
9420 Expenses	<u>\$ 627.92</u>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTABLE</b>		<u>\$ 1,995.92</u> <u>\$12,000.00</u>

**9500 TREASURER (Salary & Expenses)**

9510 Salary	\$ 12,999.96	
9520 Expenses	<u>\$ 3,982.27</u>	
<b>TOTAL TREASURER</b>		<u>\$ 16,982.23</u> <u>\$17,000.00</u>

**9600 SPECIAL FUNDS**

9611 RSVP of Windham County	\$ 190.00	
9612 Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$ 1,900.00	
9614 Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 200.00	
9615 Council on Aging for SEVT	\$ 550.00	
9617 Healthcare & Rehabilitation Services	\$ 750.00	
9618 Whitingham Free Library	\$ 3,500.00	
9619 Women's Freedom Center	\$ 700.00	
9623 Wings Community Program	\$ 2,500.00	
9627 Halifax Community Club	\$ 2,000.00	
9626 Youth Services	\$ 200.00	
9629 SEVCA SE VT Comm Act	\$ 790.00	
9630 The Gathering Place	\$ 500.00	

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT  
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9624 Rescue Inc.	\$	1,000.00	
9625 Halifax EMS	\$	4,000.00	
9631 Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00	
9632 American Red Cross	\$	250.00	
9633 Windham Child Care Association	\$	250.00	
9634 Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$	14,000.00	
9635 Deerfield Valley Community Partnershp	\$	500.00	
9636 Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$	500.00	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS</b>			\$ 34,330.00
			<u>\$ 59,583.71</u>
<b>8000 SELF FUNDING</b>			
		EXPENSES	TOTALS
<b>8200 COMMISSIONS</b>			
8210 Delinquent Tax Collector	\$	18,406.73	
8310 Delinquent Tax Collector Expense	\$	670.91	
8340 Delinquent Tax Escrow	\$	5,288.98	
8220 Zoning Administrator	\$	2,350.00	
<b>TOTAL COMMISSIONS</b>			<u>\$ 26,716.62</u>
<b>8100 PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
8110 Annual Discretionary Funds	\$	3,774.16	
8120 Generators/Other			
8130 Pager Pay	\$	1,500.00	
8140 VEM Annual Compensation	\$	19,999.92	
8150 VEM Radiological Officer	\$	1,500.00	
8160 Drills and Exercises	\$	3,062.91	
8170 EMD Annual Expenses	\$	535.02	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			<u>\$ 30,372.01</u>
<b>Cemetery Account Expenses</b>			\$ 5,205.25

<b>1110 Scott &amp; Eames Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$10,744.87
Revenues	
From Scott Fund	\$15,000.00
Expenses	
Transfer to Gen Fund	-\$15,000.00
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$10,744.87

<b>1130 Record Restoration Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$10,187.95
Revenues	
Town Clerk Recording Fees	\$229.00
Expenses	
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$10,416.95

<b>1190 VT Emergency Management</b>	
Beginning balance 7/1/14	\$13,524.16
Revenue	
Annual Discretionary Funds	\$5,183.15
Radiological Officer	\$1,500.00
Emergency Mgmt Director	\$20,893.46
Drills/Exercises	\$3,062.91
Pager Pay	\$1,500.00
Expenses	
Drills/Exercises	-\$3,378.87
Radiological Officer	-\$1,500.00
Emergency Mgmt Director	-\$19,999.92
Annual Discretionary Funds	-\$4,309.18
Pager Pay	-\$1,500.00
fy 13 expenses	
Ending Balance 6/30/14	\$14,975.71

<b>1160 Re-Appraisal Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$25,811.68
Revenues	
Lister Education	\$389.56
Budget	\$25,000.00
Expenses: mileage	-\$134.47
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$51,066.77

<b>1170 Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$4,221.61
Revenues	
Town Clerk Recording Fees	\$534.74
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$4,756.35

<b>1180 Cemetery Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$7,310.08
Revenues	
Wicks Cemetery Interest	\$177.24
FY 15 Appropriated Funds	\$5,000.00
Expenses	
Equipment Rental	-\$2,485.50
Wages	-\$2,719.75
Ending Balance 6/30/14	\$7,282.07

Change in Fund Balance  
Fiscal Year 7/1/14 - 6/30/15

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Patricia Dow

<u>1193 Town Office Bldg Repair &amp; Maintenance</u>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$10,000.00
Revenues	
fy 15 budget	\$10,000.00
Expenses to be used during FY15	-\$19,936.00
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$64.00

<u>1192 Bridge Fund</u>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$13,983.60
Revenues	
Balance fy 14 budget reserve	\$14,917.02
Expenses	
Ending Balance 6/30/14	\$28,900.62

<u>1150 Municipal Planning Grant</u>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/14	\$1,135.96
Revenues	
Grant	\$2,400.00
Expenses	
Town Plan Expenses	-\$3,535.96
Ending Balance 6/30/15	\$0.00

# Road Commissioner Report

New Town Garage Bond and Interest \$ 19,056.00

## Salaries & Wages

7110 Road Crew Wages \$ 195,711.01

7115 Overtime \$ 29,061.11

7120 Road Commissioner Wages \$ 4,200.00

**Total Salaries & Wages \$ 228,972.12**

## Employee Benefits & Expenses

7210 Training & Education \$ 45.00

7220 Health Insurance \$ 76,325.06

7230 Life Insurance \$ 777.24

7260 Retirement \$ 8,965.52

7270 Uniforms \$ 7,235.97

7280 Hiring Costs \$ 479.86

**Total Employee Benefits & Expenses \$ 93,828.65**

## Garage Expenses

7310 Electric \$ 3,682.71

7320 Heating Fuel \$ 9,812.30

7330 Telephone \$ 789.69

7340 Building Repairs & Maint. \$ 2,684.90

7360 Office Cleaning & Supplies \$ 377.42

7370 Trash Collection \$ 1,020.00

7380 Shop Supplies \$ 8,920.33

7390 New Building Construction Salt Shed \$ 22,560.96

**Total Garage Expenses \$ 49,848.31**

## Road Supplies & Applications

7410 Sand	\$ 54,556.63
7420 Salt	\$ 25,648.56
7430 Gravel	\$ 68,871.27
7435 Stone	\$ 13,526.00
7440 Chloride	\$ 3,480.00
7462 Cold Patch & Culverts	\$ 8,655.89
7460 Resurfacing	\$ 2,980.00
7450 Construction	\$ 2,975.00
7490 Safety Gear	\$ 1,926.10
<b>Total Road Supplies &amp; Applications</b>	<b>\$182,619.45</b>

## EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

7615 Excavator	\$ 20,949.09
7640 Grader	\$ 34,231.56
7645 Shop Supplies & Tools	\$ 885.60
7665 Trucks	\$ 79,460.40
7670 VLCT Property & Casualty Ins.	\$ 19,774.00
7685 Diesel Fuel	\$ 83,671.78
7690 Finance Charge	\$ 71.87
7680 Repair & Maint.	\$110,410.02
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$349,454.32</b>

**Highway Account Total** **\$923,778.85**

**COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES**  
**Report for FY2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)**

	Parcel ID	Beginning Balance	Del. Taxes Collected	Ending Balance
<b>TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER</b>				
Tax Warrant for FY 2013 (07/01/12 - 06/30/13)		\$4,878.95		\$4,878.95
Tax Warrant for FY 2014 (07/01/13-06/30/14)		\$3,612.90		\$3,612.90
Tax Warrant for FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)		\$30,942.56		\$30,942.56
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>		<b>\$39,434.41</b>		<b>\$39,434.41</b>
Delinquent Taxes Collected				\$212,165.77
Tax Commission Collected				\$16,979.86
Interest Collected				\$19,357.35
Miscellaneous Costs Collected				\$2,814.97
Escrow Account				\$5,288.98
<b>TOTAL DEL. TAXES, PENALTY, INTEREST and COSTS COLLECTED</b>				<b>\$256,606.93</b>
<b>DELINQUENT TAX LIST</b>				
<b>FY 2013 (07/01/12-06/30/13)</b>				
* Farrington, Harry and Patricia	cln.1950			
<b>SUB-TOTAL for FY 2013</b>				<b>4,878.95</b>
<b>FY 2014 (07/01/13-06/30/14)</b>				
~ Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
~ Boyd III, Leonard and Jennifer Derby	cln.1358			
* Dickinson III, Ralph	pen.1749			
<b>SUB-TOTAL for FY 2014</b>				<b>3,612.90</b>
<b>FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)</b>				
~ Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
* Barratt, Catalina	tuc.0200			
Betit, John P.	vtr.3072			
Blaine, William	whl.0015			
~ Boyd, Jr, Kenneth William & Cassandra Ivanovsky Boyd	bro.0104			
Boyd, Leonard III and Jennifer Derby	cln.1358			
Brittain, Lillian	flx.016B			
~ Brown, Dawn M.	han.0521			
~ Creagh, Diane	mcm.0012			
* Creagh, Diane; Lynn Anderson; & Ralph Dickinson III	pen.1843			
Crosby, III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
~ Dickinson III, Ralph	pen.1749			
* Isles, Guy	grr.3112			
* Mark, Monica L, Trustee, Mark Family Trust	brn.0364			
* Nugent, David A. and Cynthia L. Marble	spr.0299			
~ Wilcox, Nancy E.; Vivian M Smith; & William W Wheeler	wht.0100			
* Wood, Brian R.	whl.0070			
<b>SUB-TOTAL for FY 2015</b>				<b>30,942.56</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR FY2013, FY2014, FY2015</b>				<b>39,434.41</b>
* Paid in Full as of Dec. 31, 2015				
~ Payments are being made				
<b>Delinquent Tax Balance as of Dec. 31, 2015</b>				<b>16,879.41</b>

H. M. SCOTT FUND July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Assets held at Edward Jones & Co. L.P.

Value of Fund July 1, 2014		348,361.53
Income		
Dividends & Interest	16,284.50	
Sales of securities	<u>36,302.41</u>	
	52,586.91	
		400,984.44
Disbursements		
Town of Halifax	15,000.00	
Securities Purchased	36,363.08	
Foreign tax paid	<u>72.98</u>	
	(51,436.06)	
		349,512.38
Decrease in value of securities		(26,588.85)
Value of Fund June 30, 2015		322,923.53
Investment Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2015		
Stocks		
<u>Company</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Value</u>
AT&T	100	3,612.00
BCE	210	9,244.20
Duke Energy	145	10,295.00
DuPont de Nemours	375	24,600.00
Emerson Electric	150	8,487.00
General Electric	1200	32,508.00
Glaxo Smith PLC	109	4,675.01
Health Care Reit, Inc.	155	10,288.90
Johnson & Johnson	370	36,866.80
Pfizer, Inc	400	13,568.00
Proctor & Gamble	190	15,074.60
Southern Co.	200	8,378.00
Verizon Communications	67	3,190.54
Vodafone Group	66	1,339.20
Mutual Funds		
Franklin Income Fund	7,867	18,801.49
Invesco Short Term Bond Fund	1160.52	9,971.76
J.P.Morgan High Yield Fund	1,141	8,626.95
Municipal Bonds		
NJ St Edl Facs Auth Rev I		26,946.00
Univ of VT & State Agric Coll Rev		4,981.10
Univ of VT & State Agric Coll Rev		5,543.10
Corporate Bonds		
AT&T Global Note		5,585.30
Verizon NY Inc Deb Ser A		9,377.52
Verizon Communications NT		10,787.50
Limited Partnerships		
Martin Midstream Partners	975	30,956.25
Linn Energy LLC	500	<u>4,905.00</u>
		318,609.22
Edward Jones Cash Account		4,314.31
Total account value June 30, 2015		322,923.53

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**Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2015

	<u>Jun 30, 15</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · TD Bank North	10,610.74
10001 · TD Bank Savings	5,132.31
Total Checking/Savings	<u>15,743.05</u>
Other Current Assets	
18700 · Stock Investment	4,080.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>4,080.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>19,823.05</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>19,823.05</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	14,634.50
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	4,910.92
Net Income	277.63
Total Equity	<u>19,823.05</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>19,823.05</u></u>

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**Eames Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2015

	<u>Jun 30, 15</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Brattleboro S&L - Savings	990.48
Brattleboro S&L CD	70,624.85
TD/Bank North - Money Market	57,586.65
TD/Bank North - Savings	704.34
Total Checking/Savings	<u>129,906.32</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>129,906.32</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>129,906.32</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	126,211.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,645.39
Net Income	1,049.49
Total Equity	<u>129,906.32</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>129,906.32</u></u>

Cael Fund (& School Funds)

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

<u>Cael Fund</u>		<u>School Accounts</u>	
July 1, 2014		<u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship)</u>	
TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$30500.00	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$200.00
TD Bank CD # 92465475	\$24300.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$29.76
TD Bank CD # 5730760768	\$27000.00	July 1, 2014	\$227.26
TD Bank Core Checking	\$369.72	Interest	\$2.50
TD Bank Money Market Checking	\$128939.25	June 30, 2015	\$229.76
Subtotal	\$95008.97	<u>Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet)</u>	
Interest Earned	\$1075.56	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$200.00
Subtotal	\$96084.53	TD Bank Core Checking	\$31.54
Checks Cashed	\$450.00	July 1, 2014	\$229.04
Total	\$9534.53	Interest	\$2.50
		June 30, 2015	\$231.54
June 30, 2015		<u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award)</u>	
TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$30500.00	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$100
TD Bank CD # 92465475	\$24300.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$21.82
TD Bank CD # 5730760768	\$27000.00	July 1, 2014	\$120.57
TD Bank Core Checking	\$369.72	Interest	\$1.25
TD Bank Money Market Checking	\$134643.81	June 30, 2015	\$121.82
Total	\$95634.53	<u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award)</u>	
		TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$300
		TD Bank Core Checking	\$21.82
		July 1, 2014	\$290.60
		Interest	\$3.75
		June 30, 2015	\$294.35

**WICKS CEMETERY FUND**  
**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

Principal invested in AT&T Stock held at Edward Jones Co, LP

Value on 7/1/14	3,411.00
Income	
Interest to town for upkeep of cemetery	179.16
Increase in Value	68.39
Value on 6/30/15	3,479.39

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

### Appointments Made By Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk	Laura Sumner
Assistant Town Clerk	William Moore
Assistant Town Clerk	Robbin Gabriel
Deputy Registers	Mark Shea, James Curley, Tom Robinson, Lewis Sumner

### Vital Records Filed

Marriages	10
Deaths	6
Births	4

### Land Records Recorded

Act 250 Disclosure	1
Administrators Deed	1
Affidavit Regarding Discharge	1
Amended Judgment	1
Authorizing Resolution	2
Boundary Line Adjustment	1
Certificate of Highway Mileage	1
Certificate of Name Change	1
Certificate of Compliance	1
Corrected Release of Lien	1
Current Use Value	6
Death Certificates Recorded	1
Declaration of Covenants	1
Discharge of Attachments	1
Discharge of Judgment Lien	1
Discharge of Tax Lien	1
Dismissal Order	1
Drilled Well	1
Easements	3
Engineer Designer/Installer Certificate	2
Executors Deed	1
Foreclosure Complaints	1
Judgment Order	2
License to Sell Real Estate	1
Mechanics Lien	1
Memorandum of Agreement	1
Mobile Home Bill of Sale	1
Mortgage Assignments	8
Mortgage Deeds	19
Mortgage Discharge	26
Mortgage Note Modification	1
Notice of Levy of Real Estate Taxes	4
Notice of Tax Sale	4
Partial Release of Mortgage	1
Permit for Conditional Use	1
Permit for Driveway	5
Permit for Highway Access	1
Permit for New Parcel	3
Permit for Zoning	34

Power of Attorney	5
Property Transfer Tax Return	52
Quit Claim Deed	12
Release of Lien-Land Use	2
Release of Tax Lien	4
Report on Tax Sale	4
Resolution	1
Revolving Credit Mortgage	1
Secretary Certificate	1
Storm Water Discharge Permit	1
Summons and Notice	3
Survey Maps Recorded	6
Tax Collectors Warrant	4
Tax Lien	4
Trustees Certificate	1
Warranty Deed	35
Wastewater & Potable Permit	8
Wastewater Installers Certificate	1

Total Documents Recorded: **289**      Total Pages Recorded: **620**

**Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer**

Recording Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,453.02
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 110.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 103.00
Map Sales	\$ 60.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 90.00
Burial Transit Permits	\$ 20.00
Town Plan/Zoning Books	\$ 3.50
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 358.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	<u>\$ 480.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES</b>	<b>\$ 8,677.52</b>

<b>Dog License Fees</b>	129 Dogs @ \$ 8.00	\$ 1,032.00
(tracked on an annual basis)	4 Dogs @ \$ 10.00	\$ 180.00
	39 Dogs @ \$ 12.00	\$ 468.00
	2 Dogs @ \$ 16.00	\$ 32.00
	1 Dog @ \$ 9.00	\$ 9.00

**Total Dogs Licensed**      175 Dogs      **Total Fees Collected**      \$ 1,581.00

**Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected 2015**

State Rabies Fund	175 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog	\$ 175.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	174 Dogs @ \$ 3.00 per dog	\$ 522.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	1 Dog @ \$ 4.00 per dog	\$ 4.00
Town Clerk Fees	175 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog	\$ 350.00

Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer      \$ 654.00  
Total Dog License Account      \$ 1581.00

## Town of Halifax – Auditors Annual Report

We reviewed the records of Town Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Delinquent Tax Collector and other municipal offices provided for the period ending June 30, 2015. We closely looked at the bank accounts and analyzed activity for the trust funds and delinquent tax collections. Records appeared to be very clean with clear audit trails.

We conducted the annual Town audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 in accordance with the statutory requirements identified at 24 V.S.A. § § 1681, 1682(a). This statutory requires that the elected auditors view the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review through the annual Town Report. Auditors may make notes to bring irregularities to light, but may not change the actual reports provided by the municipal officials.

Through our review and testing of the financial documents requested of the Treasurer, Select board and other municipal officials we were able to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial records presented within this annual report are free from material misstatement. Do note that records are kept on a cash basis rather than the accrual basis, therefore income is recorded when the cash or check is received and the expenses are not counted until they are actually paid.

We were not able to attend any training this year.

We have done our best to review the records provided by municipal officials. We would like to remind you that all financial records are available upon request from Town Officials if additional questions remain.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Barnett (Chair)

April Sumner Dupuis

Diane Longe

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT  
For the Fiscal Year 2015

<u>TOWN OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Patricia A. Pusey	2016
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2017
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2017
SELECTMEN (3 yrs)	Edee Edwards, Chair (resigned)	2016
	Brad Rafus (appointed)	
	Lewis Sumner, Vice Chair	2017
	Earl B. Holtz (resigned)	2018
	Doug Grob (appointed)	
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Charlene Martynowski	2016
	Robbin Gabriel	2017
	Joseph Tamburrino	2018
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	April Sumner Dupuis	2016
	Diane Longe	2018
	Sarah Barnett	2017
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 yr)	Andrew Rice	2016
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 yrs)	Roy Richardson	2016
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Laura Sumner	2016
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Samuel Groves	2016
	Howard Smith	2017
	William J. Moore	2018
TOWN AGENT (1 yr)	Dora Green	2016
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 yr)	William Pusey	2016
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Clifton Inman	2017
	Kimberly Tine	2018
	Jeff DeForest	2016
SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 yr)	Patricia A. Pusey	2016
SCHOOL DIRECTORS (3 yrs)	Homer Sumner	2016
	Paul Blais	2017
	Kimberly Tefft	2018
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBREARY	Catherine Bell	2018
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser	2017
	Patricia Pusey	2017
	Kaitlin Stone	2017
	Craig J. Stone	2017
	Malcolm K. Sumner	2017

**APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
For the Fiscal Year 2015**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, VICE CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Doug Grob
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT (1 yr)	Robbin Gabriel
HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (3 yrs)	Linda Lyon – Term Expires 2016 Sirean LaFlamme - Term Expires 2017 Brian McNeice - Term Expires 2018 William Pusey - Term Expires 2018 Stephan Chait – Term Expires 2016
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs)	Sirean LaFlamme - Term Expires 2017 Linda Lyon – Term Expires 2016 Brian McNeice - Term Expires 2018 William Pusey - Term Expires 2018 Stephan Chait – Term Expires 2016
ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 yr)	Brad Rafus
TREE WARDEN (1 yr)	Ross Barnett
POUND KEEPER (1 yr)	Andrew Rice
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER (1 yr)	William H. Pusey, Jr.
REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ON AGING (1 yr)	Patricia Holtz
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 2019
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (1 yr)	Bradley Rafus
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES	Lewis Sumner
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr)	Allan Dacey Andrew Rice
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Everett Wilson
E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Wayne Courser
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr)	Taralee Lane
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr)	John LaFlamme
HEALTH/SEWAGE OFFICER (3 yr)	Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M. Expires 2017
CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (1 yr)	Andrew Rice
ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr)	Tristan Roberts
FIRE WARDEN	Malcolm Sumner
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 any appointed position, please give your name to the Select Board, Select Board Assistant or the Town Clerk. Nominations and appointments are awarded during the first and second Select Board meetings in March after Town Meeting.**

## Town of Halifax Selectboard Report for FY2015

During FY15 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) the Selectboard held or attended 80 regular, special, or joint meetings and public hearings, down from 95 in the previous fiscal year. In September, 2014, the Board hired Robbin Gabriel as administrative assistant to help with day-to-day operations, making it possible to dispense with Monday morning meetings and reduce the overall number of meetings. Board membership changed twice in 2015. In June, Earl Holtz resigned and Douglas Grob was appointed to fill the vacant position on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the Board reorganized with Lewis Sumner as Chair and Edee Edwards as Vice Chair. Bradley Rafus was appointed early in November 2015 after Edee Edwards' October resignation, and Doug Grob became Vice Chair.

The Board spent an appreciable number of hours educating themselves on the specifics of the C.A. Denison Act 250 quarry permit application and preparing responses to be presented at Environmental Commission hearings. Their primary focus was on town roads and traffic impact.

Town projects this year included the completion of Old County Road North bridge (Bridge #37), box culvert construction on Reed Hill Road by the Post Office, and guard rail replacement on Green River Road near Ballou Mountain Road. Subsequent to receiving a citizen petition to reclassify Sumner Farm Road as Class 3, the Selectboard held a public hearing to consider Sumner Farm Road, Weir Road, and portions of Whitneyville and Woodard Hill Roads for reclassification or discontinuance. In a written decision published thereafter, the Board reclassified Sumner Farm Road as Class 3, the portion of Whitneyville Road between the LaFlamme driveway and Tucker Road as Class 4, and Woodard Hill Road from the Kirk residence to Branch Brook as legal trail. Weir Road, a Class 4 road, remained unchanged.

Purchases were approved for a one-ton International TerraStar and a GMC 4x4 crew cab pickup. A single lease agreement on these two trucks resulted in substantial savings to the town.

The Board also approved revisions to the town's purchasing and winter roads policies and adopted a ZBA alternate member use policy. Numerous discussions were held regarding disposition of the old town garage building, utilization of the building site, and best means of resolving the new town garage ventilation and condensation defects. These topics continue under review in FY16; a plan is now in place for new town garage repairs.

The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings and stay informed about happenings in town. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Halifax Town Offices. Special meetings, held as needed, are warned on the town web site ([halifaxvermont.com](http://halifaxvermont.com)), the town's bulletin boards, and in the Brattleboro Reformer. If you are interested in any of the town's appointed positions, listed in this Town Report, please submit a letter to the Selectboard or email the secretary at [halifaxsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxsecretary@gmail.com). Appointments are made in the first two meetings following Town Meeting.

Lewis Sumner, Chair

Douglas Grob, Vice Chair

Bradley Rafus

## Cemetery Report:

We started out the 2015 fiscal year with a balance of \$7,398.70. This was left over funds from previous years.

We then received our annual \$5,000.00 budget.

During the 2015 fiscal year we spent \$2,485.50 on equipment rental and \$2,719.00 on labor. Our total costs for the 2015 fiscal year were \$5,204.50. We were \$204.50 over budget.

We started the 2016 fiscal year with a balance of \$7,372.61. As of right now we have spent \$1,911.25 on equipment rental, and \$1,949.40 on labor. Our total cost as of January for the current fiscal year is \$3,860.65.

We still have quite a bit of work to do to clean up the cemeteries in the spring, and are in the process of cutting trees in some of them. We are running out of space and need to enlarge some of cemeteries. This is a time consuming and expensive task.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of us.

Thank you,

Halifax Fire Co, Inc.

### 36 Total calls for 2015

After a long snowy and cold winter we had a dry spring. We were very lucky with brush fires, but did get called to other towns to help them. Many of our mutual aid calls are for an engine to stand by at their station.

I wish to thank our volunteer firefighters for their time spent on call and working to raise money that is used to update our equipment, also I wish to thank those that send donations to the fire department.

Structure Fire	3	Assist Rescue	1
Chimney Fire	3	Smoke Investigation	1
Auto Alarm	2	Mutual Aid Brush Fires	4
MVA	3	Mutual Aid Standby	4
Tree Powerline Fires	3		
Tress Down Blocking Rd	1		
Vehicle Fires	1		

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 one new loan in the past year, and two older loans were paid off: we have served seventeen clients this year, with current loans amounting to \$149,531.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$173,317.00

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.

We note with sorrow and appreciation the death of Richard Coutant, who served for many years as our counsel, providing us with necessary paperwork and legal guidance and representing us in legal actions when required. His *pro bono* work with us was typical of his work with many individuals and organizations in the Brattleboro area: generous, clear, responsive, and conscientious.

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

### Road Commissioner's Report

Another year has come and gone. First I would like to thank my highway crew members for all their hard work during the past year. We had a few large projects that were completed this construction season. First, was a new bridge installed on Old County North which we received a structures grant for from the state to help fund. Next we installed a box culvert on Reed Hill road near the Post Office to replace a badly rusted culvert that was failing, and this summer we did a full reclaim on Town Hill and Jacksonville Stage road. We also installed new culverts, ditches, and removed trees, and finally we repaved.

Projects for this year include reclaiming eight tenths of a mile on Collins road, removing trees, ditching, and repaving. Also we will install new concrete posts and new guard rails on Bridge #15 on Branch Road.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community, and questions or comments feel free to give me a call.

Thank You,

Bradley Rafus.

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission Report, 2015**

The Zoning Board had an unusually active year, committing many hours to an extended public hearing on the C.A. Denison conditional use permit application. The hearing opened in May and was recessed and reconvened for a total of five sessions between May and September. Following the close of that hearing, several deliberative sessions were held, and a written decision on the application was issued in November. The ZBA welcomed two new members—Stephan Chait was appointed to fill the vacant position left by John Brimmer’s resignation, while Linda Lyon was appointed first as an alternate member and later as full member on the Board after Meggie Stoltzman resigned.

The Planning Commission continued to work with Windham Regional Commission’s John Bennett updating and revising the town’s zoning regulations, completing the bulk of the task and meeting grant contract requirements by the June deadline. A public hearing was held in May on two definitions the Commission chose to handle as separate bylaw amendments; the amendments were modified slightly and passed on to the Selectboard. Final cleanup on the main body of the zoning regulation text was delayed throughout the summer due to demands on the Zoning Board’s time. The Planning Commission also approved one subdivision application in June.

The public is encouraged to attend our meetings and contribute their comments and ideas. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Halifax Town Offices.

Sirean LaFlamme, Chair  
ZBA and Planning Commission

## Halifax Broadband – Cell – Economic Development Committee

<http://halifaxvermont.com/committees/broadband-committee/>

In FY2015 and through December 2015, the Halifax Broadband – Cell—Economic Development Committee continued attempts to bring Halifax’s citizens needed information and grant funds to develop and utilize the information infrastructure that is taken for granted elsewhere in the US. While past years’ grants and federal funding through ARRA are largely wrapped up, **there are still people in Halifax in December 2015 who cannot subscribe to any high speed internet service besides satellite. Cellular phone coverage remains spotty. Investment in economic development by the Town of Halifax is budgeted at \$0.**

Planned activities in 2015 were

1. To provide information about broadband options as they came online (<http://halifaxvermont.com/committees/broadband-committee/broadband-providers/> ),
2. To map cellular service coverage and gather information about potential grants (deferred), and
3. To publicize training and education in neighboring towns for economic development.

The committee did not spend the \$250 requested and received in the Town budget for online survey software. Over the life of the committee, only once was money spent, to mail a survey.

### Wins

- **VTEL tower in Halifax Center gives many access to high speed internet for the first time, August 2015** (Note: VTel Customer Service: 802-885-4444, email: [info@vtelwireless.com](mailto:info@vtelwireless.com))
- Usage of town’s WiFi hotspot at the Town Garage declines as high speed internet service is now available at more people’s homes
- A Resiliency Grant (managed by the VTA until they were merged into the PSB) brings **solar panels online** to provide emergency power to cellular service, but the Route 112 cell service that was the main purpose of the grant is not 100% confirmed to be completed. The solar power is covering a small amount of the cost electricity at the Town Garage each month.

### Losses

- **Business Broadband Improvement District** grant does not go forward  
<http://halifaxvermont.com/committees/broadband-committee/broadband-committee-minutes/2015-01-06-broadband-committee-meeting/>
- USDA Community Connect Grant was deemed too big a stretch to pursue
- Dedicated **committee** members cite **needs for new blood, leadership, and energy**; otherwise, they **recommend disbanding** (10/21/2015).

### Next steps

**The Halifax Selectboard is in search of new members. Much could be done now by tying into Southern Vermont initiatives. Can you spend a few hours / month to help your town?**

Respectfully submitted, Edee Edwards, Chair, but wanting and waiting to pass the baton....



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region

December 29, 2015

Select Board  
Town of Halifax  
PO Box 127  
Halifax, VT 05358

Dear Select Board,

On behalf of the entire board, staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross of NH and VT I want to thank you for your support and for agreeing to appropriate funds this year to our organization. We simply could not do the work that we do without the support from the citizens of Halifax.

As you know, disaster can strike at any time, and when it does the American Red Cross is committed to being there to help. The type of disaster we respond to most often is home fires. Here we provide the family affected with the things they need like clothing, food, shelter, transportation and other resources to help them get back on their feet. We also provide mass care to first responders in the form of water, food and hot beverages to help them maximize their time on-site. While no fires occurred last year in Halifax, we responded to 11 fires in Windham County as a whole, and supported 37 individuals in recovering from those disasters.

Prevention is a big part of the mission of the American Red Cross. 566 residents of Windham County took part in one of our many health and safety trainings that we offer in the last year. These courses will help insure that when disaster strikes, those 566 individuals are prepared to meet the needs around them, overall making Halifax a safer place to be.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support to the American Red Cross. We believe that together we can prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, and with the support from the citizens of Halifax we will be able to make that vision more of a reality. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Specialist  
American Red Cross, New Hampshire and Vermont Region



**Brattleboro Area Hospice**  
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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.

This year we are excited to initiate an Advance Directive Planning project, Taking Steps Brattleboro, a collaborative, community-based initiative intended to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people in the Brattleboro area who have completed the Advance Directive planning process. Brattleboro Area Hospice will offer trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance directives.

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. 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. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 2 Halifax residents. One Halifax resident serves as a volunteer currently. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at [www.brattleborohospice.org](http://www.brattleborohospice.org)

## Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is in its 21st year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. The past year has been spent offering programming and activities for parents, middle and high school students, as well as implementing drug and alcohol awareness and activities in the community.

Some of the highlights during this past year include:

- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales
- Offering on-site training on identifying false IDs for retailers
- Continuing the Lock Your Meds campaign to raise awareness of the importance of prescription drug abuse prevention
- Hosting community screenings of the Anonymous People film about addiction and recovery
- Sponsoring community meetings to open dialogue on how to support community members that are dealing addiction or are in recovery
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free by posting smoke-free signs at the MOOVER stops and town businesses
- Supporting Project Graduation-substance free event for high school students on graduation night
- Sponsoring Leadership/Community Service Programs at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Implementing Media Campaign/Social Norms Campaigns on underage drinking and drug use at the school level and community level
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 5-8
- Implementing Sticker Shock- Collaborating with local retailers and youth on a community campaign to eliminate liquor sales to minors
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sending newsletters to all town voters on alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues
- Sponsoring high school students attendance at the Eastern States Youth to Youth Leadership conference held at the University of Rhode Island
- Working to prevent exposure to second-hand smoke in cars and homes
- Implementing a Nar-a-Non program for families dealing with drug addiction in their family
- Offering Parenting Programs for middle and high school parents

All environmental initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for direct programming with youth and parents. Thank you for your past support!

The DVCP meets once a month and all (adults and youth) are encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds.

For more information: check our website at [www.DVCP.org](http://www.DVCP.org) or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator

## DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

### 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry (DVFP) is to see that no one in the area goes needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care. We provide, as well as our resources permit, food and other items to all those who ask for assistance. We do not turn anyone away. We serve Wilmington, Whitingham, Jacksonville, Dover, Readsboro, Marlboro, Halifax and Searsburg. The DVFP relies on donations of food items, the financial support of local churches, towns, organizations and individuals, plus an annual membership drive to make sure our shelves are never empty. The DVFP is a 501 (c)(3) organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank.

During 2014 we served an average of just under 100 families with about 250 clients each month. Since our communities have always "paid it forward" and always keep the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry on their giving list, we continue to be prepared and able to accommodate all the identified needs of our neighbors. It truly is a testament to the conscious and deliberate support of so many. This strong financial support from many donors, as well as our organized fundraisers and some modest success in acquiring grant funds, has allowed us to ensure that every month's distribution includes fresh meats, eggs and produce, along with the staples we have always provided.

DVFP wishes to thank our many dedicated volunteers who turn up every month to help with unloading the delivery truck, shelving the food, and assisting with our monthly distribution process. We could not do it without them all. We are especially grateful to the many local school children who come periodically to help out and also often hold food drives in their schools to help us keep the shelves full. It is heartwarming to see ones so young who are so enthusiastic to selflessly help out others. Fundraisers this year included a Feed A MOOver Event in December at Shaw's in lieu of the annual Christmas Concert and an Empty Bowls dinner in March, with selections of soups served in beautiful handmade bowls made by local artisans. We participated in the Baking Contest at the July Wilmington Town Stroll, and our 4<sup>th</sup> annual motorcycle ride with raffled items was held in August. Again, the local merchant community is always very generous in providing support for these endeavors.

Please continue to spread the word about the help available from the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. There is no need for anyone to go hungry. Our distributions are on the third Saturday morning of each month and on the preceding Thursday afternoon. All it takes to receive help is to show up on one of these dates and register; there are no income requirements involved. You can come just once if you experience an unusual emergency, or every month for as long as needed. We also encourage everyone who is able to join the membership that supports the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. For only \$20 annually you can be a supporting member of the DVFP and help us reach our goals. Registration and online Paypal payments are now possible at our website [deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org](http://deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org). The Board meets monthly on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday of the month, at 9:15 a.m. at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. Volunteers are always welcome. To express a need for our service, or to volunteer, call the DVFP at 464-0148.

On behalf of the many neighbors that we currently serve, and may serve in the near future, thank you for your continued support of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted, Evon Mack, for the Board of Directors of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 834 calls in 2015 through December 15th of which 39 were in the town of Halifax.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire department, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank Halifax EMS, Halifax Fire Department and the Halifax Highway Department for all the help they give us throughout the year.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent in your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal.

DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our ride along program @ [dvrescue.org](http://dvrescue.org). Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at 34 Route 100 South in Wilmington.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,

Deerfield Valley Rescue  
Board of Directors

Town of Halifax

#### The MOOver

The MOOver completed its nineteenth year in 2015 and provided our four millionth ride. We are so very lucky to enjoy your support.

The MOOver provides rides for Halifax's elderly or disabled residents. Each week we provide rides for shopping, meal sites, adult day care, the doctors', and social events. We also provide rides to Town Meeting and on Election Day and to the Halifax senior meal. This service has improved the quality of life for over 60 Valley residents by getting them out regularly and allowing them to live at home longer in life. We average over 125 trips a week.

Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOver!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Schoonmaker

**The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.**

**TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:**

- nursing oversight
- access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- daily exercise program
- recreation and social activities
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- outreach services
- companionship
- special events
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

**For questions, additional information or to schedule a tour please contact TGP at 802-254-6559, email [info@gatheringplacevt.org](mailto:info@gatheringplacevt.org) or visit us on the web at <https://gatheringplacevt.org>.**



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## Halifax Annual Town Report FY 2015

Green Mountain RSVP, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service- Senior Corps, is a nationwide program for people age 55 and older who want to contribute to their communities through volunteering. Volunteers donate their skills and knowledge, and provide meaningful services to programs and nonprofits in the local area. Green Mountain RSVP believes that our senior population is our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong.

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Windham County. They address community concerns for our senior population and their neighbors, they include supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. In our companionship & wellness programs we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windham County serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Halifax have served hours at area hospitals, as companions, as Bone Builder class leaders, and numerous other community priorities that benefit local area nonprofits and benefit senior services in Windham County. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers generously donated over 12,300 hours in Windham County last year at 39 local nonprofits. Their service is valued at \$269,772 to the community. For every \$1 dollar invested by the Windham County community, RSVP volunteers reinvested \$3 in service. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windham County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

You are welcome to contact Steve Ovenden in our Windham office at (802) 254-7515 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. We are more than happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have. Thank-you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sunny Leporati".

Sunny Leporati  
Green Mountain RSVP Director

### **Request for Support from the Town of Halifax**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$750.00 from the Town of Halifax at the 2016 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2015, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,351 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

***Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:*** HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. Adult services include assessment, treatment including individual, group, couples, and family counseling, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. It is the philosophy of HCRS that people are resilient and therefore capable of overcoming difficult experiences and recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals and families of whom we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

***Children, Youth, and Families Program:*** The Children's Division provides a comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services for youth and their families including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite and case aid services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, crisis response and emergency respite services, a mental health program specifically for young children up to six years old, and an employment assistance program for youth in transition who have significant emotional disturbances.

***Developmental Services (DS):*** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs. Children with a developmental disability are served through a collaboration with the Children's Division.

***Residential Services:*** Residential Services offers residential care from short term crisis stabilization, to intensive residential care, to therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals the appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs. The Residential continuum of care is comprised of a total of 38 beds spanning five individual programs.

***Emergency Services:*** The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Halifax for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.



Rescue Inc is excited to provide emergency medical response and transportation in your community. As a local non-profit we have been providing high quality, cost effective care to this region for fifty years. As a recognized leader in the field, Rescue has always strived to provide risk appropriate response at the highest levels possible. This dedication to excellence is shared by the men and women who work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to ensure an ambulance shows up at your door in your moment of need. Annually our staff of forty-six licensed EMT, AEMT and Paramedics respond to more than 5200 calls that range from car accidents to critical care transports from one hospital to another. Today we provide this service with a fleet of seven ambulances based in Townshend and Brattleboro.

Our mission and commitment have remained constant over the years, although medicine and our health care system have changed drastically. In recent years, national scope of practice has improved patient treatment from basic first aid and CPR to complex medical procedures that now require us to carry dozens of medications, medication pumps and sophisticated monitors that evaluate breathing, blood pressure, heart rate and other factors important to treatment during emergencies. Our advanced medical treatment is most dependent upon highly trained EMT's and Paramedics. Our regional American Heart Association training center uses advanced patient simulators to train local nurses, doctors and paramedics in the up-to-date assessment and treatment of critical cardiac and stroke patients. We also provide CPR / first aid classes to thousands of local community members.

We thank our member towns for their continued support. Annual contributions from each of the towns we serve help offset the growing number of patients that are uninsured or insured through state and federal programs that do not reimburse enough to cover the cost of the treatment provided. This is a growing problem that we are working on with local legislators to prevent more cost shifting onto local tax payers.

This year Rescue will again raise the bar for delivery of EMS with the expansion of our critical care treatment protocols and introduction of new equipment. These changes are needed to meet the needs of complex medical patients in our region and ensure the highest level of prehospital treatment is there when you need it. We are in the process of a capital building campaign that will allow us to modernize our Brattleboro facility to provide more training space and construct a new station to serve the West River Valley.

We are celebrating 50 years! Watch for our open house announcement in the spring; we would love to show you around.



## ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to **Halifax** in the last year (2014-2015).

**Information and Assistance:** Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered **35** calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at [www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org](http://www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org)

**Health Insurance:** We helped **10** residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment and other Medicare-related questions.

**Senior Nutrition:** In partnership with local volunteers, **267** meals were delivered to seniors at home. Congregate community meals are offered monthly at the Halifax Community Hall and three days a week at the Whitingham Municipal Center.

**Transportation:** Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

**Case Management & Advocacy:** We provided **4** elder residents with in-home case management to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often a few well-chosen support services can prevent premature institutionalization.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. One resident received a grant this year.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

*Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director*

## Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services (i.e., fuel/utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts, Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores and Textile Recycling.

In the community of Halifax we have provided the following services during FY2015:

**Weatherization:** 1 home (2 people) weatherized at a cost of \$16,005

**Emergency Heating Systems:** 1 home (2 people) received a furnace repair or replacement at a cost of \$569

**VT Health Connect:** 3 households (9 people) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$484

**Emergency Services:** 8 households (6 people) received 38 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$426

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 5 households (15 people) received services valued at \$3,000

**Emergency Home Repair:** 1 household (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$1,962

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Halifax for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director  
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Agency of Human Services

## Vermont Department of Health Report for Halifax

**Your local health district office** is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

**Supported healthy communities:** Deerfield Valley Community Partnership was awarded \$100,535 for Alcohol and Drug Abuse prevention, tobacco control, and to increase access to healthy food. Five Prevention Coalitions in Windham County together received a third year \$130,000 Partnership for Success grant to reduce underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse through a targeted regional approach.

**Community Health Needs Assessment:** We worked on the Community Health Needs Assessments conducted by the 3 area hospitals.

**Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) served half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five. WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support and healthy foods. In Halifax 18 women, infants and children were enrolled. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Families served by WIC are now able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice (a change from home delivery).

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In 2014 we responded to 223 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$802,526 of which was in our district.

**Aided communities in emergency preparedness:** In 2014/15, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Windham County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, since July 2013, funding of \$158,724 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Grace Cottage, and Brattleboro Retreat.

**Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Project:** Breastfeeding, a key to good health of mothers & babies, also significantly benefits families, employers, and society. With close to 70 % of new mothers returning to work after the birth of babies, the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Project helps Vermont employers adopt breastfeeding friendly policies in the workplace. The Brattleboro District Office has 45 local employers who are part of the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer Project. See the website for more info or call our local office for assistance.

**Fit & Healthy Kids Coalition:** The District Office coordinates the coalition, bringing professionals from diverse organizations together to support the community in increasing physical activity and healthy food opportunities for kids and families. A Toolkit was developed offering teachers ideas and resources for physical activity breaks and healthy food education for K-8.



**VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
*Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Halifax, VT*

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

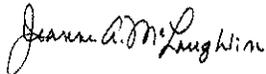
Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, VNH made 73 homecare visits to Halifax residents. We provided approximately \$5,010 in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Halifax residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 60 home visits to 4 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 13 home visits to 2 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Halifax's annual appropriation to the VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



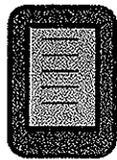
*Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)*

# 2015 By the Numbers: Whitingham Free Public Library



The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of lifelong learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs..

## Over 7,500 patron visits!



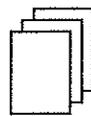
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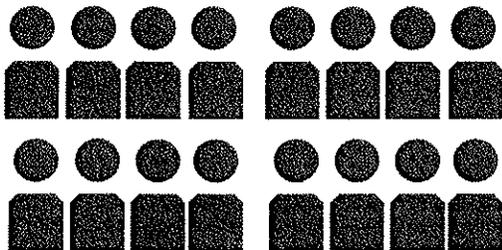


[www.townofwhitingham-vt.org](http://www.townofwhitingham-vt.org)



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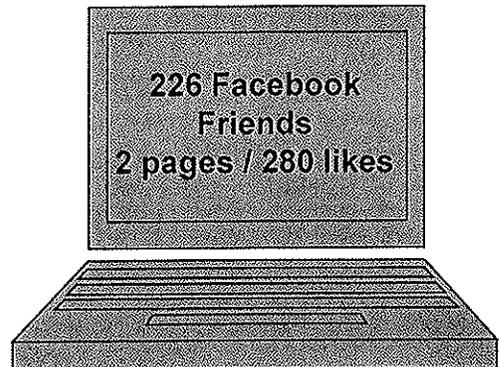
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Blue Ribbon  
at the  
Deerfield Valley  
Farmers' Day Fair



**↑ 16 %**

**2,190** adults and  
children attended 255  
programs and events.

**226 Facebook  
Friends**  
2 pages / 280 likes





## The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The WRC is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, which just celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Halifax is currently represented by Maggie Bartenhagen and Nick Bartenhagen. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All committee meetings are open to the public and subject to state open meeting law.

The Commission assists towns with activities in a number of different areas including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; testing, technical support and cleanup funding for the redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites which are those sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances; natural resources; transportation planning; infrastructure and capital improvement planning; traffic counts; emergency planning; energy planning; review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the Commission is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was just updated last year following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns and is ultimately approved by our towns. We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively. We assist with projects between and among towns, build and augment the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and provide professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We assisted 25 towns at their request with plans, zoning and zoning administration, flood hazard area regulation updates, and community revitalization. Staff and the WRC's Project Review Committee received and reviewed 35 Act 250 (land use) applications and 19 Section 248 (energy generation/transmission) applications. We've convened towns to explore opportunities for shared services to reduce costs or make the most of taxpayer dollars spent. We assisted all of our towns with the development and submittal of Local Emergency Operations and have assisted 17 of our 27 towns with the development of local hazard mitigation plans. We continue to lead the region's response to the closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee, including understanding what the economic impacts will be and what the decommissioning process will entail. We completed a comprehensive Forest Stewardship Report and helped organize the Shedding Light on the Working Forest exhibit at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center to highlight the ecological, cultural and economic importance of forestry to the region and its households. An annual report is available on our website ([www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org)). Click on the heading "About Us." You can also view a video about the WRC and its work at <https://vimeo.com/131311272>.

Funding for the Windham Regional Commission is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. While town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget – about 6 percent of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2016 – it is ostensibly the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the Commission's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources that enable us to serve you across the range of activities mentioned above. We are not asking for an increase in funding from towns this year. The \$1.88 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$1,363 from Halifax for the new fiscal year. Halifax may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2016, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

## Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 35 homeowners in 2015 with home repair projects.

**One-to-one Counseling** helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training, credit counseling and delinquency counseling. In 2015, 55 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 136 homes are in the shared equity program.

**Rental Housing Development Program**-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2015, we added 33 new apartments and renovated 47.

**Rental Housing Management Program**-WWHT owns 667 rental apartments with over 1000 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.w-wht.org](http://www.w-wht.org)



### Wings' Vision Statement

Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

### Wings' Mission Statement

Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings Community Programs is currently in its eleventh year at Halifax School with Maria Stewart, who continues to do an exceptional job as Halifax's site coordinator. Wings commends the entire Halifax staff for their extraordinary dedication to the Halifax school, this community and especially the children.

Wings program offerings vary widely to appeal to students' diverse interests and ensure that there is "something for everybody". Examples of programs that have been offered at Halifax include: the 2nd annual Halloween Hustle, Build Away!, Holiday Arts & Crafts, Math Olympiad, Soccer, Basketball, Junior Iron Chef, Ocean Adventures, Claymation and performing arts. Something new to Halifax this year is providing academic assistance (AM PAWS) before school begins and the introduction of a 3D printer program.



A few noteworthy points from last year:

- ◆ During the 2014-2015 school year Halifax logged in over 4,600 hours of fun and learning enjoyed by children of all ages.
- ◆ Students from Halifax participated in the well received Just Dance! musical production at Memorial Hall last July.
- ◆ Halifax students participated in the very popular Junior Iron Chef (JIC) program this past winter. JIC, a statewide program, gives students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience preparing and cooking nutritious, farm-fresh foods.
- ◆ Halifax students participated in Wings' four week summer camp, Celebrate Summer (CS), totaling 5,273 total hours of camp time. Parent surveys regarding Celebrate Summer indicate an overall positive and wonderful experience from participating children. CS has planned new and exciting changes for their 2016 program.



Wings thanks the Halifax community for taking the time to further Wings' vision and also those who have directly participated in bringing programs to the children of Halifax. Wings would further like to thank all Halifax residents for their commitment to high-quality after school programming as evidenced through financial support within both the school and town budgets as well as private donations. This diversified support is crucial for Wings to do its job for Halifax youth. It is a pleasure to work with such a wonderfully dedicated community.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Hauty, Project Director

Katie Boyd, Operations Manager



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## WSWMD 2015 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

In accordance with Vermont's Universal Recycling law, Act 148, July 1, 2015, was the start date for trash collection and disposal based on Variable Rate Pricing (VRP), or "Pay-As-You-Throw." The law also requires trash haulers to offer residential customers collection of recyclable materials along with trash collection at no separate charge. On behalf of the 20 member towns, the District enacted an ordinance that requires trash haulers to register with WSWMD and provide a copy of their VRP plan. Most of the member towns with transfer stations were already in compliance with VRP since they charge residents a price per bag of trash. For information on Act 148 go to [www.recycle.vt.gov](http://www.recycle.vt.gov), and the District's website: [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

Despite the mandatory recycling law, total tons of recyclables processed at the District's materials recycling facility (MRF) did not increase significantly due to the fact that haulers are collecting recyclables at residences using the single stream method where paper is mixed with containers. Such single stream recycling can't be processed at the District's dual stream MRF, and is taken to other facilities, thus diverting them from the District's recycling containers at transfer stations, and the 24-7 sites. The District has over 100 roll-off containers that are utilized at town transfer stations and 24-7 recycling drop-off centers, and District trucks haul the boxes to the MRF.

Due to a stagnant world economy, the value of the recyclable materials processed at the MRF has not increased after dropping significantly two years ago. In response, the District has reduced its staffing, and is proposing an 11 percent decrease in the FY 2017 annual assessment to our member towns.

Act 148 requires the District's staff to work with businesses and schools to provide recycling education, and a full-time position is dedicated to this work.

The District conducted 2 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections this year in Brattleboro. A total of 341 households participated in the collections. The District offers year round collection of certain hazardous

waste such as mercury containing products, leftover paints, and used motor oil and filters.

WSWMD intends to apply for a State Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility Permit, which would enable WSWMD to accept a wider range of hazardous waste year round.

WSWMD participates in the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, primers, coatings, sealers, stains, shellacs, waterproofing and rust preventatives at the Brattleboro convenience center.

The District continues to operate a composting facility, which accepts food scraps and non-recyclable paper from the Town of Brattleboro's residential curbside collection program, the only such program in Vermont. By 2020, curbside residential food scrap collection will be mandatory. The composting facility is also processing food scraps from supermarkets, and other large generators. The District has implemented a marketing program for compost and sells it in bulk at the Brattleboro convenience center. With a grant from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, food scrap collection programs were implemented at four regional middle and high schools in the District.

After an extensive request-for-proposals process, the District signed a 25-year lease with a company to permit, finance, construct, and operate a 5 MW solar facility on the 25-acre closed landfill owned by WSWMD. Towns and school districts will have an opportunity to participate in a group net-metering contract to receive lower cost electricity, and the solar system is anticipated to be operating by December 2016.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents, and provides educational materials about reuse, recycling, and composting. Backyard compost bins are sold at discounted prices at the District office.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer  
Executive Director

**Annual report of services  
Windham County Humane Society**

**Description of Services:** The Windham County Humane Society is a non-profit organization serving all residents of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of the Windham County Humane Society is to ensure the safety and well being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare. We accept owner surrendered dogs, cats and other pets; house and care for stray/abandoned/neglected animals; facilitate adoptions; provide lost and found services; offer monthly low cost spay/neuter clinics to the public; provide pet food and basic wellness assistance for those in need; and coordinate the investigation of reports of animal cruelty and neglect. We are dedicated to educating the public toward increased awareness of the need to promote animal welfare and the importance of spaying and neutering pets, and to encouraging respect for all living things.

**Animal Intake and Outcomes**

881 animals came into the shelter from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015.

- 147 were seized by ACO's/law enforcement
- 255 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 204 were strays brought in by the public or abandoned at the shelter
- 195 were transported to WCHS from high kill shelters and successfully adopted out

897 animals left WCHS from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015.

- 654 or 73% were adopted out to new homes
- 110 or 12% were reunited with their owner
- 23 or 3% were euthanized per request of the owner (low income residents on Pet Care Assistance)
- 71 or 8% were euthanized for health or behavior reasons (*WCHS does not euthanize for time or space. Average euthanasia rate in the US is 50%*)
- 10 or 1% died
- 29 or 3% were transferred out to another shelter or rescue

**Spay/Neuter**

- 551 public animals
- 110 Feral cats
- \$12,194 in financial aid for spay/neuter to low-income pet owners

**Pet Care Assistance**

This program provides food assistance, basic preventative medicines (flea/tick or heartworm preventative, etc.), and low cost vaccines for participants. Pet care assistance was provided to 443 low-income residents from Windham County. This represents 506 dogs, 663 cats and 31 other animals (birds, hamsters, etc.).

**Cruelty/Neglect**

WCHS coordinated the investigation of 27 reports of cruelty and neglect in Windham County.

**Volunteers 2014-15**

64 Volunteers worked a total of 5,201 hours. These numbers do not include time donated by the Board of Directors, or by the two event committees.

**WCHS served Halifax residents as follows:**

- 2 residents adopted animals from WCHS
- 11 residents' animals were fixed using our low cost spay/neuter program
- 1 animal was surrendered to WCHS by a Halifax resident.
- 1 stray animal was brought in by a resident.
- 2 residents of Halifax requested Pet Care Assistance in the past year.
- WCHS coordinates the investigation of cruelty and neglect reports for all of Windham County. There were 2 complaints of cruelty/neglect in Halifax this year.

**Women's Freedom Center's**  
**Statement of Services**  
**And**  
**Report to the Town of Halifax**

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 479 women and their 438 children; providing emergency supports to 2 women and 1 child from Halifax. We also responded to 1,491 crisis telephone calls and provided shelter to 37 women and their 49 children during this time. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contributions to the Freedom Center, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,

Vickie Sterling  
Director  
Women's Freedom Center

## Report to the Town of Halifax

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention for youth and adults.
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services.

This year, we respectfully request \$200 from the Town of Halifax to help fund our agency's services. We served 11 residents from Halifax during Fiscal Year 2015. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our new website at [www.youthservicesinc.org](http://www.youthservicesinc.org), call 802-257-0361 or email [info@youthservicesinc.org](mailto:info@youthservicesinc.org). Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin  
Executive Director

*Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures*

## Annual School Report for 2016

The Halifax School staff works daily to maximize student's learning, thinking and problem solving skills. Our goal is for our students to become responsible citizens, capable of meeting their own needs, the needs of their community and the needs of society. We evaluate our classroom practices and modify our approaches to serve each student and inspire them to reach their fullest potential. This can only be accomplished when parents and school personnel work hand in hand, leading our children on a path of life long learning.

I appreciate the opportunity to be part of a group of teachers and staff whose objective is to provide the highest quality of education possible for all students at Halifax Elementary School. This years staff includes: Ashley Moorhouse our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Maria Stewart our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Dayle Sherman our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Joel Howes our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Layne Leary our Special Education teacher, Judy Anyan our Math Mentor, Greg Montgomery our Technology Coordinator, Fran Alfieri our Physical Education and Music teacher, Jody Hauser our Librarian, Rhonda Wainshilbaum our Art Teacher, Kathy Inman our Speech Pathologist, and Paul Hoak our Guidance Counselor, Kathy Phillips our Lunch Program Coordinator, Keith Anyan our School Plant Manger and of course Linda Swanson our School Secretary.

It is with great pride that I announce last year's graduation honorees. The Mary Butterfield School Citizenship Award was presented to Samuel Fisher. The Elizabeth Stott Willingness Award was presented to Jamie Cook. The Hank Wonsey Poetry Award was presented to Lars Andrews. The Bill Ackerman Science and Nature Award was presented to Kate Levine. The I Love to Read Award was presented to two students: Reese Croutworst and Parker Lane. The Principal's Academic Award for Best Overall Academic Success was presented to Lars Andrews and Maria Page.

The generosity of the PTG is very much appreciated and their dedication to the annual traditions at the school is inspiring. The PTG supports the school in a variety of ways, their fundraising events have benefited students and staff alike. I thank the parents and community members who participate by baking, volunteering their time, and supporting, through monetary means, the goals of this organization.

The School's professional staff continues to work diligently on their annual action plan goals and objectives. This year's work focuses primarily on Proficiency-based learning or PBL, which are systems of instruction, assessment, grading, and academic reporting that are based on students demonstrating that they have learned the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn as they progress through their education. This work ties in well with the Common Core initiative that we have been working on the last three years.

I am grateful to all the people who give so much to make this an exceptional school. It is a combined effort of all of our stakeholders- the faculty who teach at our school, the district administrators and staff who support our efforts, the students themselves, our parents, school board, and community members who lend their time and energy to create an environment that fosters learning and personal growth.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sandra Pentak-Cohen

HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT  
7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

Prepared by:  
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE 7/1/2014**

Beginning cash balance General Fund	\$	161,710.85
Beginning cash balance Money Market	\$	9,358.76
Food service funds	\$	733.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>171,803.59</b>

**REVENUES**

5910 Property Tax School Portion	\$	1,246,191.00	
5921 St of VT Special Education	\$	98,737.00	
5922 Title 1 Reimbursement	\$	13,048.75	
5923 Essential Early Education	\$	3,063.11	
5930 Tuition	\$	40,672.42	
5940 Bank Interest Earned (regular & Money Market)	\$	7.28	
5951 Hot Lunch School Sales (students and staff)	\$	4,562.00	
5952 Hot Lunch St of Vt	\$	1,569.65	
5953 Food service account	\$	1,397.27	
5960 Miscellaneous	\$	56,011.41	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$ 1,465,259.89</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

9800 Payroll, Utilities, Withholdings, School Expenses, Etc. TOTAL		\$ (1,434,358.94)
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**ENDING CASH BALANCE 6/30/15**

Ending cash balance regular account	\$	202,053.55	
Ending cash balance Money Market	\$	-	
Ending balance in food service	\$	650.99	
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 202,704.54</b>	<b>\$ 202,704.54</b>

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Summary of Playground Funds  
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

Money Market Account TD Bank	\$	24,489.14
Brattleboro Savings & Loan 2 CD's	\$	130,408.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>154,897.31</b>

**REVENUES**

Total Interest Earned	\$	1,047.41
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**EXPENDITURES**

**ENDING CASH BALANCE 6/30/15**

Money Market Account TD Bank	\$	24,508.71	
Brattleboro Savings & Loan 2 CD's	\$	131,436.01	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>155,944.72</b>	<b>\$ 155,944.72</b>

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## Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent Annual Letter 2015-2016

As Superintendent, I can honestly say without hesitation that as a Supervisory Union we have some of the strongest most dedicated faculty, staff, board members, parents and administrators that I have ever worked with in my 22 years of education. As a Supervisory Union we continue to move in the direction of transforming all of our schools into the 21st century learning environments. Academic success for each student is the main goal of every staff member and administrator in WSWSU. We believe that every student achieve at the highest level and we are prepared to offer more time and support to each and every student in order to prepare them to be innovative learners.

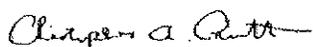
As you may be aware the state of Vermont is in the midst of **major** school transformation called ACT 46. The Act 46 was enacted by the legislation in 2015 and the General Assembly is quoted as follows. "Act 46 intends to move the State toward sustainable models of education governance." This ACT could jeopardize the current structure of Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. I am strongly encouraging the community to become involved in the Act 46 school governance changes that will take place in the coming year. School boards have been working tirelessly to come up with a solution that will best meet the needs of all of the students. I believe that the solution that the boards will eventually ask you to vote on will, without a doubt, be the best option for the taxpayers and the students of Windham Southwest. Please take full advantage of working with your school boards so you may be part of the process and have a voice because the final decision will be placed on the voters.

As Superintendent, it is my hope that the Windham Southwest Supervisory continue to advance forward as an SU in providing a 21st century education that reflects the collaboration from students, educators, parents and the community that show that we are committed to developing and creating learning opportunities that are taught through thinking skills and a rigorous, relevant, and comprehensive curriculum, that will prepare students to be innovative, productive citizens in an interconnected world. Your building Principals have worked diligently with myself and School Boards to present you with a school budget that is a reflection of the level of equitable education and vision that we need to provide to our kids.

To conclude, Windham Southwest Supervisory Union is proud of all of their accomplishments and progress that has been made during the first half of the school year, and will continue to move forward as an SU to provide our students with a great education that the communities can be proud of that is an education that provides students with the essential skills for success in today's world, such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration. The budget that is being proposed to you reflects all of these skills and many of the initiatives that we have started and will need to continue to support for next year. Please visit your various school websites or come visit the schools.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Pratt  
Superintendent of Schools

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT  
As of December 31, 2014

	<u>GRADES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>		
ELEMENTARY:	K				0
	1				5
	2				9
	3				5
	4				7
	5				5
	6				6
	7				3
	8				4
					44
Total Elementary:					44
Elementary Tuition (included in above count)			0		
SECONDARY:	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Twin Valley High School	2	3	3	0	8
Franklin Tech.	0	0	2	3	5
Brattleboro H.S.	2	0	2	5	9
Mohawk Regional	0	0	0	0	0
Private/Independent School	3	0	1	1	5
The Putney School	0	1	0	0	1
	7	4	8	9	28
Total Secondary:					28
					72
TOTAL ENROLLMENT:					72

**Halifax School District**  
**Salary and Wage Summary**  
January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Blais, Paul	per meeting up to	\$1,000.00
Teft, Kimberly	per meeting up to	\$1,000.00
Sumner, Homer	per meeting up to	\$1,500.00

EMPLOYEES

Alfieri, Francis	\$21,664.58
Anyan, Judy	\$24,933.52
Anyan, Keith	\$12,119.02
Brigham, Edith	\$575.00
Clews, Loren	\$1,267.50
Comenitz, Jeffrey	\$4,455.00
Ernest, Kathryn	\$42.50
Garrett, Patricia	\$765.00
Hauser, Jody	\$9,570.46
Hoak, Paul	\$2,868.75
Hollister, Tammy	\$462.50
Howes, Joel	\$62,157.56
Landers, Barbara	\$330.00
Levy, Christine	\$2,070.00
Millett, Henry	\$42.50
Montgomery, Greg	\$4,365.00
Moorhouse, Ashley	\$39,464.67
Pentak-Cohen, Sandra	\$66,778.25
Phillips, Kathy	\$14,019.50
Putnam, Ramona	\$3,225.00
Roberts, Elizabeth	\$1,557.50
Rossi, Lyndsay	\$23,960.42
Sherman, Dayle	\$44,113.42
Stewart, Maria	\$36,811.45
Stewart, Matthew	\$13,000.00
Swanson, Linda	\$25,834.25
Wainshilbaum, Rhonda	\$12,505.17
Wood, Melissa	\$11,424.82
Youmell, Merritt	\$85.00

The percentage of Core academic classes taught by not highly qualified teachers was 58.93% for the 2014-2015 school year.

70% of the teachers have a Bachelors degree and 30% have a Masters degree

HALIFAX ANTICIPATED REVENUES and TAX RATE COMPARISON

	Actual 2014-2015	Anticipated 2015-2016	Anticipated 2016-2017	
<u>Local Revenues:</u>				
Interest Income	\$ 195.05	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Playground Interest Income	\$ 859.64	\$ -	\$ -	
Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Building Rental	\$ 3,363.00	\$ 2,800	\$ 52,800	
E-rate	\$ 2,297.91	\$ -	\$ -	
Misc Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<u>Federal Revenues:</u>				
Education Jobs Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
State Stabilization ARRA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<u>Fund Balance</u>	\$ 69,035.02	\$ 92,782	\$ 25,176	
<u>Playground Reserve</u>	\$ 147,771.98	\$ 5,382	\$ 5,382	
<u>State Special Education:</u>				
Mainstream Block Grant	\$ 34,916.00	\$ 33,808	\$ 30,393	
EEE Block Grant	\$ 6,497.00	\$ 5,155	\$ 5,550	
Intensive	\$ 83,683.03	\$ 69,439	\$ 104,669	
PY Sped	\$ (280.40)			
State Ward Reimbursement	\$ 9,217.92			
<u>Other State Revenues:</u>				
Small Schools Grant	\$ 82,113.00	\$ 80,521	\$ 71,200	
Stability Grant			\$ 7,001	
Vocational Tuition	\$ 26,097.50	\$ 29,906	\$ 26,618	
Transportation	\$ 39,699.00	\$ 39,531	\$ 38,342	
Loan Forgiveness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 505,465.65</b>	<b>\$ 359,824</b>	<b>\$ 367,631</b>	
<b>Schoolwide Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 28,390.85</b>	<b>\$ 35,503</b>	<b>\$ 30,683</b>	
				<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Actual Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,418,152.59</b>			<b>/((Decrease)</b>
Budget		\$ 1,485,252	\$ 1,443,852	-2.79%
Schoolwide Budget	\$ 28,390.85	\$ 35,503	\$ 30,683	
Less: Revenues	\$ 505,465.65	\$ 395,327	\$ 398,314	0.76%
State Support Grant	\$ 1,124,379.00			
State Tech Center Payment	\$ 24,880.00			
Fund Balance Applied to FY 15	\$ 714.00			
Fund Balance Applied to FY 16	\$ 92,782.00			
Playground Reserve Fund Balance	\$ 143,076.06			
Education Spending (Act 68)		\$ 1,125,428	\$ 1,076,221	-4.37%
Equalized Pupils		83.15	80.24	-3.50%
Per Pupil Penalty			\$ -	
Education Spending Per Pupil		\$ 13,535	\$ 13,412.52	-0.90%

Estimated Tax Rate for FY'2017	FY '2016	Estimated**** FY '2017	Increase/ (Decrease)
School Tax	\$ 1.3600	\$ 1.3126	\$ (0.047)
Town Tax (Level Funded)	\$ 0.8036	\$ 0.8036	\$ -
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>\$ 2.1636</b>	<b>\$ 2.1162</b>	<b>\$ (0.047)</b>

\*Tax rate figured at 103.53% Common Level of Appraisal rate.

\*\*\*\* Tax rate estimates are based on pending legislature.

	State Rate	CLA	Adjusted Tax Rate
Non-residential School Tax Rate	1.538	103.53%	\$ 1.486
Residential School Tax Rate(\$1.00)	1.359	103.53%	\$ 1.3126

District: Halifax County: Windham		T090 Windham Southwest			
		9,870		1.00	
		11,065			
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1	<b>Budget</b> (total budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,543,718	\$1,465,622	\$1,520,755	\$1,474,535
2	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting				
3	Act 144 Expenditures to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)				
4	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$1,543,718	\$1,465,622	\$1,520,755	\$1,474,535
5	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any				
6	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit				
7	<b>Total Budget</b>	\$1,543,718	\$1,465,622	\$1,520,755	\$1,474,535
8	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data				\$172,962
9	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data				
Revenues					
10	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$380,242	\$316,363	\$395,327	\$398,314
11	Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60				
12	Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)				
13	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$380,242	\$316,363	\$395,327	\$398,314
14	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,163,476	\$1,149,259	\$1,125,428	\$1,076,221
15	Equalized Pupils	87.10	85.65	83.15	80.24
16	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$13,357.93	\$13,418.09	\$13,534.91	\$13,412.52
17	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil				NA
18	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)				NA
19	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)				NA
20	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)				NA
21	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)				NA
22	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)				NA
23	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)				NA
24	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	NA	NA		NA
25	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	NA	NA	NA	\$13,846.21
26	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)				
27	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,358	\$13,418	\$13,535	\$13,412.52
28	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	145.972% based on \$9,151	144.514% based on \$9,785	143.090% based on \$9,459	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$13,412.52 - (\$9,870.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1,372.1	\$1,416.2	\$1,416.6	\$1,358.9
30	Percent of Halifax equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.36)	\$1,372.1	\$1,416.2	\$1,416.6	\$1,358.9
32	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	104.12%	101.12%	104.16%	103.53%
33	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,358.9 / 103.53%)	\$1,311.8	\$1,400.5	\$1,350.0	\$1,312.6
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
34	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$13,412.52 - \$11,065) x 2.00%]	2.63% based on 1.80%	2.60% based on 1.80%	2.58% based on 1.80%	2.42% based on 2.00%
35	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.42%)	2.63% based on 1.80%	2.60% based on 1.94%	2.56% based on 1.94%	2.42% based on 2.00%
36	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1				
37					

Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1,000 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1,538. These are updated rates based on the most current property values from 2017 and the assumed value of 2017.

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

The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
INTEREST ON BOND	0	0.00	0	0
BOND PAYMENT	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LOAN INTEREST</b>				
INTEREST ON LOAN	0	0.00	0	0
<b>WATER LOAN INTEREST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LOAN INTEREST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>				
LATERALS	0	0.00	1,500	2,600
ASHLEY MOORHOUSE	37,138	37,138.00	38,638	40,138
DAYLE SHERMAN	40,424	41,624.00	43,124	44,624
TBH .5	42,593	0.00	0	0
MARIA STEWART	0	34,948.00	36,448	37,948
S PENTAK COHEN	28,055	28,055.00	28,805	0
P.E. TEACHER 40%	12,330	12,330.00	12,630	19,680
MUSIC 20%	6,885	6,175.00	6,750	6,750
JOEL HOWES	57,911	57,911.00	59,411	60,911
RHONDA WAINSHILBAUM	11,942	11,942.00	12,242	12,542
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE	0	0.00	0	0
SUBSTITUTES	3,500	8,027.50	5,000	5,000
HOSPITALIZATION	55,750	64,580.13	49,800	62,917
LATERAL MOVES	0	0.00	0	199
ASHLEY MOORHOUSE	2,841	2,756.46	2,956	3,071
DAYLE SHERMAN	3,092	2,998.37	3,299	3,414
TBH .5	3,258	0.00	0	0
MARIA STEWART	0	2,486.26	2,788	2,903
S PENTAK COHEN	2,146	1,921.93	2,195	0
P.E. TEACHER 40%	943	943.27	966	1,506
MUSIC 20%	527	472.48	516	516
JOEL HOWES	4,430	4,366.67	4,545	4,660
RHONDA WAINSHILBAUM	914	913.62	937	959
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE	0	0.00	0	0
SUBSTITUTES	268	614.30	383	383
WORKMENS COMP	1,440	1,687.45	1,714	1,841
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	1,000	633.22	2,500	1,000
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	3,000	1,870.00	3,000	3,000
DENTAL	625	624.99	500	500
LIFE & DISABILITY INSUR	1,237	749.12	1,067	1,118
PROF DEVELOPMENT	500	400.00	500	500
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
VISITING ARTISTS	0	0.00	0	0
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	8,500	7,545.04	8,500	8,500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	1,045.00	0	0
FIELD TRIPS	550	357.20	550	375
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2,500	2,300.00	700	700
TRAVEL	300	196.70	300	200
SUPPLIES	4,600	4,044.59	4,600	4,000
ACHIEVEMENT TESTS	300	0.00	300	300
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	2,500	1,111.60	2,500	2,000
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	0	0.00	0	0

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
MANIPULATIVE DEVICES	0	0.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	2,430	1,680.00	2,500	2,000
DUES AND FEES	0	0.00	0	0
WINTER SPORTS	700	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>345,129</b>	<b>344,448.90</b>	<b>342,164</b>	<b>336,755</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
JEFFREY COMENITZ -TECH	9,120	10,200.00	9,225	0
G MONTGOMERY .2	0	0.00	0	9,225
JEFFREY COMENITZ -TECH	698	780.30	706	0
G MONTGOMERY .2	0	0.00	0	706
WORKMENS COMP	55	61.19	74	74
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,127	0.00	0	0
TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	1,337	169.56	1,337	591
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	800	0.00	800	800
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	2,500	2,510.73	2,500	3,481
SUPPLIES	800	265.46	800	800
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	0	0.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	12,000	11,811.68	12,000	10,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0.00	0	0
DUES AND FEES	800	0.00	800	800
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>32,237</b>	<b>25,798.92</b>	<b>28,242</b>	<b>26,477</b>
<b>ATHLETICS</b>				
COACHING SALARY	0	0.00	0	0
REFEREES	600	50.00	500	200
COACHING FICA	0	0.00	0	0
REFEREES	46	0.00	38	15
WORKMANS COMPENSATION	3	3.53	4	2
SUPPLIES	0	0.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0.00	0	0
DUES & FEES	0	300.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>353.53</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT</b>				
P HOAK .1	0	0.00	6,750	6,885
HOSPITALIZATION	0	0.00	0	0
P HOAK .1	0	0.00	516	527
WORKMENS COMP	0	0.00	54	55
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	0	0.00	0	0
LIFE & DISABILITY INSUR	0	0.00	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0.00	0	0
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE DEPT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,320</b>	<b>7,467</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
NURSE	0	0.00	0	0
NURSE	0	0.00	0	0
WORKMANS COMPENSATION	0	0.00	0	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5,590	5,590.00	5,590	5,590
SUPPLIES	300	165.34	300	300
EQUIPMENT	300	113.81	300	300
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>6,190</b>	<b>5,869.15</b>	<b>6,190</b>	<b>6,190</b>
<b>IN SERVICE EDUCATION</b>				
PROF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL IN SERVICE EDUCATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
<b>LIBRARY SERVICES</b>				
JODY HAUSER 26%/20%	9,086	9,086.00	9,476	7,589
JODY HAUSER 26%/20%	695	695.21	725	581
WORKMANS COMP	55	64.28	76	61
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0	0.00	0	0
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0.00	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0.00	0	0
SUPPLIES	200	89.42	200	100
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	1,500	1,383.99	1,500	1,500
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	0	0.00	0	0
SOFTWARE	289	0.00	289	289
EQUIPMENT	800	0.00	800	400
DUES & FEES	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES</b>	<b>12,625</b>	<b>11,318.90</b>	<b>13,066</b>	<b>10,520</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</b>				
SALARIES	3,500	3,500.00	3,500	3,500
TREASURERS SALARY	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
FICA	345	267.75	345	345
WORKMENS COMP	21	24.66	36	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,500	0.00	1,500	1,500
AUDIT (CPA)	6,000	5,968.18	6,200	6,200
LIABILITY INSURANCE	814	725.50	838	850
TREASURERS EXPENSES	400	370.67	400	400
ADVERTISING	500	241.50	500	300
DUES & FEES	1,000	877.99	1,000	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	0	151.00	0	0
GRADUATION EXPENSES	225	211.73	225	225
CONTINGENCY	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES</b>	<b>15,305</b>	<b>13,338.98</b>	<b>15,544</b>	<b>15,320</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>				
SUPERVISORY UNION ASSESMT	32,709	32,709.00	37,264	44,607
<b>TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>32,709</b>	<b>32,709.00</b>	<b>37,264</b>	<b>44,607</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
S PENTAK COHEN	35,750	35,750.00	36,500	37,250
ASST PRINCIPAL	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	1,500
LINDA SWANSON 100%/75%	26,312	24,948.00	26,686	20,082
HOSPITALIZATION	24,840	25,976.26	39,056	31,323
S PENTAK COHEN	2,735	2,443.12	2,792	2,850
LINDA SWANSON 100%/75%	2,013	1,701.94	2,041	1,536
ASST PRINCIPAL	115	114.75	115	115
NON-PROFESSIONAL RET	1,053	1,012.90	1,068	804
WORKMENS COMP	380	443.28	517	471
DENTAL	125	125.00	125	125
LIFE AND DISABILITY INSUR	215	186.06	219	224
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	500	284.17	500	500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0.00	0	0

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
POSTAGE	750	591.35	700	700
TELEPHONE	2,400	1,985.59	2,640	1,985
TRAVEL	250	250.00	250	250
TRAVEL-SEC	70	37.20	70	70
SUPPLIES	300	229.08	300	250
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	0	51.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0.00	500	200
DUES & FEES	250	283.50	250	250
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>99,558</b>	<b>97,913.20</b>	<b>115,829</b>	<b>100,485</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>				
PLAYGROUND UPKEEP	5,000	5,000.00	5,000	5,000
MATT STEWART	21,000	21,000.00	21,390	0
KEITH ANYAN	0	368.97	0	19,390
PLAYGROUND UPKEEP	382	382.50	382	382
MATT STEWART	1,607	1,606.50	1,637	0
KEITH ANYAN	0	28.23	0	1,484
NON PROFESSIONAL RETIRE	0	0.00	0	976
WORKMANS COMPENSATION	156	133.98	211	195
GARBAGE REMOVAL	1,000	998.00	1,000	1,000
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	6,000	9,573.12	6,000	5,354
WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES	0	0.00	0	0
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS	0	173.06	0	0
ROOF REPLACEMENT	0	0.00	0	0
ASBESTOS	0	0.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0	0.00	0	0
PROPERTY INSURANCE	4,292	5,603.40	5,775	2,500
TRAVEL	0	0.00	0	0
SUPPLIES	2,750	1,030.30	3,400	3,000
ELECTRICITY	10,000	9,936.48	12,000	10,500
FUEL OIL	26,000	19,371.51	24,000	18,000
EQUIPMENT	0	0.00	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	15,000	4,744.74	15,000	5,000
WATER TEST	2,700	2,623.10	2,700	2,800
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</b>	<b>95,887</b>	<b>82,573.89</b>	<b>98,495</b>	<b>75,581</b>
<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>				
BUS DUTY	0	0.00	0	0
BUS DUTY	0	0.00	0	0
WORKERS COMP	0	0.00	0	0
CONTRACTED SERVICES	94,233	84,000.00	88,000	88,000
<b>TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>94,233</b>	<b>84,000.00</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>88,000</b>
<b>PRE-K TUITION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,460</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TUITION</b>				
PUCHASES SERVICE (504)	0	0.00	0	0
TUITION VT LEA'S	235,950	226,900.00	250,554	225,250
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S	0	0.00	38,640	0
TUITION PRIVATE SCHOOL	27,460	41,262.00	43,350	59,420
<b>TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITION</b>	<b>263,410</b>	<b>268,162.00</b>	<b>332,544</b>	<b>284,670</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>				
VOCATIONAL TUITION	28,070	28,314.44	28,254	28,269
VOCATIONAL TUITION STATE	25,154	24,880.00	24,227	24,279
VOC. TUITION OUTSIDE VT	136,000	117,950.00	71,440	73,113
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>	<b>189,224</b>	<b>171,144.44</b>	<b>123,921</b>	<b>125,661</b>

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	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
<b>HS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>				
CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL HS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TUITION UNDERCHARGE</b>				
PR YR TUITION UNDERCHARGE	0	0.00	0	0
VOC TUITION UNDERCHARGE	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL TUITION UNDERCHARGE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
PRIOR YR ADJUSTMENTS	0	0.00	0	0
MARIA STEWART	34,948	0.00	0	0
LYNDSAY ROSSI	0	33,853.00	0	0
M LEMAIRE	4,219	1,254.63	0	0
SUMMER TUTORIAL	1,800	900.00	0	0
JUDY ANYAN 50%/25%	11,293	11,284.39	11,293	5,646
SUBSTITUTE	0	3,857.50	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	24,840	9,976.00	8,687	9,365
MARIA STEWART	2,674	0.00	0	0
LYNDSAY ROSSI	0	2,589.84	0	0
M LEMAIRE	323	81.22	0	0
SUMMER TUTORIAL	138	68.85	0	0
JUDY ANYAN 50%/25%	864	797.76	864	432
SUBSTITUTE	0	295.16	0	0
NON-PROFESSIONAL RETIRE	452	558.80	452	226
WORKMENS COMP	312	367.32	90	45
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	1,000	195.00	0	0
DENTAL	250	0.00	0	0
LIFE AND DISABILITY INS	210	0.00	0	0
PROF DEVELOPMENT	200	0.00	200	200
SUMMER PROGRAM	0	0.00	180	625
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	0.00	0	0
TRAVEL	200	0.00	0	0
PURCHASED SERVICES	0	0.00	52,047	56,257
SUPPLIES	200	322.27	200	200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	100	10.98	100	100
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	0	0.00	0	0
MANIPULATIVE DEVICES	0	0.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	500	0.00	0	0
DUES & FEES	250	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>84,773</b>	<b>66,412.72</b>	<b>74,113</b>	<b>73,096</b>
<b>INTENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0
SUMMER PARA	0	0.00	0	0
SUBSTITUTE PARA	0	0.00	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	0	0.00	0	0
TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
SUBSTITUTE PARA	0	0.00	0	0
SUMMER PARA	0	0.00	0	0
NON-PROFESSIONAL RETIRE	0	0.00	0	0
WORKMANS COMP	0	0.00	0	0
BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST	0	0.00	0	0
BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST	6,480	5,510.98	775	0
PARA TRAINING	0	0.00	0	0
EEE SUMMER PROGRAM	0	727.93	0	0
SUMMER PROGRAM	0	0.00	0	0
PURCHASED SERVICE	0	0.00	0	0
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	0	0.00	0	0
TUITION PRIVATE	0	34,626.00	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0.00	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0.00	0	0
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	0	0.00	0	0
MANIPULATIVE DEVICES	0	0.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL INTENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>40,864.91</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>58,440</b>	<b>58,425.00</b>	<b>71,625</b>	<b>71,518</b>
<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY</b>				
PHYSICAL THERAPY	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>				
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EVALUATIONS</b>				
COMPRHENSIVE EVALUATIONS	1,200	300.00	1,200	0
COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL EVALUATIONS</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>				
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	0.00	0	600
EEE PROF SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>				
SPEECH SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION</b>				
TRANSPORTATION	0	13,404.06	0	0
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,404.06</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SECONDARY INTENSIVE SERVICES</b>				
SUMMER TUTORIAL	0	0.00	0	0
TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	0	0.00	0	0
SUMMER TUTORIAL	0	0.00	0	0
TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0
NON-PROF RETIREMENT	0	0.00	0	0
WORKMENS COMP	0	0.00	0	0

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
PURCHASED PARA SERVICES	0	0.00	0	0
PURCHASED SERVICE	500	0.00	0	0
SUMMER SERVICES	900	0.00	0	0
TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0
TUITION VT LEA'S	0	0.00	0	0
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S	20,000	20,085.00	20,487	18,000
TUITION PRIVATE	37,300	31,320.00	66,300	66,332
SPED EXCESS COSTS	0	8,490.00	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY INTENSIVE SERVICES</b>	<b>58,700</b>	<b>59,895.00</b>	<b>86,787</b>	<b>84,332</b>
<b>OTHER SECONDARY SPECIAL ED SERVICES</b>				
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	0	0.00	0	0
COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION	0	0.00	0	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0	250.00	0	0
SPEECH SERVICES	2,600	4,422.50	2,600	0
SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION	11,816	15,578.22	15,000	25,000
<b>TITLE I/REMEDIAL SERVICES</b>				
REMEDIAL TEACHER	0	0.00	0	4,383
M LEMAIRE	4,219	1,254.75	0	0
JUDY ANYAN 30%/50%	6,776	6,770.67	6,776	12,422
SUMMER TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0
HOSPITALIZATION	4,968	6,703.58	5,212	21,958
REMEDIAL TEACHER	0	0.00	0	326
M LEMAIRE	323	81.28	0	0
JUDY ANYAN 30%/50%	518	478.63	518	950
SUMMER TUTOR	0	0.00	0	0
NON-PROFESSIONAL RET	271	379.56	271	497
WORKMENS COMP	66	79.05	54	134
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	0	0.00	0	0
LIFE AND DISABILITY INSUR	0	0.00	0	26
INSERVICE	0	0.00	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0.00	0	0
SUPPLIES	50	0.00	50	50
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	150	50.00	150	150
AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS	0	0.00	0	0
MANIPULATIVE DEVICES	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL TITLE I/REMEDIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>17,341</b>	<b>15,797.52</b>	<b>13,031</b>	<b>40,896</b>
<b>HOT LUNCH PROGRAM</b>				
FOOD DEFICIT	6,500	5,170.55	11,000	11,000
<b>TOTAL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>5,170.55</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,435,006</b>	<b>1,418,151.39</b>	<b>1,485,252</b>	<b>1,443,852</b>
<b>PENSION EXPENSE</b>		<b>48,933.00</b>		
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

	Budget 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017
<b>SCHOOLWIDE</b>				
MELISSA WOOD 50%	19,664	17,643.86	0	0
S PENTAK-COHEN	0	0.00	28,805	25,172
JUDY ANYAN 20%	4,517	4,513.72	8,625	0
HOSPITALIZATION	3,312	3,311.84	15,157	0
JUDY ANYAN 20%	346	318.76	335	0
MELISSA WOOD 50%	1,504	1,349.76	0	0
S PENTAK-COHEN	0	0.00	2,204	1,926
VSTRS	0	0.00	3,272	3,233
NON-PROF RETIREMENT	181	179.22	1,107	0
WORKERS COMP	97	113.69	284	201
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	877	960.00	930	0
DENTAL	0	0.00	125	0
LIFE & DISABILITY	118	0.00	126	151
CURRICULUM MAPPPING	0	0.00	0	0
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLWIDE</b>	<b>30,616</b>	<b>28,390.85</b>	<b>60,970</b>	<b>30,683</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AND SCHOOLWIDE</b>	<b>1,465,622</b>	<b>1,446,542</b>	<b>1,546,222</b>	<b>1,474,535</b>

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2014-2015</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2014-2015</u>		<u>Budget</u> <u>2015-2016</u>		<u>Budget</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS:</b>							
Salaries	383,309.44	390,301		328,449		339,675	
FICA	27,869.17	29,860		25,012		25,979	
Hospitalization	107,236.17	110,398		102,755		125,563	
Non-professional Retirement	1,951.26	1,776		1,791		1,527	
Workmen's Compensation	2,727.23	2,332		2,619		2,683	
Unemployment Compensation	633.22	1,000		2,500		1,000	
Credit Reimbursement	2,065.00	4,000		3,000		3,000	
Dental	749.99	1,000		625		625	
Life & Disability Insurance	<u>935.18</u>	<u>1,662</u>		<u>1,286</u>		<u>1,368</u>	
Subtotal	527,476.66	542,329	37.8%	468,037	32.2%	501,420	34.7%
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED COSTS:</b>							
Athletics (Salaries)	53.53	646		538		215	
Professional Services	13,304.60	19,554		15,427		14,681	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,045.00	800		800		800	
Field Trips	2,657.20	3,050		1,250		1,075	
Travel	483.90	820		620		520	
Supplies	5,116.16	6,750		6,750		6,000	
Books & Periodicals	2,607.57	4,250		4,250		3,750	
Software	0.00	289		289		289	
Equipment	13,605.49	16,030		16,100		12,900	
Dues & Fees	1,461.49	2,300		2,050		2,050	
Misc. Expense	362.73	925		225		225	
Postage	591.35	750		700		700	
Inservice/Prof. Development	684.17	1,000		1,000		1,000	
Subtotal	41,973.19	57,164	4.0%	49,999	3.4%	44,205	3.1%
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> (Regular & Special education)	112,982.28	106,049	7.4%	103,000	7.1%	113,000	7.8%
<b>WSSU ASSESSMENT: Regular Ed</b>	32,709.00	32,709	2.3%	37,264	2.6%	44,607	3.1%
<b>WSSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed</b>	58,425.00	58,440	4.1%	71,625	4.9%	71,518	5.0%
<b>DEBT SERVICE &amp; LOAN INTEREST:</b>	0.00	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>TUITION (Reg &amp; Sped):</b>	525,337.44	509,934	35.5%	543,252	37.4%	510,123	35.3%
<b>SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE:</b>	7,305.85	9,214	0.6%	9,438	0.6%	9,250	0.6%
<b>SPECIAL ED MISC.:</b>	19,701.41	11,880	0.8%	4,955	0.3%	1,425	0.1%
<b>SPEC. ED TEACHER SERVICES ASSESS'T:</b>	0.00	0		52,047		56,257	3.9%
<b>HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:</b>	5,170.55	6,500	0.5%	11,000	0.8%	11,000	0.8%
<b>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:</b>							
Custodian	28,520.18	28,145		28,620		27,427	
Water Maintenance	2,623.10	2,700		2,700		2,800	
Multi-peril/prop insurance	5,603.40	4,292		5,775		2,500	
Garbage Removal	998.00	1,000		1,000		1,000	
Utilities	33,804.31	40,900		41,140		33,966	
Repairs & Maintenance	9,746.18	6,000		6,000		5,354	
Custodian Travel	0.00	0		0		0	
Supplies	1,030.30	2,750		3,400		3,000	
Equipment-Outlays	<u>4,744.74</u>	<u>15,000</u>		<u>15,000</u>		<u>5,000</u>	
Subtotal	87,070.21	100,787	7.0%	103,635	7.1%	81,047	5.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,418,151.59</b>	<b>1,435,006</b>		<b>1,454,252</b>		<b>1,443,852</b>	
<b>Schoolwide Budget</b>	<b>28,390.85</b>	<b>30,616</b>		<b>35,503</b>		<b>30,683</b>	
<b>Pension on Behalf</b>	<b>48,933.00</b>						

**Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report**  
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Halifax School  
S.U.: Windham Southwest S.U.

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

**FY2015 School Level Data**

Cohort Description: K - 8, enrollment < 200  
(33 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
33 out of 33

School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Halifax School	K - 8	47	6.60	0.50	7.12	94.00	13.20
Readsboro Elementary School	PK - 8	58	7.10	1.00	8.17	58.00	7.10
Newark School	K - 8	59	6.80	0.60	8.68	98.33	11.33
Stamford Elementary School	K - 8	76	7.90	1.00	9.62	76.00	7.90
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>		<b>119.00</b>	<b>11.34</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>10.49</b>	<b>120.46</b>	<b>11.48</b>

School District: Halifax  
LEA ID: T090

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

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

**FY2014 School District Data**

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2013 FTE < 200  
(36 school districts in cohort)

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

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)  
36 out of 36

School district data (local, union, or joint district)	Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
Halifax	K-8	53.38	\$15,069
Newark	PK-8	53.38	\$16,456
Readsboro	PK-8	59.30	\$12,847
Stamford	K-8	64.41	\$13,041
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>		<b>123.76</b>	<b>\$13,220</b>

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

**FY2016 School District Data**

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
T135	Newark	PK-8	77.57	15,512.07	1.6235	1.6235	110.26%	1.4724
T090	Halifax	K-8	83.15	13,534.91	1.4166	1.4166	104.16%	1.3600
T002	Albany	PK-8	89.06	14,858.61	1.5551	1.5539	98.91%	1.5710
T164	Readsboro	PK-8	93.60	11,188.24	1.1710	1.1710	113.83%	1.0287
T147	Orleans ID	PK-8	94.18	13,176.45	1.3791	1.4368	102.93%	1.3959

Use these tax rates to compare towns rates

These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's

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

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

Mudgett  
Jennett &  
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants #435

January 25, 2016

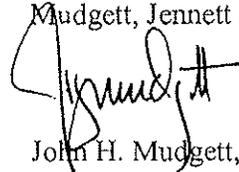
Board of Directors  
Halifax Town School District

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION**

The financial statements of the Halifax Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 are being audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier and will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union office once the final statements are issued.

Sincerely,

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



John H. Mudgett, CPA  
Principal

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL FUND**

	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Revenues:			
Interest	300.23	500	500
Misc Income	20.67	0	0
Indirect transfer	1000.00	0	0
Spec. Ed Teacher Assessments	0	873,570	764,673
<u>Assessments</u>	<u>1,202,105.00</u>	<u>1,427,811</u>	<u>1,533,816</u>
General Fund Revenues:	1,203,425.90	2,301,881	2,298,987
Fund Balance Alternative Program	37,072.00	(21,817)	(31,673)
Fund Balance WSSU	<u>107,964.00</u>	<u>142,644</u>	<u>59,463</u>
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	1,348,461.90	2,422,708	2,326,779
Expenditures:			
Superintendent's Office	256,060.27	280,403	287,569
Fiscal Services	259,495.48	280,384	283,023
Curriculum Specialist	0	70,980	78,556
<u>Special Education:</u>			
Special Education Teachers	0	873,570	764,673
Speech Services	226,864.33	242,134	252,295
Occupational Therapy Services	52,836.71	70,239	61,329
School Psychologist/Evaluations	49,741.41	52,975	55,759
Alternative Special Ed Program	332,236.15	391,528	382,753
EEE Program	43,040.66	55,920	54,286
Special Education Administration	<u>100,395.82</u>	<u>104,575</u>	<u>106,536</u>
Total Gen Fund Expenditures	1,320,670.83	2,422,708	2,326,779
Excess/(Deficiency)	27,791.07		

Revenue & Expense in the amount of \$128,250 to record State of Vermont payments on behalf teacher retirement contributions are not included in the above figures.

The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for the (2015-2016) to be as budgeted.

Assessment Breakdown by District:

	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Halifax	91,149	108,889	116,125
Readsboro	106,145	119,232	127,388
Searsburg	36,070	42,835	46,015
Stamford	118,254	156,766	158,205
Twin Valley	<u>850,684</u>	<u>1,000,089</u>	<u>1,086,083</u>
Total Assessment	1,222,828	1,202,302	1,533,816

Special Ed Teacher Assessment

Halifax	0	52,047	56,257
Readsboro	0	55,483	34,918
Stamford	0	149,765	74,675
Twin Valley	0	616,275	598,823

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Actual</u> 2014-2015	<u>Budget</u> 2015-2016
Act 230/BEST Grant Revenues:	2,500.00	0
State Hot Lunch Revenues:	24,494.53	0
<u>Other State Revenues:</u>	<u>35,200.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total State Revenues:	62,194.53	0
Act 230/BEST Grant Expenditures	2,500.00	
State Hot Lunch Transfers to Towns	24,494.53	0
<u>Other State Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>35,200.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total State Expenditures	62,194.53	0
Excess/(Deficiency)	0	0

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<u>Federal Funds:</u>	<u>Actual</u> 2014-2015	<u>Budget</u> 2015-2016
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	441,375.63	482,843
<b>Hot Lunch Revenues:</b>	207,643.93	0
Local & Private Funds:	<u>153,013.00</u>	<u>72,325</u>
Total Revenues:	802,032.56	555,168
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	391,200.75	415,900
<b>Hot Lunch Expenditures:</b>	<b>207,643.93</b>	<b>0</b>
Special Programs Transfer to Schools:	25,450.00	66,943
Local & Private Expenditures:	<u>102,500.34</u>	<u>72,325</u>
Total Expenditures:	726,795.02	555,168
Excess/(Deficiency)	75,237.54	0
<b>Title I Fund Revenues:</b>	395,303.69	414,221
Title I Fund Expenditures:	49,929.03	32,768
Title I Transfer to Schools:	308,947.48	381,453
Excess/(Deficiency)	36,427.18	0
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund Revenues:</b>	204,416.43	208,363
Federal Funds (Part of Title I above)	11,000.00	11,000
Local & Private Funds:	<u>131,698.03</u>	<u>149,428</u>
Total Revenues:	347,114.43	368,791
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Fund Expenditures:	204,348.70	208,363
Federal Funds (Part of Title I above)	11,000.00	11,000
Local & Private Expenditures:	<u>125,635.23</u>	<u>149,428</u>
Total Expenditures:	340,983.93	368,453
Excess/(Deficiency)	6,130.50	0

Federal Revenues for 2014-15 include carryover from 2013-2014. Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2015-2016 include carryover from 2014-2015 and are restricted for use in those programs only.