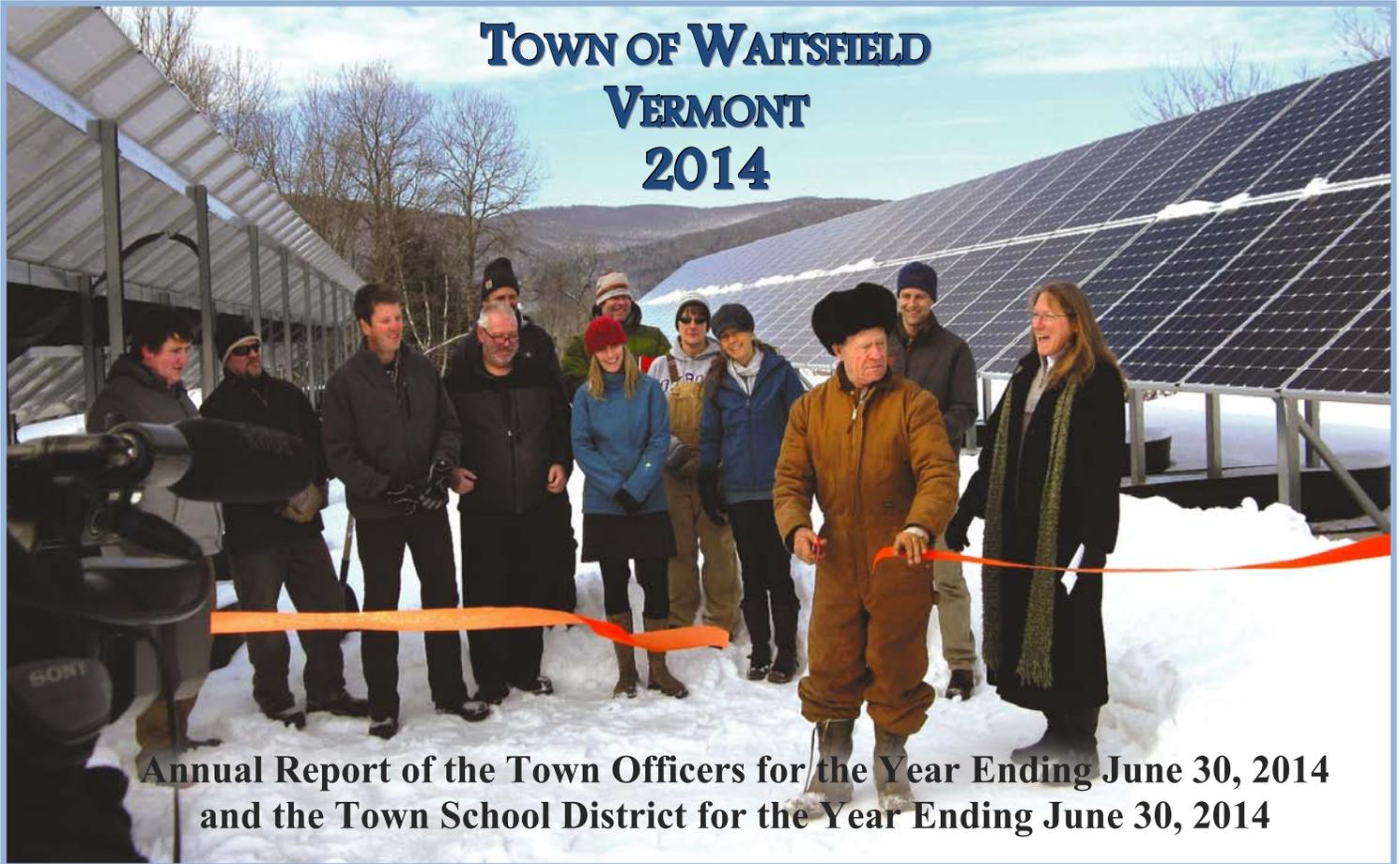
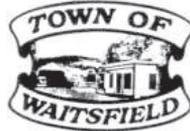


# TOWN OF WAITSFIELD VERMONT 2014



**Annual Report of the Town Officers for the Year Ending June 30, 2014  
and the Town School District for the Year Ending June 30, 2014**



## Town of Waitsfield, Vermont

Chartered February 25, 1782  
1970 Population 837  
1980 Population 1,302  
1990 Population 1,422  
2000 Population 1,659  
2010 Population 1,719  
Size: 17,222 acres (approx.)

### TOWN OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday  
Located in the lower level of the Joslin Library

### JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### Regular Hours

Monday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, Closed.  
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS

#### Selectboard

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office

#### School Board

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of most months, 7:45 a.m.  
at the Washington West Supervisory Union  
office

#### Planning Commission

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office

#### Development Review Board

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office

#### Conservation Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office

#### Water Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.  
at the Town Office

#### Mad River Valley Planning District

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the General Wait House

*THE COVER: Waitsfield Selectboard Chair Paul Hartshorn cuts the ribbon opening the Waitsfield solar array at the Town Garage site.*

*Photo: Jeff Knight*

## **DEDICATION**



**Janet Smith**



**Jennifer Peterson**

### **JANET SMITH and JENNIFER PETERSON**

Janet was first appointed Assistant Clerk by then-Clerk/Treasurer Angela Neill in Sept. 1991. After 23 years of service, Janet retired in October 2014.

Jennifer was appointed Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in January 2006 upon the departure of former Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Gallup. She was subsequently elected to the posts at the March Town Meeting. After 8 ½ years of service, she resigned in September 2014 to pursue new opportunities.

Together they managed elections, maintained and preserved countless official Town records, dealt with changes in personnel, issued a variety licenses, collected taxes, paid the bills, managed accounts, and performed a wide range of services and governmental operations. Their diligence helped move the need for a new Town Office forward after being in the capital plan for more than 20 years. Awareness of the need for a new Town Office was heightened after it was flooded by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 (and previously in 1998). That they kept the office open through that entire ordeal is one example of their commitment to customer service and their civic duty.

We express our sincere appreciation for their service to the community and wish them well in their new pursuits.

*Waitsfield Selectboard*

## In Memoriam



**Robert Shaffer**  
**1947-2014**

*Bob Shaffer was elected to the Board of Listers in March 2012 and before long became its Chair. As a Lister, Bob applied his experience as a Real Estate Tax Attorney, demonstrated a genuine interest in understanding every element of the process, and was attentive to ensuring that proper considerations were being applied. He earned the respect of those who worked with him. Just weeks before he passed, he was excited to attend an extensive training to prepare for the upcoming town-wide reassessment. He expected to have more time to share this experience. Bob also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Development Review Board from 2004 to 2007. He will be missed.*

*Waitsfield Selectboard:  
Paul Hartshorn  
Logan Cooke  
Scott Kingsbury  
Christopher Pierson  
Salvatore Spinosa*

*Board of Listers:  
Jack Simko  
Joseph Klimek*

**AN INVITATION  
TO ALL CITIZENRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE**

The Town of Waitsfield, Vermont extends to all an invitation to the Town Meeting to be held at the Waitsfield Elementary School Auditorium, Route 100, Waitsfield, on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015.**

The meeting will begin at **9:00am** and will continue after lunch, reconvening at 1:00pm, with affairs of the Waitsfield Town School District.

While only legal residents on the Checklist are allowed to vote on issues, all are invited to come to our Town Meeting and to meet the town officials, citizenry, neighbors, landowners, and visitors to become more familiar with our Town of Waitsfield, Vermont and its constituents.

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Town of Waitsfield, we express appreciation to the following individuals for services given to the Town and its residents:

- Lance Andrews:** Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Dana Haskin:** Grand Juror
- Hadley Gaylord:** Planning Commission
- Charlie Goodman:** Justice of the Peace
- Neil Johnson:** Board of Listers
- Michael Kingsbury:** Development Review Board
- Victoria Kingsbury:** Cemetery Commission
- Lane Laboeuff:** Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Bill Parker:** Selectboard
- Jennifer Peterson:** Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Justice of the Peace
- Robert Shaffer:** Board of Listers
- Janet Smith:** Assistant Town Clerk, Town Clerk
- Stan Ward:** Planning Commission, Flemer Barns Task Force
- Todd White:** School Board
- Kelvey R. Wilson:** Town Health Officer
- John Zimmerman:** Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Dept.

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# TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

## WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, County of Washington, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for the various Town Officers and the Articles so noted.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for the Town.

**ARTICLE 2:** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters authorize the Town to collect taxes on real estate by four (4) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: one quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, September 20, 2015, the second quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, November 12, 2015, the third quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, February 11, 2016, with the remaining quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Thursday, May 12, 2016?

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money?

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of replacing the Fire Department's SCBA and Air Storage Cylinders?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$165,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of paving Tremblay Road and North Road?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$75,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of paving parts of Joslin Hill Road?

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters authorize the Culvert Replacement Projects Reserve Fund to be renamed the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund and to allocate \$10,000 to it?

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to set the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Sections 932 and 933?

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the voters vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the voted Town and School District budgets?

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the voters authorize the Joslin Memorial Library Board of Trustees to increase its size from five up to a number not to exceed seven?

**ARTICLE 12:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015** between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00 a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall the Town adopt the proposed Town of Waitsfield Charter?

ARTICLE II

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Waitsfield in an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) be issued for the purpose of financing the rehabilitation of the

Big Eddy Covered Bridge; repair or replacement of the culverts, catch basins, and associated stormwater infrastructure on Bridge Street; repair of the retaining wall damaged by Tropical Storm Irene; resetting existing and installation of new curbing; replacement of the sidewalks; and repaving of the road from its intersection with Main Street to the Covered Bridge? The total cost of the projects is expected to be \$964,000, of which cost it is estimated \$150,000 will be paid from reserve funds and \$416,000 will be paid from available state and federal grants-in-aid.

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Waitsfield are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on **Monday, March 2, 2015** at seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.) at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield, for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

**Dated at Waitsfield, Vermont, this 26th day of January, 2015 by:**

**Waitsfield Selectboard:**

Paul Hartshorn, Chair  
Logan Cooke, V. Chair  
Scott Kingsbury  
Christopher Pierson  
Salvatore Spinosa

**CONDENSATION OF MINUTES  
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2014**

Following are the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Waitsfield of March 4, 2014 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

Moderator Brian Shupe called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Those present (approximately 85 people) joined Mr. Shupe in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Shupe explained general information about the conduct of the meeting and use of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town.** Jim Leyton nominated Brian Shupe. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed, and Brian Shupe was elected by unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.** Mr. Shupe recognized the dedication to Delbert Palmer, and Paul Hartshorn spoke of Delbert's service to the Town. Reports of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Water Commission, Conservation Commission, Energy Committee, Delinquent Tax Collector, Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department, Road Department, Dog Warden, Waitsfield Cemetery Commission, Joslin Memorial Library, and Selectboard were discussed and accepted.

**ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize the Town to collect taxes on real estate by four (4) equal payments made to the Treasurer as follows: one quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Wednesday, September 10, 2014, the second quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Friday, November 14, 2014, the third quarter (25%) of taxes to be paid without discount not later than Wednesday, February 11, 2015, with the remaining quarter (25%) to be paid without discount not later than Friday, May 15, 2015?** Article 3 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$300,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate for the purpose of moderating the impact resulting from**

**the one time change in fiscal year and an eighteen (18) month budget to be paid as approved in Article 3?** Article 4 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the Fire Department Roof Repair Reserve Fund to be renamed the Fire Department Building and Equipment Reserve Fund, allow the balance of funds (approximately \$14,724) to be used for this purpose, and to appropriate \$7,500 to the fund in FY2015?** Article 5 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$20,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of providing matching funds for up to two grant applications, if awarded, from the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery fund to implement the Bridge Street improvement projects identified in the Vermont Downtown Assistance Team (V-DAT) final report?** Article 6 was approved by majority voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of road paving projects?** Article 7 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$75,000, less any grants or other reimbursements, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, to cover the increased estimated costs that exceed available funds and previously approved borrowing capacity for the rehabilitation of the Covered Bridge; to repair or replacement of the culverts, catch basins, and associated stormwater infrastructure on Bridge Street; to repair the retaining wall; and to repave the street from its intersection with Main Street to the Covered Bridge?** A motion to amend Article 8 and add language to increase the allocated amount to \$475,000, to install underground utility lines, and to provide loan funding to homeowners who need assistance was opposed by paper ballot vote of 98 no, 80 yes. A motion to amend Article 8 to increase the

allocated amount to \$375,000 and to install underground utility lines was opposed by paper ballot vote of 93 no, 66 yes. Article 8 was approved by a majority voice vote.

**ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to set the salaries of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Sections 932 and 933?** Article 9 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the voted Town and School District budgets?** Article 10 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Waitsfield adopt its budget by Australian ballot?** Article 11 was opposed by a majority hand count vote of 107 no, 39 yes. Article 10 with a budget figure of \$2,527,963 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money?** Article 12 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow money from reserve accounts in anticipation of Taxes and State Aid Money as an alternative to commercial tax anticipation notes, with such funds to be repaid in full to the respective accounts with interest?** Article 13 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**CONDENSATION OF MINUTES  
TOWN OF WAITSFIELD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 2014**

Following are the minutes of the Special Town Meeting for the Town of Waitsfield of August 26, 2014 pursuant 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(1).

Moderator Brian Shupe called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:30pm at the Waitsfield Elementary School. Approximately 125 people were present, including the Selectboard and staff. Mr. Shupe explained general information about the conduct of the meeting and use of Robert’s Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Mr. Shupe presented Article 1.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow an amount not to exceed \$65,000, to be paid over a period not more than five years and on such other terms as the Selectboard shall negotiate, for the purpose of funding cost overruns and other anticipated expenses associated with the Route 100 Transportation Path project, located on the east side of Route 100, and three additional sidewalk projects located on the west side of Route 100?

Mr. Hartshorn made a motion to approve Article 1, seconded by Mr. Cooke.

Following discussion Mr. Gauthier made a motion to decouple the two issues proposed in the original article, and to present two motions, one for the authorization of borrowing not to exceed \$37,666 for the east side work and a second to authorize borrowing not to exceed \$27,334 for the west side projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dumas. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Mr. Brines made a motion to call the question, seconded by Mr. Leyton. The motion passed on a voice vote. The motion based on the original article passed by voice vote.

Mr. Shupe presented Article 2 and explained that no binding action can occur under this article.

**ARTICLE 2:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Several of those in attendance thanked the members of the Board, Ms. Capels, and those turning out for the vote for their efforts.

Sheila Ware asked that resources be allocated to ensure an audio system be provided for all future Town Meetings.

Phil Huffman inquired about the status of the Joslin Hill Road repaving and asked that consideration be given to adding a sidewalk on the west side of Bridge Street to Joslin Hill Road because of unsafe conditions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

## TOWN OFFICERS 2014

*Elected by Australian Ballot*

### Selectboard:

Paul Hartshorn (3)	Mar. 2015
Chris Pierson (2)	Mar. 2015
Scott Kingsbury (3)	Mar. 2016
Logan Cooke (2)	Mar. 2016
Sal Spinosa (3)	Mar. 2017

### Town Clerk (3):

Jennifer Peterson (res.)	Mar. 2017
Renee Pierce (appt.)	Mar. 2015

### Town Treasurer (3):

Kellee Mazer (appt.)	Mar. 2015
Jennifer Peterson (res.)	Mar. 2017

### Listers (3):

Robert Shaffer (dec.)	Mar. 2015
John Simko	Mar. 2016
Joseph Klimek (appt.)	Mar. 2017

### Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1):

Janet Smith (retired)	Mar. 2015
Janet Smith (appt.)	Mar. 2015

### Grand Juror (1):

Fred Messer	Mar. 2015
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### Library Trustees (5):

Jean Joslin	Mar. 2015
Joyce Travers	Mar. 2016
David Babic	Mar. 2017
Ken Felderman	Mar. 2018
Carol Hosford	Mar. 2019

### Town Agent (1):

Ted B. Joslin	Mar. 2015
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### Waitsfield School Directors:

Ben Loveless (appt.)	Mar. 2015
Rob Williams (3)	Mar. 2015
Eve Frankel (3)	Mar. 2016
Helen Kellogg (2)	Mar. 2016
Christine Sullivan (3)	Mar. 2017
Todd White (3) (res.)	Mar. 2017

### Harwood School Director (3):

Stephen Sands	Mar. 2016
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### Waitsfield School Treasurer (1):

Wendy Gilbert	Mar. 2015
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### Cemetery Commissioners:

Liz Laferriere (appt.)	Mar. 2015
Paul Hartshorn (5)	Mar. 2016
Mike Anastos (5)	Mar. 2017
Robert Danaher (5)	Mar. 2018
Brenda Mack (5)	Mar. 2019

### Trustees of Cemetery Fund (3):

Gib Geiger, Jr.	Mar. 2015
John "Jack" Smith	Mar. 2016
Andrew Baird, Jr.	Mar. 2017

### Justices of the Peace (2):

Amy Caffrey	Nov. 2016
Cecil "Zeke" Church	Nov. 2016
Andreas Lehner	Nov. 2016
Mary Lehner	Nov. 2016
Jim Leyton	Nov. 2016
Helen Myers	Nov. 2016
Alan Uriss	Nov. 2016

*Elected from the Floor*

### Moderator (1):

Brian Shupe	Mar. 2015
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**TOWN OFFICERS 2014**

*Appointed by the Selectboard*

**M.R.V. Planning District Reps (1):**

Christopher Pierson Mar. 2015  
 Steve Shea Mar. 2015

**Constable (1):**

Peter Laskowski Mar. 2015

**Planning Commission (4):**

Steve Shea, Chair Mar. 2015  
 Stan Ward (res.) Mar. 2016  
 Todd White Mar. 2016  
 Kari Dolan Mar. 2017  
 Ted Laskaris Mar. 2017  
 Jordan Gonda. Mar. 2018  
 Brian Voigt Mar. 2018

**C.V. Regional Planning**

**Commission (1):**

Don LaHaye May 2015  
 Harrison Snapp (Alt.) May 2015

**Development Review Board (3):**

Christina Cook, Chair Mar. 2015  
 Mike Kingsbury (res.) Mar. 2015  
 John Donaldson Mar. 2016  
 Christopher Jernigan Mar. 2016  
 Brian Shupe Mar. 2016  
 Eleanor D'Aponte (Alt.) Mar. 2017  
 Gib Geiger, Jr. Mar. 2017  
 Jon Jamieson (Alt.) Mar. 2017  
 Rudy Polwin Mar. 2017

**Tree Warden (1):**

Leo Laferriere Mar. 2015

**Tree Board (3):**

Charles Hosford Mar. 2015  
 Jean Sherman Mar. 2016  
 Vince Gauthier Mar. 2017

**Zoning Administrator (3):**

Susan Senning, Esq. May 2017

**Fire Warden (5):**

Adam Cook June 2016

**Waitsfield/Fayston Fire Department (1):**

Fire Chief:  
 Bub Burbank Jan. 2015  
 Assistant Chiefs:  
 Paul Hartshorn Jan. 2015  
 Lester Miller, Jr. Jan. 2015  
 Captain:  
 Travis Michaud Jan. 2015  
 Lieutenants:  
 Adam Cook Jan. 2015  
 Tristan Weide Jan. 2015  
 Moderator:  
 George Gabaree Jan. 2015  
 Treasurer:  
 Gordon Eurich Jan. 2015  
 Secretary:  
 Shannon Young Jan. 2015

**Service Officer (1):**

VACANT Apr. 2015

**Emergency Management (1):**

Frederick Messer, Dir. Mar. 2015  
 Carla Straight, Coord. Mar. 2015

**Energy Coordinator (2):**

Christopher Badger Mar. 2015

**Health Officer (3):**

Paul Hartshorn (appt.) Nov. 2017  
 Kelvey R. Wilson (res.) Nov. 2014

**Dog Warden (1):**

Marie Leotta Mar. 2015

**Road Commissioner (1):**  
Charles Goodman, III Mar. 2015

**Inspector of Lumber (1):**  
Andrew Baird, Jr. Mar. 2015

**Conservation Commission (2):**  
Peter Boynton Mar. 2015  
Mark Haberle Mar. 2015  
Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2015  
Phil Huffman Mar. 2015  
Chris Loomis Mar. 2015  
Ted Joslin Mar. 2016  
Leo Laferriere, Chair Mar. 2016  
Spencer Potter Mar. 2016  
Bruno Grimaldi Mar. 2016

**Fence Viewers (1):**  
Allen Gaylord Mar. 2015  
Douglas Kenyon Mar. 2015  
Bryan Neill Mar. 2015

**Weigher of Coal (1):**  
Charles Hosford Mar. 2015

**Green Up Coordinators (1):**  
Valerie & Harrison Snapp Mar. 2015

**M.R.V. Recreation District Reps.:**  
Jon Goldhammer (3) Mar. 2015  
Jeff Whittingham (1) Mar. 2015

**Energy Committee (2):**  
Dennis Derryberry Mar. 2015  
Paul Hartshorn Mar. 2015  
Charles Hosford Mar. 2015  
Brian Shupe Mar. 2015

**Water Commission (2):**  
John Himmelsbach Mar. 2015  
Peter Reynells, V. Ch. Mar. 2015  
Ted Tremper Mar. 2015  
Scott Kingsbury, Ch. Mar. 2016  
William Parker Mar. 2016

**M.R. Solid Waste Alliance (1):**  
Salvatore Spinosa Mar. 2015  
Valerie Capels (Alt.) Mar. 2015

## WAITSFIELD SELECTBOARD 2014 Annual Report

The Selectboard typically meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Waitsfield Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels to confirm meeting dates or to have a matter placed on the agenda. Meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm). Most of our meetings are filmed for broadcast by Mad River Valley TV on channel 45.

With last year's election, the Selectboard bade farewell to long-time member and Vice Chair Bill Parker and welcomed back Sal Spinosa, following a write-in campaign.

The past year has, once again, been characterized by continued investment in community infrastructure—most notably renewable energy, sidewalks, and major culvert replacements. An important element distinguishes these from recent past infrastructure investments: they were proactive or planned rather than in reaction to a disaster.

**Solar Array.** On March 24, 2014, Nils Behn of Aegis Renewable Energy, a locally-owned Waitsfield business located in the Mad River Park, made a presentation to the Selectboard about an opportunity to submit an application to the Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) to build a solar array on underutilized land at the Waitsfield Town Garage. A similar project was under way in the neighboring town of Warren. The application was due May 9 and voter approval to borrow up to \$355,000 would be needed. The Selectboard enthusiastically supported the initiative and a special Town Meeting was held on May 6, 2014. Voters supported the measure 197 in favor, 43 opposed.

With help from the Aegis team and Energy Committee co-chair Chris Badger, the application was submitted by the Town on May 9 for \$80,000 toward the \$306,609, 102 kW, 330 panel project. Notice of award of the fully-funded grant was received a month later in June.

The bond bank application was submitted by the May 19 deadline, \$235,000 of which was intended to cover the solar array expenses. The Certificate of Public Good (CPG) that Aegis applied for in April on behalf of the Town was issued in July by the Public Service Board.

Governor Shumlin held a press conference in Waitsfield on July 29, 2014 to announce the award of this and other CEDF grants.



Governor's Solar Tour Press Conference.

Photo: MRVTV

The Road Dept. is commended for the extensive clean-up of the site. Construction was completed in December and the ribbon cutting occurred in January 2015. The pace at which all these pieces came together to accomplish this project was remarkable. Efforts will continue into 2015 to finalize the power purchase agreement with the Waitsfield Elementary School.

The Selectboard has been interested in renewable energy for a long time. Not only will this project save taxpayers money over time, it will be a local, sustainable source for energy for our municipal buildings and will enable the new Town Office to have the distinction of being the second net-zero Town Office in Vermont. See page 87 for more information.

**Sidewalks.** Sidewalks—existing, new, and planned—continued to be a focus of discussion, debate, and ultimately, decision. The Route 100 transportation path was finally completed in 2014. Much has been discussed about the various delays and cost overruns. The Town will be seeking additional grant funding through VTrans to help recover as much of the overruns as possible.

The Village West Phase 1 sidewalk from Old County Road to Valley Players was completed in record time with few complications once it got started and was paid for nearly 100% through Safe Routes to Schools grants.

In response to considerable public input this past year, the Selectboard accepted the 90% grant from the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian program for the Village West Phase 2 sidewalk from Valley Players to Bridge Street. A Local Project Manager is in the process of being selected who will help oversee the process of hiring a design engineering firm, development of preliminary plans, public outreach, coordination with affected property owners, permitting, final design, and ultimately construction. This process is likely to take at least 2½ years. We will be paying particular attention to the treatment of driveways, the Village Grocery sign, and whether on-street parking should be included. See page 76 for more information about these projects.

**Maintenance of Sidewalks.** When Charlie Goodman retired at the end of 2013 after plowing Waitsfield's sidewalks from Irasville to the Elementary School for over 25 years, a new era of sidewalk maintenance was ushered in along with the new sidewalk. We took last year's experience and put it out bid with more detailed specifications and offered multi-year contract options. Offering a multi-year contract had several benefits: it would save everyone some effort, guarantee the contractor work, and result in a predictable budget figure for the Town. Kingsbury Construction was selected and the budget figure on page 54 reflects a 5-year contract.

**Covered Bridge and Bridge Street Improvement Projects.** This initiative began with a VTrans enhancement grant in 2008 to rehabilitate the Covered Bridge, followed by a VTrans stormwater grant in 2010 to develop a design for the failing stormwater system under Bridge Street. Tropical Storm Irene added repair of the destroyed retaining wall in 2011. In the meantime, the scope of the project expanded to include complete repaving from Route 100 to the Covered Bridge, replacing the asphalt sidewalks with concrete sidewalks, and improved curbing.

In response to community interest, considerable effort was also made to explore the relocation of the overhead utilities to below ground conduits to take advantage of the street being excavated. After many configurations, cost estimates, and much deliberation, the Selectboard ultimately decided to abandon that component because it seemed clear

that the original plan of installing just the conduits and relocating the utilities at some future date was not going to be practical—that it should be done all at once. The costs were going to be too high, even for just the conduit installation, particularly in relation to Waitsfield’s many other, higher priority infrastructure needs and budget constraints.

Voters approved various levels of additional funding in 2013 and 2014 to complete this project and cover anticipated increased costs associated with the various elements. The projects were put out to bid for construction in July 2014. Efforts were made to design the schedule to have the least impact on the business community and everyone else affected by having Bridge Street closed for weeks. This included making sure there was no construction disruption from August through Columbus Day in early October. Three bids were received and the low bid was substantially higher than the package of funds we had available, even with an additional \$147,000 grant offered by VTrans for the stormwater component. We had no choice but to reject all the bids and try again.

The projects were re-bid in early January 2015, this time using the Covered Bridge rehabilitation as the base bid with the bridge re-decking, bridge concrete repair, retaining wall repair, and stormwater projects as add/alternates with separate bid prices. Three qualifying bids were submitted by the January 22 deadline. The Selectboard voted to accept the base bid from Alpine Construction, contingent upon voter approval of **ARTICLE 8** and Australian ballot **ARTICLE II**. If approved, we would be able to proceed with all the projects.

The borrowing authority in Australian ballot **ARTICLE II** is place of, not in addition to, the previously authorized borrowing, which are believed to have expired at the end of 2014. We expect it to be in the form a 15-year bond.

The project is expected to begin in spring 2015 and must be completed by July 31, 2015. Bridge Street will need to be closed for several weeks and efforts will be made to minimize disruption to residents and businesses as much as possible. See page 80 for more information about these projects.

**Covered Bridge Pocket Park.** With the help of the Vermont Downtown Assistance Team (V-DAT) consultants and Town Administrator Valerie Capels, Joshua Schwartz and Dara Torre at the

Mad River Valley Planning District have been working on a grant application to the Vermont Community Development Program Disaster Recovery 2 grant program to develop the pocket park. If funded, the Town will need to meet a 20% match and take over the project management. See page 79 for more information.

**Culvert Replacements.** Two major culvert replacements were accomplished in 2014. The metal culvert on lower Brook Road was replaced with an appropriately sized pre-cast concrete culvert in August 2014. A VTrans culvert grant covered 90% of that cost.

The concrete and metal culverts on Tremblay Road across from the Town Garage were replaced with an appropriately sized and aligned metal culvert with concrete headwalls also in August 2014.

Thank you to Charlie Goodman, Valerie Capels, and Road Dept. for all the work they did to get those projects designed, bid, funded, and built.

**Joslin Hill Road.** There has been much discussion and debate about how best to address the reconstruction of the 1.2 miles of Joslin Hill Road and what it should look like. The Town received a VTrans grant to hire an engineer to explore including provision for pedestrians and bicyclists in a reconstruction plan. The Selectboard ultimately chose instead to take advantage of local talent to develop a plan and cost estimates for reconstruction of the road and hosted public forums to solicit community input. Residents expressed concerns about widening the road and the current high rates of speed. They also urged that reconstruction not be delayed.

Mike Kingsbury and Road Commissioner Charlie Goodman worked up separate estimates that suggest reconstruction costs could range from as little as \$600,000 to \$1 million or more. Details included some tree removal, relocation of some mailboxes and utility poles, ditching, and improving shoulders in key areas of the road.

**ARTICLE 7**, which asks voters whether to borrow up to \$75,000 to shim Joslin Hill Road as an interim measure, will be an opportunity to have more discussion on this topic. See page 85 for more information.

The large culvert at the bottom of Joslin Hill Road and Brook Road damaged during Tropical Storm Irene is slated to be repaired by the end

of August 2015. FEMA funds are expected to pay for a significant portion of this project. See page 77 for more information.

**Town Office Relocation.** In late 2013, the Selectboard appointed a Town Office Design Committee to work with the Maclay Architects design team to develop final plans and cost estimates for the new Town Office. Members include Tom Buzkowski, Charlie Goodman, Peter Reynells, Corinthia Richards, Brian Shupe, and Selectboard members Chris Pierson and Scott Kingsbury. They met regularly through 2014 and hosted at least two public forums to solicit public input on final design details and estimated costs. It was through collaboration with the design team and Aegis Renewables that the idea for the Waitsfield solar array came about. See page 86 for more information.

**Decentralized Wastewater Management.** The Community Wastewater Loan Fund Program team worked hard this past year to continue to put the pieces in place through the Agency of Natural Resources state revolving loan fund program and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to secure the remaining \$906,100 in STAG funds for the improvement of on-site wastewater systems. This included executing several planning and engineering contracts, development of loan and security agreements, environmental studies, public hearings, and outreach to prospective borrowers. See page 72 for more information.

Amy Sheldon was hired as a municipal project manager with funding through a municipal planning grant to work directly with property owners and prospective participants.

Because of the multiple property owners and other unique considerations, the Winter Park pilot project was especially complex. The Selectboard granted an easement on the Town Pond property to accommodate a new pretreatment system.

**Proposed Charter.** The idea of changing the Treasurer's position from elected by voters to appointed by the Selectboard was brought to Selectboard by the Budget Task Force a few years ago but took some time for the ball to get rolling. It became clear that Waitsfield's financial systems were becoming increasingly complex with the various capital projects under way, a new water system, a new wastewater loan program, state requirements, and more. If the Treasurer is appointed rather than elected, the Selectboard would have the ability to seek and appoint the most qualified candidate for the job in the event of a vacancy. It would

also allow for more oversight over job performance and coordination with overall Town governmental operations. Currently an elected position for a three-year term, the Treasurer is independent of Selectboard oversight. Including the Town Clerk position in the proposal was seen as a benefit to both in terms of job security and would also allow for annual performance evaluations.

**Route 100 Paving.** The long-awaited repaving of Route 100 from Fiddlers Green northward beyond the Village was substantially completed by VTrans this fall, though some finishing touches remain into 2015.

**Lareau Swim Hole Park.** The Lareau Swim Hole Park never quite recovered from the August 28, 2011 flood and the grounds remained difficult to maintain. Trash and vandalism also continued to be a problem. The port-o-let enclosure, which was built by Yestermorrow many years ago, became a hazard due to chronic accumulations of trash and garbage. It was dismantled with the plan to replace it with an improved structure. The Selectboard resumed working with Robert White, the original landscape architect for the project in 2000, to develop a plan for the renovation of the mounds and site plan for DRB review. We hope to see this completed in 2015.

**Law Enforcement.** Law enforcement services continued to be provided through the Washington County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) on a contract basis for 16 hours per week. Waitsfield has been fortunate for the many years Peter Laskowski has served--and continues to serve--as Constable. Finding other qualified and motivated citizens to serve as Constable as he transitions toward retirement has not been easy. Funds are included in the proposed FY2016 budget for training of prospective Constable recruits. Meanwhile, crime continues to be a serious concern. The provision of reliable and cost-effective law enforcement in Waitsfield and the Mad River Valley will require on-going discussion.

**Emergency Operations Planning.** We wish to express our thanks to Fred Messer and Carla Straight-Messer for their diligent efforts to strengthen Waitsfield's ability to prepare for and respond to a range of disasters. They continue to remain up to date on state and regional emergency preparedness initiatives and have been instrumental in keeping our Local Emergency Operations Plan up to date. This coming year our All Hazards Emergency Plan will need to be updated.

This past year Waitsfield signed on to participate in the VT-Alert emergency notification system. Citizens will be able to subscribe to receive alerts about pending disasters, weather conditions, traffic and road issues, public health notifications, and countless other issues or events. The system allows the public to receive notifications through a number of delivery systems such as text, e-mail, or telephone. Town officials will receive training in 2015 to set up and maintain the system.

**Waitsfield on the Web.** Though keeping the Web site updated has been a challenge with so much going on, Waitsfield's official Web site continued to be a source for information about Waitsfield, works in progress, departments, boards and committees, up-coming and past meetings, and more. Selectboard agendas, for example, are posted at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/sb/agenda.cfm) and often include links to the documents the Selectboard will be discussing. It is also used to promote Waitsfield businesses through the comprehensive listings of *Services, Shopping, Foods & Eateries, Lodging, Arts & Entertainment, Recreation*, and more.

State statutes were amended effective July 1, 2014 that require all agendas to be posted to the official Web site within 48 hours of a regular meeting and 24 hours of a special meeting of any municipal board, committee, subcommittee, task force, etc. Minutes must also be posted within five days. Current agendas and minutes can be found through the Archives page [www.waitsfieldvt.us/archives/](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/archives/).

The number of people who "like" Waitsfield's Facebook page reached 489 by the end of the year. It was launched in an effort to increase citizen outreach and promote Waitsfield events, businesses, and other activities. Waitsfield also posts information on Front Porch Forum.

**Budget Task Force.** The Budget Task Force (also referred to as the Budget Committee) was created in the summer 2009 to examine all aspects of Waitsfield's budgeting process, explore opportunities for improvements and efficiencies, and present recommendations to the Selectboard. Task Force members include Bill Parker, Darryl Forrest, Steve Shea, Charlie Goodman, and Bill Coyle.

The Selectboard wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the time and effort the Budget Task Force and Town Administrator have put in these past many months.

**Town Meeting Research Group.** In response to the level of interest about voter participation at Town Meeting and voting on the budget in particular, the Selectboard appointed Sally Kendall, Gary Kingsbury, Ted Laskaris, Deri Meier, Suzanne Peterson, Nancy Turner, Brian Shupe, Sheila Ware, and Rob Williams to a Town Meeting Research Group to explore issues affecting voter participation at Town Meeting and present recommendations to the Selectboard. A summary of their findings begins on page 39.

Town Reports and information about the Annual Meeting have been on Waitsfield's Web site at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/annualmeeting/](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/annualmeeting/) since 2007. Information about the budget traditionally had been at the end of the Selectboard reports. Budget information can now be found in an independent section starting on page 45 along with more analysis and illustrations. The Capital Projects section beginning on page 72 provides more detail about the various projects that have direct effect on the proposed and upcoming budgets.

We thank the TMRG for their work and look forward more discussion about how participation at Town Meeting and in the budget process can be improved.

**Races, Relays, and Events.** Though the Selectboard is not responsible for initiating the many events that happen in Waitsfield throughout the year, we recognize that having roads, bridges, and facilities in good repair is important to accommodate them. The various construction projects and flood recovery efforts over the past few years and coming up present challenges for these events to work around. The Selectboard wants to recognize and express appreciation for the collaboration that exists among the organizers, businesses, sponsors, volunteers, local officials, and others that make these events a success year after year. Waitsfield, and the Valley, are fortunate that events such as the Mad Marathon, the Green Mountain Stage Race, 100 on 100 Relay, Craft Fair, Mad Dash, Music Fest, Festival of the Arts, Bridge Street block parties, Baked Beads sales, and other events bring participants, spectators, customers, and others to the community, contributing to the economy and vitality that help make this such a great place to be.

**Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Town Clerk Transitions.**

Last, but not least, we wish to acknowledge the departure of Town Clerk & Treasurer Jennifer Peterson, who submitted her resignation in

September to pursue other opportunities after serving as Town Clerk and Treasurer for almost 8 years and the retirement of Janet Smith, who served as Assistant Town Clerk for more than 23 years. Janet agreed to be appointed Town Clerk until a new appointment could be made—or until her retirement on October 31, whichever came sooner.

After a round of advertisements and interviews, Pamela Marino was appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer in September. After nearly two weeks of training, she resigned to return to her job at TD Bank. Because no one else could perform the Treasurer's duties by law, Jennifer agreed to be reappointed as Treasurer on a contract basis at the same she had another full time job at Cabot Creamery Cooperative. She managed the accounts, processed payroll, prepared warrants, and performed other duties at nights and on weekends.

In October we welcomed Renee Pierce as Town Clerk, who is now also serving as Assistant Treasurer. And we welcomed Kellee Mazer as the Town Treasurer, who is also serving as Assistant Clerk. Jennifer and Janet continued to work with Kellee and Renee at night, on weekends, and whenever else they could fit it in. We wish Janet and Jennifer well in their new pursuits.

**Staff and Volunteers.** The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge and thank the Town staff for their efforts to keep Town operations moving smoothly and delivering high levels of service. Special thanks to all the citizens who volunteer countless hours of time and other resources serving on boards, committees, commissions, and task forces.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hartshorn, Chair  
Logan Cooke, V. Chair  
Scott Kingsbury  
Christopher Pierson  
Sal Spinosa

## PLANNING COMMISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Planning Commission Members: Steve Shea (Chair), Todd White (Vice Chair), Kari Dolan, Jordan Gonda, Ted Laskaris, and Brian Voigt.

Outgoing & New Members. Long-serving member Hadley Gaylord, Jr. did not seek re-appointment by the Selectboard following his term expiration in 2014. Stan Ward, member since 2012, resigned from his post in 2014. Both of these gentlemen brought great contributions to the Planning Commission meetings and will be missed. Thank you, Hadley and Stan, for your service.

The Commission is happy to welcome its new member, Jordan Gonda, who filled Hadley's vacancy. She currently serves as Legal Counsel for Vermont Agency of Natural Resource's Waste Management and Prevention Division and will offer a unique perspective to the other members.

Stan's resignation results in a vacancy on the Commission. We encourage you to inquire about the Planning Commission's work with the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Susan Senning, at the Town Office if you are interested in participating.

Wastewater Committee. The Planning Commission established a wastewater committee in 2011 to investigate the possible options with respect to decentralized wastewater systems in Waitsfield Village and Irasville.

A report of findings and recommendations was made in 2011 and a plan to facilitate privately owned shared wastewater associations was developed. The resulting plan enables the town to loan funds to associations of property owners and access funds from the State of Vermont and a grant from the EPA to fund the loans.

Construction on the first shared wastewater system involving the Winter Ppark Association members began in 2014 and will be finalized and running in 2015. Six other private systems will be constructed in 2015 as part of the program.

2015 Work Plan Priorities. The Planning Commission had prioritized its work plan for the year from the revised Town Plan’s Goals, Tasks, and Policies. They have considered technical and substantive revisions to the Zoning Bylaws for the last year, and plan to refer a revised draft to the Selectboard following a public hearing this year.

Meetings & Information. The Planning Commission holds regular meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Waitsfield Town Offices. The public is welcome at all meetings and time is available to voice comments, concerns, or suggestions. Please contact the Waitsfield Planning & Zoning Administrator for more information about meetings, records, or issues regarding the Planning Commission. Information on agendas, meeting minutes, and documents related to town planning can be found on the town's website at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/planning), or at the Town Office at 9 Bridge Street.

## **WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2014 Annual Report**

The Waitsfield Development Review Board (DRB) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Selectboard. Two alternate members have also been appointed to serve in the absence of a quorum of regular members.

The Board's function is to administer Waitsfield's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations in conjunction with the Zoning Administrator. Specifically, the Board reviews applications for conditional use approval, the subdivision of land, requests for variances, and it considers appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions.

A permit is required for most development activity in the town, and landowners are encouraged to consult with the Zoning Administrator before starting construction or site development.

As was the case the previous three years, permit activity was slow in 2014. The Board approved five minor subdivisions, and had no major subdivision applications. The DRB issued 21 conditional use approvals, including one for the new Town Offices expected to be constructed in 2015 and two for new commercial structures. There were 12 change-in-use approvals granted. The DRB did not issue any denials for conditional uses.

The DRB heard one appeal of a decision by the Zoning Administrator and upheld the determination; that decision has been appealed to the Environmental Court and is pending. The Board has one pending appeal of a lot line adjustment approval that the ZA issued.

In addition to the projects approved by the DRB, the Zoning Administrator issued 35 zoning permits in 2014, including 6 permits for new single-family homes (compared with 54 and 10, respectively, the prior year). Two new garage permits were granted, and 10 of the total zoning permits issued were sign permits (compared with 9 the prior year).

Chris Cook continues to serve in the role of Chair of the Board and Brian Shupe serves as Vice Chair. There is currently a vacancy on the Board, as long-serving member Michael Kingsbury resigned this past fall. Mike

served the DRB and the town tremendously well for almost a decade and we appreciate his thoughtful involvement. His contributions to (and humor at) public hearings will be missed. The Board was pleased to welcome Rudy Polwin, a former alternate member, to fill the vacancy left by Jon Jamieson. The Board thanks Jon Jamieson for his service and appreciates his willingness to participate as an alternate member with Eleanor D’Aponte. The DRB continues to be ably assisted by Zoning Administrator Susan Senning, who has served the town extremely well for almost four years.

The DRB meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. In 2014, the DRB held 16 public hearings. Notices of public hearings are published in *The Valley Reporter* and on-line at [www.waitsfieldvt.us](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us). Our meetings have been televised on Mad River Television's Channel 45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Cook, Chair  
John Donaldson  
Gib Geiger  
Christopher Jernigan

Rudy Polwin  
Brian Shupe, Vice Chair  
Eleanor D’Aponte (alternate)  
Jon Jamieson (alternate)

## WAITSFIELD WATER COMMISSION 2014 Annual Report

The Water Commission typically meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at the Waitsfield Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels to confirm meeting dates or to have a matter placed on the agenda. Meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

The five member Water Commission was formed late in the 2012 and is the official entity responsible for the operation of and policy-setting for the water system. It is comprised of the following members: Scott Kingsbury (Chair), Peter Reynells (Vice Chair), Bill Parker, Jack Himmelsbach, and Ted Tremper.

**ISO Application.** After many months of work to complete the extensive application process to the ISO for re-evaluation of the community's fire insurance rating, we received word in June 2014 that Waitsfield's new rating is 6/6X. The fire hydrants, water tank capacity, and purchase of the new tanker helped result in lowered insurance costs for property owners in and near the service area. Many property owners reported seeing their insurance rates decrease. The Town of Waitsfield saw a direct reduction of \$2,896 in its insurance premium for calendar year 2015.

**Water Main Break.** On Sept. 4, 2014 at about 1:00pm, a VTrans contractor working at Bridge 181 on Route 100 near Tremblay Road accidentally drilled through the water main, which was located *below* the bridge abutment. This resulted in a water outage for connected customers for more than 30 hours while the project engineer, water operator, and Kingsbury Construction worked to into the night to implement a temporary repair. A potable water truck was hired to provide free drinking water. After water service was restored, the system was on a boil water notice for three days. Town Administrator Valerie Capels kept the community informed through radio announcements, a direct e-mail list, Front Porch Forum, posts on the Waitsfield Web site, and by phone.

Because of the nature and location of the broken pipe, a permanent repair required laying a new pipe in a different location within the Route 100

right-of-way. This required permits from VTrans and easement from the adjoining property owner, which were obtained. The final repair began at 8:00pm October 20 and was completed by 6:00am the next day.

The Selectboard approved borrowing up to \$150,000 through an emergency line of credit, which is expected to be paid back by settlement with VTrans, the contractor, or both.

**Water Ordinance.** Events over the past year have drawn attention to the need to update the Water Ordinance and provide a copy of it to all water customers. We intend to work on this in 2015.

**Budget.** The Town's transition from a calendar fiscal year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) to a fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) had not been on the Water Commission's radar when the 2014 budget was adopted. Subsequently, we adapted the 2014 budget into an 18-month budget, similar to the Town's general fund with short a 2014 budget from Jan. 1 to June 30 and they FY2015 budget from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and made some adjustments.

Although we have had a full year of meter readings and billing quarters, a number of bugs remained to be sorted out, including repairing or replacing some faulty meters. Connection to the water system also resulted in the detection of various levels of water leakage from pre-existing distribution systems. The Water Commission waived numerous water overage charges during this time from the perspective that to do so did not significant harm to the budget and the money would be better spent repairing the leaks.

As we gain more experience with actual costs and water use, we will continue to review the budget and reevaluate the rates to deliver an essential service at a fair and reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Kingsbury, Chair  
Peter Reynells, V. Chair  
Jack Himmelsbach  
William Parker  
Ted Tremper

Waitsfield Community Water System Annual Operating Budget  
2013 - FY2016

	Approved 2013	Actual Thru Dec 2013	Approved 2014	Jan - June 2014	Actual Thru 06/30/2014	Projected July 2014 - June 2015	Proposed July 2015 - June 2016
No of ERUs Debt Service	205.64	211.22	230.72	230.72	238.00	228.36	235.21
No of ERUs Debt Service & O&M	186.24	185.30	204.80	204.80	204.55	205.55	210.94

**ANNUAL REVENUE**

Connection Fees (See Note 1.)	2,500	29,170	2,500	1,250	-	-	-
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	9	35	36
Water User Fees - Debt Service	124,720	112,712	132,996	66,498	58,988	110,000	132,996
Water User Fees - O&M	41,783	37,239	43,330	21,665	17,541	33,000	51,757
Water User Fees - Additional Water \$6 per 1,000	0	3,096	18,000	6,000	3,264	8,000	8,240
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	22,189	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>169,003</b>	<b>182,217</b>	<b>196,826</b>	<b>95,413</b>	<b>79,802</b>	<b>173,224</b>	<b>193,029</b>

**ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE**

USDA Rural Development Loan, due 03/17, 09/17	\$124,720	\$124,720	\$124,720	\$62,360	\$62,360	\$124,720	\$124,720
USDA Rural Development Loan, due 11/21, 05/21	-	-	\$8,276	\$0	\$0	\$8,276	\$8,276
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>124,720</b>	<b>124,720</b>	<b>132,996</b>	<b>62,360</b>	<b>62,360</b>	<b>132,996</b>	<b>132,996</b>

**ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

Accounting	500	0	515	258	0	1,000	1,030
Advertising (public notices)	250	300	258	258	200	400	412
Repairs, Maintenance and Materials	2,000	2,406	2,060	1,030	6,366	7,250	7,000
Chemicals	100	0	103	52	13	50	100
Dues & Taxes	265	0	273	136	0	265	273
Education/Training	200	0	206	103	0	1,500	1,545
Electricity	5,000	1,473	5,150	2,575	1,207	2,500	2,575
Propane	2,000	264	2,060	1,030	53	500	515
Insurance	1,640	796	1,689	1,689	1,718	1,800	1,800
Legal	0	300	300	150	562	500	500

Waitsfield Community Water System Annual Operating Budget  
2013 - FY2016

	Approved 2013	Actual Thru Dec 2013	Approved 2014	Jan - June 2014	Actual Thru 06/30/2014	Projected July 2014 - June 2015	Proposed July 2015 - June 2016
Engineering Services	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,575
Billing - Payment to Treasurer	1,500	0	1,545	1,545	1,500	1,500	1,545
Office Expense/Misc. Admin/Supplies/Postage	1,500	10	1,545	773	189	1,000	1,030
Water Operator - Contract	16,200	17,353	16,680	8,340	8,690	17,180	17,696
Water Operator - Additional Services			0	0		2,000	2,060
Permit-Licenses	100	405	103	103	239	2,700	2,781
Telephone/cell service for control system	1,500	986	1,545	0	0	1,500	1,545
Water Tests	2,500	5,960	2,575	1,288	395	1,000	1,030
Plowing	1,500	660	1,545	773	300	0	0
Miscellaneous	5,028	1,678	5,179	2,589	1,111	1,500	1,545
<b>Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,783</b>	<b>\$32,591</b>	<b>\$43,330</b>	<b>\$22,691</b>	<b>\$22,543</b>	<b>\$46,645</b>	<b>\$46,757</b>

Water System Debt Service Reserve/O&M Contingency 7.5-10% (See Note 2.)	3,028	0	3,119	1,702	0	0	5,000
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<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>24,906</b>	<b>17,381</b>	<b>8,661</b>	<b>-5,102</b>	<b>-6,417</b>	<b>8,276</b>
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Debt Service	\$606.50		\$576.44	\$270.28	\$262.02	\$582.40	\$565.43
O&M	\$224.35		\$211.57	\$119.10	\$110.21	\$226.93	\$245.36
<b>Annual Water Fees/Total ERUs</b>	<b>\$830.85</b>		<b>\$788.01</b>	<b>\$389.39</b>	<b>\$372.23</b>	<b>\$809.33</b>	<b>\$810.79</b>

Notes: 1. New connection fees will be deposited directly in the Water Reserve Account.  
 2. A reimbursement of \$38,107 is pending from USDA Rural Development that will be deposited in the Water Reserve Fund in FY2015.

Rate Set by Water Commission	Debt Service	O&M	TOTAL
	\$608.00	\$232.00	\$840.00
	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
	\$550.00	\$250.00	\$800.00

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2014 Annual Report**

Composed of up to nine members, the commission has responsibilities regarding the natural resources of the municipality, and lands within the municipality which have historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural, or archaeological values in which the public has an interest. It may make recommendations regarding acquisition of land and receive appropriations, gifts (to include land or other property), and grants for the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities. It may assist other elements of town and regional government on matters affecting the local environment or the natural resources of the municipality. It may also prepare and distribute relevant information, and encourage through educational activities the public understanding of local natural resources and conservation needs.

Regarding administration of municipal lands, properties and other rights, the commission is charged with management of 793 acres of public land located adjacent to Scrag Mountain (Scrag Town Forest), alongside the Mad River (Wu Ledges Town Forest) and alongside Brook Road (Woliner parcel), plus easement monitoring on 10 acres behind the Valley Professional Center (Dowdell/Baked Beads).

Events have taken place regarding the Wu Ledges town forest. Based on a December, 2013 public forum and a written survey, the public stated its values for this land. Trails, natural beauty, and views were of prime importance, with much support for continuing to allow trail walking and other pedestrian activities, and lesser but still strong support for mountain biking and dog walking. Much concern was voiced for the need to improve public access. Based on these findings and other research already done, Kristen Sharpless of Sharpless Ecologic prepared a draft management plan. In June, a second public meeting was held, final revisions were made and the plan is on its way to the Selectboard for approval.

Sadly, in the early summer, part of the Wu Ledges rock overlook was defaced. The commission continues to seek methods to remove the paint involved and is offering a small reward for leads identifying the vandals.

As part of the Wu Ledges Forest, the Austin parcel (adjacent to the Lareau swim hole) presents a management problem. It is populated with non-native invasive species, such as knotweed and buckthorn. Thanks to

Friends of Mad River and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, analysis was done and a report has been prepared, but how to proceed, together with associated funding, remains an issue.

On Scrag, a trail design report for an expanded hiking trail system on the upper, west-facing portion of the Forest has been prepared by Sinuosity, a trail design and construction firm. The Conservation Commission is hosting a public meeting in January 2015 to present the report and to gain review and input. The commission will then consider further steps to enhance the hiking experience on Scrag.

The planned Scrag timber sale is in the contract process. Designed to harvest mature timber, improve wildlife habitat, and realize other objectives, this project is being coordinated with the Sinuosity plan so to enable achievement of the desired goals of both the harvest and the trail expansion proposal.

Very particular thanks to the EnTrust Foundation for its interest in planning for and encouraging public use of the Scrag and Wu Ledges properties; to Kristen Sharpless for her fine work on the Wu Ledges plan; to the Friends of Mad River; and to the Valley Reporter for providing publicity for our community endeavors.

And thanks to Peter Boynton for his very fine service on the commission. Appreciation of natural resource conservation is an integral part of our quality of life here in the Valley. We have a vacancy, and welcome those who share this outstanding value.

## WAITSFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE 2014 Annual Report

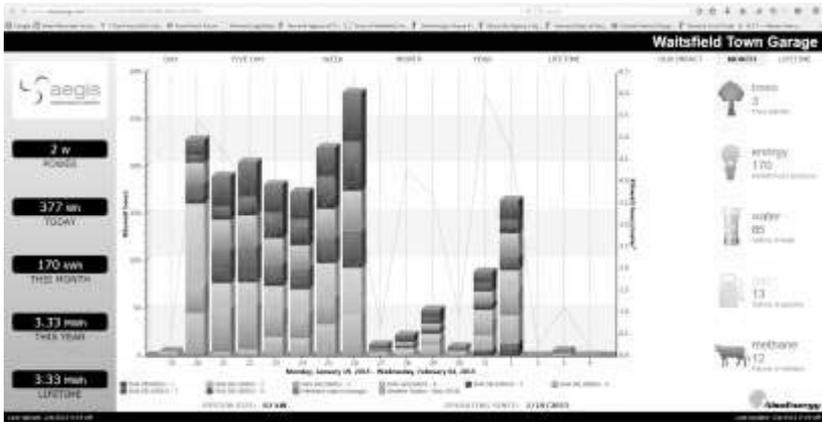
Waitsfield and the Mad River Valley have been fortunate in having what is arguably the highest ratio per capita of renewable, energy efficiency, and land use professionals in the nation. Their individual contributions can be felt in the advancement of progressive town energy plans, energy committees, and new businesses sprouting up in the valley and across the state. On the renewable energy front, local residents are employed at Northern Power Systems, Northern Reliability, Aegis Renewables, SunCommon, TDX Power, Yestermorrow, and many others. In short, the growth of renewables has been a boon for local skilled jobs in the Mad River Valley.

In Waitsfield, the Planning commission, Selectboard, and Energy Committee have collaborated in the development of guidelines for siting solar energy systems in the town energy plan, establishing a framework for a community-scale “solar orchard” and most recently the development of a municipal solar energy system. These municipal efforts have been matched by over 40 individual homeowners and businesses “going solar” – doubling the number of solar systems in Waitsfield since 2011.

The towns of Waitsfield and Warren built two municipal solar energy systems in partnership with Aegis Renewables – a Waitsfield-based company. In Waitsfield, the 102 kilowatt, 330-panel solar array has been sized to provide enough locally-sourced renewable energy to support the Waitsfield Elementary School and what will be Vermont’s 2nd “Net-Zero” Town Office building. Additional generation from the solar array will also help offset electric expenses of the municipal buildings including the Fire Station, Town Garage, Wait House, and Library. This project was made possible through an \$80,000 grant from the state’s Clean Energy Development Fund and Waitsfield voters approving a bond to finance the new town energy plant over the next 20 years.

The Town will be partnering with the Waitsfield Elementary School as a “group net-metered” solar array, building on the energy efficiency improvements made over the last couple of years and providing a secure, sustainable path for the school’s electricity budget. The solar array offers both an educational tool for the school’s curriculum – an example capturing elements of science, engineering and math. Performance of the

array can be found through the [Solar Production and Impact Data](#) link on the Waitsfield home page at [www.waitsfieldvt.us](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us).



We look forward to what the next few years will bring and appreciate the state’s support in advancing the Town of Waitsfield and other Mad River Valley town efforts in creating additional renewable energy jobs and a vision for a sustainable and resilient community with locally sourced energy.

Chris Badger, Waitsfield Energy Coordinator



Governor’s Press Conference for Solar Grant

Photo: MRVTV

## TOWN MEETING RESEARCH GROUP 2014 Report

### **Purpose / Inquiry**

Town Meeting attendance and voter participation have been in a decline for a very long time. The reasons for this are various and generally understood and agreed upon. The Waitsfield, Vermont Select Board has asked a group of residents to volunteer to propose to the Select Board how the town might increase active participation in decisions that impact the future of the town?

### **Mission Statement / Scope**

Opportunity & Participation: The Town Meeting Research Group will offer to the Waitsfield Select Board ideas to increase the opportunity and encourage greater participation at Town Meeting and/or in town Decisions.

### **Recommendations**

#### Near Term - approach:

➤ Tinker! The Town Meeting Research Group enthusiastically encourages the Waitsfield Select Board to take a 3-5 year approach to trying some new ideas and seeing if participation at Town Meeting increases. And then trying other ideas after that and seeing what changes occur.

#### Near Term - structure changes:

1) To reduce disruption of the town meeting the Town Meeting Research Group recommends separating the Town Meeting from the School Board Meeting and moving the School Board Meeting to a different date or time; consider holding the school meeting the night before or on some other date.

2) Move Town Meeting to a late afternoon start: 4pm or later with a hard stop at 9pm. (Meeting could overflow into the next night if required).

3) Pre-announce that the vote for the town budget will occur at a specific time, such as 6:00pm or 6:30pm (depending on when Town Meeting starts).

4) Create a volunteer pick-up / return home rides service for those interested.

Near Term - information sharing strategy changes:

- 1) As a compliment to the existing Town Report, create the following printed materials
  - a. Executive summary of budget, issues for discussion
  - b. Budget and Tax impact of major / warned items (see examples in appendix from Middlesex, VT town).
  - c. Pie chart of sources [in one pie chart] and uses [in one pie chart] of town budget (see examples in appendix from Middlesex, Vermont).
  - d. Find a way to highlight large and/or potentially controversial items in the printed reports.
- 2) Distribute these materials in mailed town reports.
- 3) Have copies of these materials on chairs at town meeting.
- 4) Place information on town website.
- 5) Encourage media coverage of same materials in advance of the Town Meeting day.

Longer Term:

- 1) Investigate and test various technologies such as email / text / phone response system to engage voters year round regardless of whether Town Meeting or Australian ballot is used.
- 2) Floor amendments on financial / budget items only considered at earlier scheduled (Jan/Feb) budget meetings.
- 3) Floor amendments on non-financial but policy matters reflecting sense of community are non-binding but must be reviewed and reported on no later than next annual Town Meeting.
- 4) Consider capping the amounts permitted in floor amendments by either a percent or by an absolute value of the original article.
- 5) Run a survey (yet to be developed) to all residents to quantify residents who can't attend Town Meeting because of infirmity, military service, work, children, other. Measure quantity and type of reasons for non-attendance. Run this survey in three different channels:
  - a. Before town meeting day via snail mail and/or email.
  - b. During voting hours of town meeting day.

- c. At Town Meeting itself.
- 6) Run a survey (yet to be developed) to all residents asking whether they would support a special Town Meeting day – to be held during summer months – for the purpose of determining if the majority of the residents would prefer Australian ballot over Town Meeting Day. Run this survey in three different channels:
- a. Before town meeting day via snail mail and/or email.
  - b. During voting hours of town meeting day.
  - c. At Town Meeting itself.

The full report is available at the Town Office and on the Waitsfield Web site in the Documents section at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/docs/Waitsfield\\_Town\\_Meeting\\_Research\\_Group\\_Final\\_Report\\_2014-12-08.pdf](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/docs/Waitsfield_Town_Meeting_Research_Group_Final_Report_2014-12-08.pdf).

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**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**January 1 - June 30, 2014**

	2013	2014
<b>Grand List</b>		
Municipal Grand List	3,654,251	3,667,860
State Education Grand List	3,670,891	3,683,571
<b>Tax Rates</b>		
Homestead Municipal	0.3337	0.4232
Homestead Education	1.3848	1.4847
Total Homestead Tax Rate	1.7185	1.9079
Non-Residential Municipal	0.3337	0.4232
Non-Residential Education	1.3618	1.4155
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.6955	1.8382
<b>Taxes Billed</b>		
Municipal	1,212,110	0
Homestead Education	2,467,482	0
Non-Residential Education	2,561,549	0
Local Agreement	7,308	0
<b>Total Taxes Billed</b>	6,248,450	0
Plus late filed Homestead Declaration fees	0	0
Plus/Less Corrections, Abatements and Adjustments	0	0
Net Taxes Due	6,248,450	0
Less tax collections through December 31		-4,214,885
Total 2014 taxes due on May 15, 2015		2,663,630

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

Beginning Delinquent Taxes due (previous years)	132,207
Amount turned over to Collector of Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2014	0
Total Delinquent Taxes to be accounted for	132,207
Delinquent Tax Collections	-76,016
Abatements/Adjustments	0
Balance of Delinquent Taxes	56,191

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST  
As of June 30, 2014**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	
Bombard, Andrew & Heather	\$773.60	*		
Burbank, Susan	\$3,918.20	*		
Carpenter, George	\$4,351.36			
Coles, Suzanne	\$516.16	*		
Cooke, Christine	\$97.94		\$73.26	
Four D & K Company	\$10,072.96		\$6,834.86	
Hilly, Marilyn	\$3,750.11		\$156.84	*
Ientile, James	\$10,363.26	*		
Koepele, David Eric	\$1,451.34			
Koepele, David Eric	\$1,254.66	*		
Koepele, David Eric	\$4,424.90	*		
Lanphear, Vicki Jo	\$376.92			
Lavoie, Paul & Michelle	\$2,079.10		\$1,605.00	
Mad River Equities	\$12.94	*		
Marquardt, Helen	\$1,152.24	*	841.38	*
Messier, Lori			\$229.68	
Orr, Reginald & Kathi	\$2,497.70			
Papani Realty Trust	\$983.38		\$951.54	
Robert Inverness	\$2,124.60	*		
Sharpe, James	\$3,314.40			
Skirkanich, Nicholas	\$35.84	*		
Tremblay, J. Edgar	\$5,196.38	*		
Two Route Seventeen	\$4,526.96	*		
VonTrapp, Bernhard	\$5,632.44	*		
Totals as of 6/30/14	\$68,907.39		\$10,692.56	
*Paid since 6/30/14				

**TOWN CLERK  
2014 STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED  
JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2014**

Recording Fees:	\$6,730
Search Fees:	\$198
Copies:	\$1,843
Permit Fees:	\$18
Marriage/Civil Union Licenses, less state fees:	\$540
Miscellaneous Fees:	\$275
Dog Licenses, less state fees:	<u>\$2,858</u>
(Dog Licenses Issued: 331)	
Total Fees Collected:	\$12,462

**Vital Statistics:**

Births:	11
Deaths:	8
Marriages:	<u>28</u>
	47

## **BUDGET SUMMARY**

### **2014 Annual Report**

On March 5, 2013, voters approved Article 11 that the Town transition from a calendar fiscal year (Jan.1 to Dec. 30) to a fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) beginning July 1, 2014. This resulted in an 18-month budget or, rather, one 6-month budget (FY2014) and one 12-month budget (FY2015). To help ease the transition and reduce the tax impact of asking taxpayers to pay for 18 months of expenses in one tax year, payment of property taxes went from two installments due in Sept. and Nov. to four installments due in Sept., Nov., Feb., and May and voters authorized borrowing up to \$300,000 over five years. No matter which fiscal year is in effect, the property tax rate is not set until July, followed by the tax bills. Under the new fiscal year, tax revenues will be received earlier in the budget year, rather than 9 months into it, which will ultimately save taxpayers money.

This report focuses primarily on the short FY2014 budget and proposed FY2016 budget; FY2015 will be reviewed in next year's report.

#### **General Notes**

- Town Pond maintenance was moved from the Capital and One-Time Expenses section to the Miscellaneous section.
- A new Public Safety section was added that consolidates the police program, emergency management, dog warden, fire warden, fire hydrant maintenance, generator, and other related expenses.

#### **FY2014**

Due to a number of extenuating circumstances, a final audit of the FY2014 budget was not available during the FY2016 budget process. Consequently, some key information was not available.

The 2013 audit suggests the year ended with a \$148,348 surplus; however, the basis of this figure has not been verified. Consequently, the more conservative figure of \$54,806 was carried over.

Because no taxes were received before June 30, an audit will show a deficit. This is expected to even out at the end of FY2015 after tax revenues covering the 18 months will have been received. The preliminary 2014 audit indicated a deficit of \$457,493. The basis of this figure, which included as part of its basis the 2013 surplus, is also in the process of being verified.

**FY2015**

The FY2015 budget figures are based on actuals through December 31, 2014 and estimated or known expenses and revenues through June 30, 2015. The FY2015 budget reflects the following:

- The \$300,000 5-year loan voters approved to ease the fiscal year transition is proposed to be borrowed from reserve funds (authorized by voters, Article 13, March 4, 2014), with interest paid to those accounts.
- Line item budget projections were not available from the Road Department or Fire Department.
- Personnel costs fluctuated due to the departure of the Town Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk and reduction in Planning & Zoning Administrator hours.
- The percent change column relates to the difference between the FYprojected and approved budget figures.

**FY2016**

The proposed FY2016 budget reflects the following:

- The Web site cost FY2016 increase reflects anticipated costs associated with moving the site to a new platform.
- A new \$250 allocation for a Town Health Officer was added to the reorganized Public Safety section.
- **ARTICLE 5** asks voters to approve up to \$45,000 to finance part of the cost of replacing the Fire Department's SCBA and Air Storage Cylinders. See p.81 for more information.
- **ARTICLE 6** asks voters to approve up to \$165,000 over five years to pave Tremblay and North Roads. If approved, debt service payments would begin in the FY2017 budget. See pages 65 and 85 for more information.
- **ARTICLE 7** asks voters to approve up to \$75,000 over five years to pave parts of Joslin Hill Road. If approved, debt service payments would begin in the FY2017 budget. See pages 65 and 85 for more information.
- **ARTICLE 8** asks voters to rename the Culvert Replacement Reserve Fund to be the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund and to allocate \$10,000 to it. Most of the major culvert work in town has been completed; however, there is no reserve fund for major or unanticipated non-covered bridge work, such as for the Meadow Road or Butternut Hill bridges. If **ARTICLE 8** is approved, \$75,000 is proposed to be allocated to offset costs associated with the Covered Bridge and Bridge Street improvement project. See pages 80 and 81 for more information.

- The Covered Bridge and Bridge Street improvement projects are proposed to be funded with a \$400,000, 15-year bond (**BOND ARTICLE II**), \$75,000 from the Covered Bridge Reserve Fund, \$75,000 from a re-named *Bridge & Culvert Reserve Fund* (**ARTICLE 8**), the VTrans grant, and the STAG grant. See pages 78-81 for more information.
- The second Town Office bond will not be taken out until FY2017 and construction will be financed with a bond anticipation line of credit that gets rolled into the 2017 bond note.
- If the CDBG-DR2 grant is awarded and the project goes forward, the \$20,000 matching loan would be taken after July 2015 so the first loan payment would not be due until FY17.
- Electricity expenses continue to be reflected in the departmental operating budgets and are expected to be offset by solar credit revenues. The GMP Solar Energy Credits revenue is blank on page 61; however, projected revenues are expected to be in the area of \$7,000.

**Tax Rates.** The 2013 municipal tax rate was \$0.3337. For a residential property valued at \$300,000 the municipal portion of the tax bill for the calendar year would have been about \$1,001, paid in two equal installments of \$500.50.

The 2014 tax rate is more complicated because it reflects an 18-month budget year. Combined, the total municipal tax rate was \$0.4202; however, for the short 2014 fiscal year, the rate would have been \$0.1403 and the rate in FY2015 would have been \$0.2798\* paid over four equal payments. For a residential property valued at \$300,000 the municipal portion of the tax bill for the 18-month budget year would have been about \$1,260, paid in four equal installments of \$315 based on the 2013 Grand List. \*Without the voter-approved \$300,000 transition loan, the FY2015 municipal tax rate would have been \$0.3617.

If all spending articles pass and the FY2016 proposed budget is approved as presented, the municipal tax rate is projected to be \$0.3455 based on the 2014 Grand List. For a residential property valued at \$300,000 the municipal portion of the FY2016 tax bill would be about \$1,036, paid in four equal installments of \$259.

The following tables and graphics provide more information about prospective tax impacts of various expenditures.

**BUDGET SUMMARY  
2014 Annual Report**

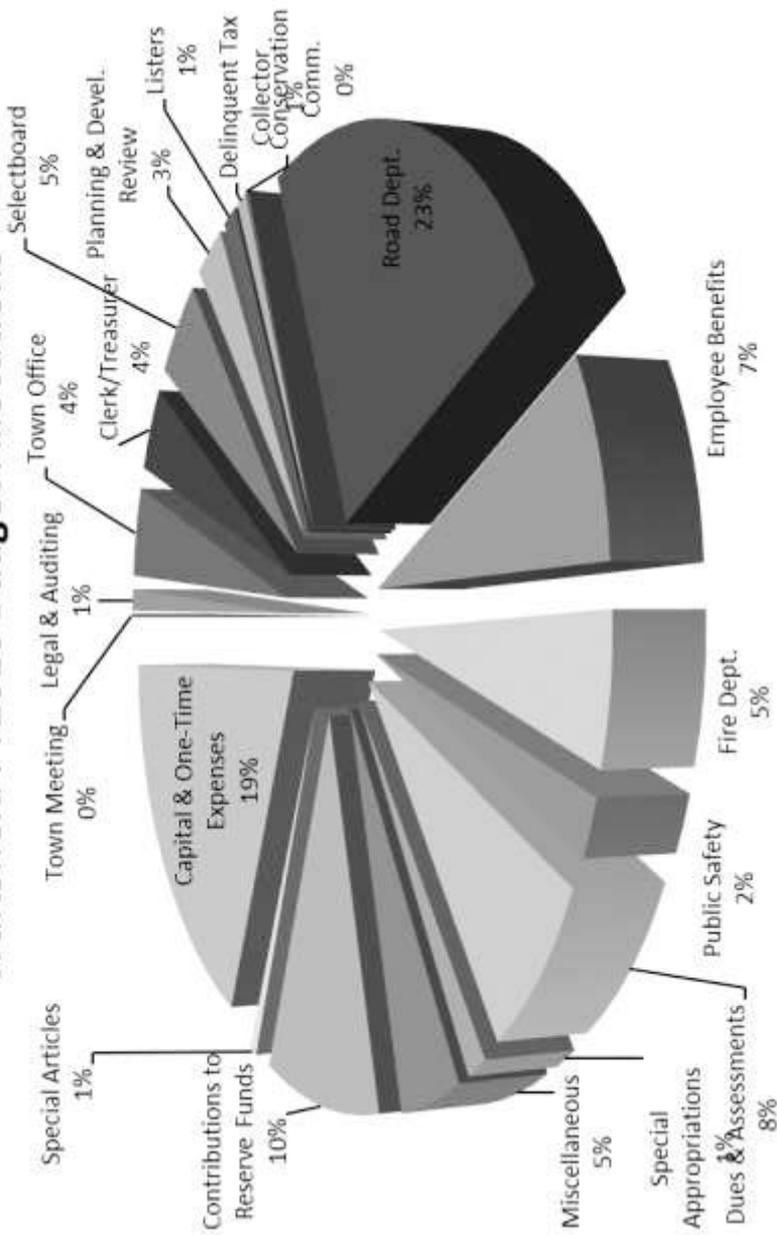
**Approximate FY2016 Municipal Tax**

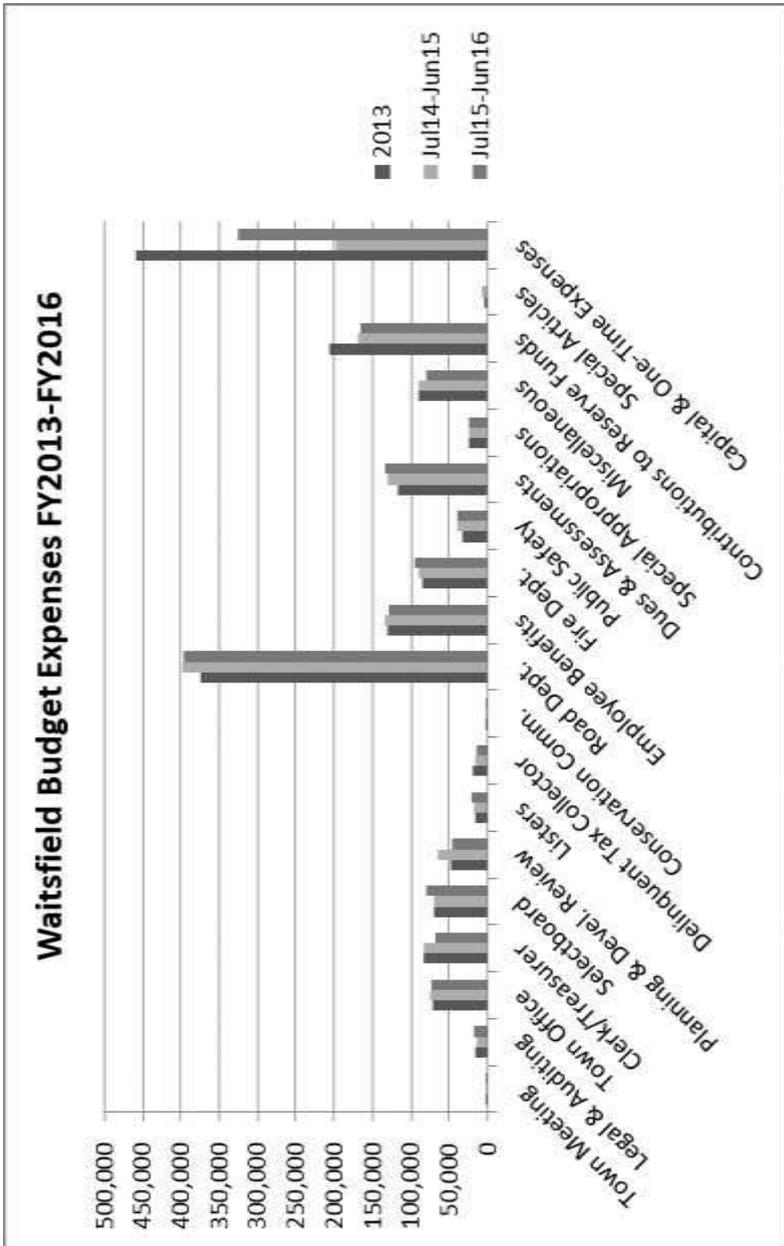
Appraised Value of Property	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
Grand List (2014)	\$366,786,017	\$366,786,017	\$366,786,017
Amount to Be Raised in Taxes	\$1,267,254	\$1,267,254	\$1,267,254
Proposed Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.3455	\$0.3455	\$0.3455
Approx. Annual Municipal Tax	\$345.50	\$1,036.51	\$1,727.51

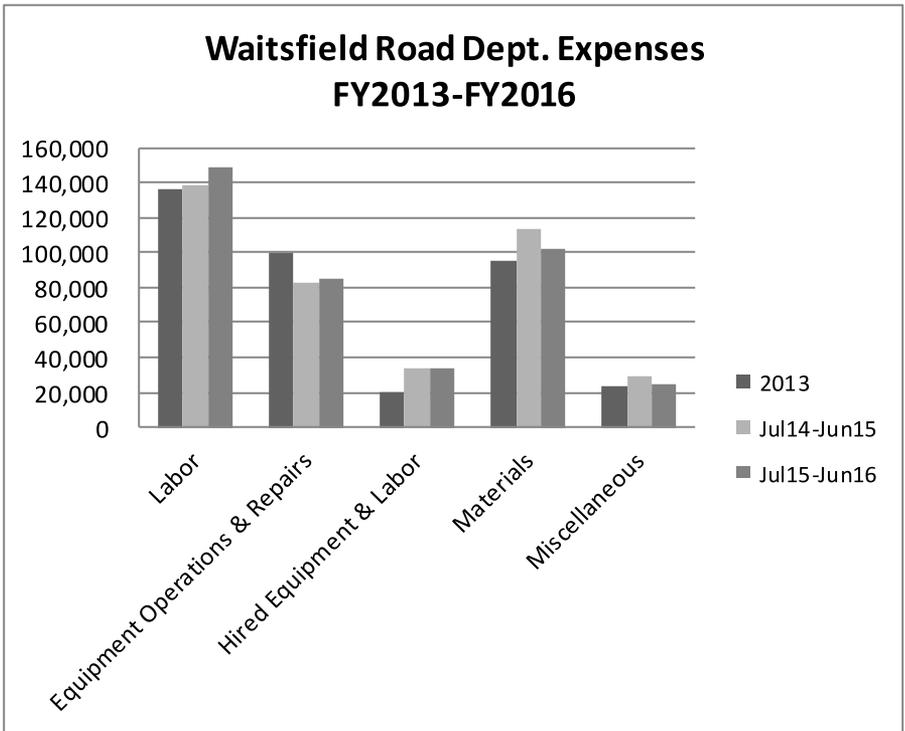
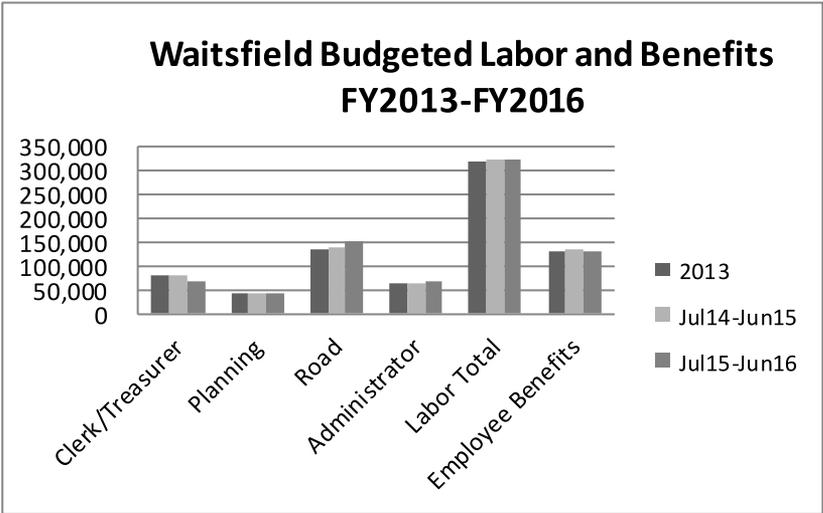
**What Each Special Spending Item Means for Typical Taxes**

	Expense	Approx. Annual Debt	Tax Impact	Approx. Tax on Property Assessed at		Explanation	
				\$100,000	\$300,000		\$500,000
Article 5	\$45,000	\$9,763	\$0.0027	\$2.66	\$7.99	\$13.31	Fire Dept. SCBA replacement
Article 6	\$165,000	\$39,528	\$0.0108	\$10.78	\$32.33	\$53.88	Paving Tremblay and North Roads
Article 7	\$75,000	\$16,272	\$0.0044	\$4.42	\$13.31	\$22.18	Paving parts of Joslin Hill
Article 8	\$10,000		\$0.0027	\$2.73	\$8.18	\$13.63	Allocation to Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund
Bond Article II	\$400,000	\$37,397	\$0.0102	\$10.20	\$30.59	\$50.98	Covered Bridge/Bridge Street Improvements
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$30.80</b>	<b>\$92.39</b>	<b>\$153.99</b>	

# Waitsfield FY2016 Budget Allocations







TOWN OF WAITSFIELD FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET Jan14-Jun14	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET Jul14-Jun15	Projected 6/30/2015	Percent Change	BUDGET Jul15-Jun16	'15-'16 Budget % Chng
<b>TOWN MEETING</b>									
Elections	200	306	150	59	200	300	50.0%	300	50.0%
Town Report	2,600	2,576	2,600	1,936	2,600	2,000	-23.1%	2,300	-11.5%
<b>TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>-17.9%</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-7.1%</b>
<b>LEGAL &amp; AUDITING</b>									
Legal Services	10,000	53,904	7,500	10,214	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000	0.0%
Audit Services	5,950	6,950	6,950	7,500	4,500	3,750	-16.7%	7,500	66.7%
<b>TOTAL LEGAL &amp; AUDITING</b>	<b>15,950</b>	<b>60,854</b>	<b>14,450</b>	<b>17,714</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>20.7%</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>									
Insurance & Bonds	14,468	14,323	15,848	13,080	16,481	16,481	0.0%	14,348	-12.9%
Office Rent/Utilities	23,183	23,719	12,000	6,211	23,200	23,200	0.0%	23,191	0.0%
Office Repairs	1,000	106	500	1,272	1,000	500	-50.0%	1,000	0.0%
Postage	3,950	4,135	2,200	2,455	4,400	4,400	0.0%	4,400	0.0%
Supplies	8,000	6,588	4,000	3,298	8,000	6,500	-18.8%	8,000	0.0%
Computer Services	1,600	170	450	180	900	3,000	233.3%	2,000	122.2%
Training	1,000	595	500	0	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Cleaning	2,300	2,253	2,600	1,629	5,200	4,000	-23.1%	4,000	-23.1%
Equipment Maint. & Contracts	6,175	5,545	4,590	4,234	6,530	6,000	-8.1%	5,465	-16.3%
Telephone	2,600	2,541	1,300	1,266	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,600	0.0%
New Office Equipment	4,000	0	1,000	1,390	2,000	1,500	-25.0%	2,000	0.0%
Public Notice Expense	3,500	5,093	1,750	3,065	3,500	4,000	14.3%	4,000	14.3%
Great Escape Tx		183			190	0	-100.0%	0	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>71,776</b>	<b>65,250</b>	<b>46,738</b>	<b>38,079</b>	<b>75,001</b>	<b>73,181</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>72,005</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK &amp; TREASURER</b>									
Town Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	78,645	79,174	40,139	38,532	80,277	75,000	-6.6%	67,000	-16.5%
Tax Anticipation Interest	4,000	2,689	1,000	0	3,500	600	-82.9%	0	-100.0%
Ballot Clerks	900	345	175	136	345	900	160.9%	345	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>83,545</b>	<b>82,208</b>	<b>41,314</b>	<b>38,668</b>	<b>84,122</b>	<b>76,500</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>67,345</b>	<b>-19.9%</b>
<b>NET CLERK/TREASURER EXPENSES</b>	<b>47,245</b>	<b>51,268</b>	<b>22,814</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>47,932</b>	<b>47,600</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>35,445</b>	<b>-26.1%</b>

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET Jan14-Jun14	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET Jul14-Jun15	Projected 6/30/2015	Percent Change	BUDGET Jul15-Jun16	'15-'16 Budget % Chng
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>									
Selectboard Stipends	3,250	3,250			3,250	3,250	0.0%	3,250	0.0%
Town Web site	800	384	400	384	400	450	12.5%	6,000	1400.0%
Town Administrator	62,022	62,024	31,680	30,312	63,360	64,602	2.0%	67,000	5.7%
Training	440	337	25	190	440	440	0.0%	450	2.3%
Mileage Reimbursement	200	237	75	151	220	150	-31.8%	220	0.0%
Recording Secretary	2,500	3,020	1,375	1,184	2,750	2,750	0.0%	2,750	0.0%
Communications	200	152	100	0	200	0	-100.0%	200	0.0%
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD EXPENSES</b>	<b>69,412</b>	<b>69,404</b>	<b>33,655</b>	<b>32,221</b>	<b>70,620</b>	<b>71,642</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>79,870</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT REVIEW</b>									
Recording Secretary	1,000	117	500	239	1,000	500	-50.0%	500	-50.0%
Special Planning Projects	4,500	315	7,400	2,721	20,500	10,372	-49.4%	4,000	-80.5%
Zoning Administrator	41,027	38,090	20,446	19,383	40,892	38,869	-4.9%	40,000	-2.2%
Training (for staff and boards)	700	60	190	95	700	400	-42.9%	500	-28.6%
Computer Equipment/Services	960	0	480	0	960	5,000	420.8%	960	0.0%
Mileage Reimbursement	250	214	125	87	250	250	0.0%	250	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>48,437</b>	<b>38,797</b>	<b>29,141</b>	<b>22,524</b>	<b>64,302</b>	<b>55,391</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>	<b>46,210</b>	<b>-28.1%</b>
<b>NET PLANNING &amp; DEV. REV. EXP.</b>	<b>48,437</b>	<b>29,977</b>	<b>20,141</b>	<b>9,807</b>	<b>41,702</b>	<b>35,231</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>	<b>37,210</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>
<b>BOARD OF LISTERS</b>									
Assessor's Contract	15,000	16,549	8,000	8,311	16,000	19,000	18.8%	20,000	25.0%
Computer Equipment/Services	1,000	195	700	478	700	500	-28.6%	700	0.0%
Training & Meetings	200	120	100	60	200	500	150.0%	200	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>16,864</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>8,849</b>	<b>16,900</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>20,900</b>	<b>23.7%</b>
<b>NET LISTERS' EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>8,849</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>58.0%</b>
<b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b>									
Collector's Fees	19,000	14,461	8,000	6,553	16,000	10,000	-37.5%	15,000	-6.3%
<b>NET DELINQUENT TAXES EXP.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,338)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>									
Special Projects	2,000	163	0	0	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>NET CONS. COMM. EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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<b>ROAD DEPARTMENT</b>										
<b>Labor</b>										
Equipment Operations & Repairs	135,890	138,784	69,518	70,592	139,035				149,000	7.2%
Insurance	7,926	7,806	8,672	8,672	9,019				7,906	-12.3%
Gas, Oil, Grease, Filters	5,000	6,361	3,500	2,446	7,000				7,000	0.0%
Diesel	25,000	27,356	13,500	20,491	27,000				27,000	0.0%
2005 Int'l Dump Truck (gone)	7,500	0	0	0	0				0	0.0%
2008 Pickup Truck	1,500	1,477	1,350	335	1,000				1,000	0.0%
2013 International Dump Truck	1,500	1,480	1,000	590	3,000				3,000	0.0%
2010 Int'l Low Profile Truck	3,000	3,308	1,000	1,902	3,000				3,000	0.0%
1997 Int'l Dump Truck	5,000	2,404	500	0	500				500	0.0%
2008 International Dump Truck	4,000	4,993	1,500	1,275	4,000				1,000	-75.0%
2009 John Deere Loader	1,000	780	500	0	1,000				1,000	0.0%
1998 Gailon Grader	8,000	10,324	1,000	25	3,000				6,000	100.0%
2008 Cat Backhoe	2,500	7,042	1,110	242	1,000				2,500	150.0%
Roadside Mower	280	203	200	0	500				500	0.0%
Steel pole / chain saw	300	177	150	0	300				300	0.0%
Garage Repairs	500	886	0	12	1,500				1,000	-33.3%
Garage Telephone	1,500	1,771	850	719	1,700				1,700	0.0%
Garage Trash Removal	3,000	2,774	800	1,133	2,500				2,500	0.0%
Uniforms	3,000	3,416	1,200	3,103	3,200				3,200	0.0%
Garage Heat	1,100	1,135	550	578	1,100				1,100	0.0%
Garage Telephone	1,500	1,604	750	1,216	1,500				1,500	0.0%
Garage Electricity	3,000	3,478	1,000	626	3,000				3,000	0.0%
Garage Supplies & Hardware	1,500	1,682	600	701	1,200				1,200	0.0%
Garage Misc. Other	500	473	100	454	300				300	0.0%
Chipper, Rake, Broom, Trailer, Jump	1,000	467	500	0	1,000				1,000	0.0%
Garage Alarm System	840	840	400	400	800				800	0.0%
Water service	9,600	8,011	350	3,782	5,000				7,500	50.0%
Plow Blades/Shoes/Chains	99,546	100,248	41,082	48,701	83,119				85,506	2.9%
<b>Subtotal Equipment Operations Expens</b>										
<b>Hired Equipment &amp; Labor</b>										
Sidewalk Mowing	1,875	600	350	0	700				1,000	42.9%
Sidewalk Plowing	8,000	5,960	21,000	20,395	25,000				28,500	14.0%
Other Equipment Rental	2,000	1,075	1,000	0	2,000				2,000	0.0%
Contracted Plowing	500	1,620	1,000	1,620	2,000				2,000	0.0%
Grading	20,375	226	1,000	270	3,500				500	-85.7%
<b>Subtotal Hired Equip. &amp; Labor Expense</b>	<b>20,375</b>	<b>9,481</b>	<b>24,350</b>	<b>22,285</b>	<b>33,200</b>				<b>34,000</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

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<b>Materials</b>												
Salt	22,000	37,279	14,000	27,727	28,000						35,000	25.0%
Sand	45,000	35,250	14,300	210	43,000						43,000	0.0%
Chloride	8,000	8,608	6,200	1,767	9,000						9,000	0.0%
Crushed Gravel	0	0	0	0	16,500						0	-100.0%
Stone (ditch)	5,000	2,482	3,000	1,890	5,000						5,000	0.0%
Culverts	7,200	68	0	120	5,000						3,000	-40.0%
Guardrails	1,000	0	0	0	1,000						1,000	0.0%
Tools	3,000	2,472	1,000	1,034	2,500						2,500	0.0%
Signs	1,700	2,382	500	459	1,500						1,500	0.0%
Fabric	500	306	0	0	1,000						1,000	0.0%
Cold Patch, Hay & Seed	2,000	4,507	300	500	1,500						1,500	0.0%
<b>Subtotal/Materials Expenses</b>	<b>95,400</b>	<b>93,354</b>	<b>39,300</b>	<b>33,706</b>	<b>114,000</b>						<b>102,500</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>												
Fayston Winter Agreement	5,500	5,500	0		5,500						7,400	34.5%
Sidewalk Maint./Repair	-	-	3,000	2,750	3,000						3,000	0.0%
Bridge Repairs	500	1,800	4,000	0	3,000						1,000	-66.7%
Gravel pit management	4,000	687	1,000	80	4,080						1,000	-75.5%
Pavement Crack Sealing	6,000	6,000			6,000						6,000	0.0%
Line Painting	750	0	750	0	800						750	-6.3%
Radios & Pagers	1,000	904	500	108	1,000						500	-50.0%
Training	500	45	125	45	250						250	-50.0%
<b>Subtotal/Miscellaneous</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>12,250</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>29,380</b>						<b>25,150</b>	<b>-14.4%</b>
<b>Subtotal Road Department Expenses</b>	<b>375,211</b>	<b>362,614</b>	<b>186,500</b>	<b>181,147</b>	<b>398,734</b>				<b>400,000</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>396,156</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>NET ROAD DEPARTMENT EXPENSE</b>	<b>307,211</b>	<b>292,330</b>	<b>150,899</b>	<b>145,776</b>	<b>328,281</b>				<b>329,397</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>325,703</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>												
FICA/Medicare	20,063	19,689	11,326	10,015	22,662						24,616	8.7%
Medicare	4,479	4,605	2,350	2,342	4,700						4,627	-1.5%
Retirement	16,276	16,920	8,595	8,520	17,189						17,257	0.4%
Unemployment	2,626	2,622	828	1,312	1,656						1,540	-7.0%
Workers Compensation	5,778	5,691	2,848	6,758	5,695						8,230	44.5%
Health Insurance	78,470	76,833	39,000	47,150	80,000						70,000	-12.5%
Life & Disability Insurance	2,520	2,480	1,260	1,437	2,520						2,372	-5.9%
Vision Plan	0	0	0	131	0						0	-

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<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>130,202</b>	<b>128,838</b>	<b>66,207</b>	<b>79,068</b>	<b>134,412</b>	<b>126,584</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>128,641</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXP.</b>	<b>130,202</b>	<b>128,838</b>	<b>66,207</b>	<b>73,081</b>	<b>134,412</b>	<b>126,584</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>128,641</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>									
Fuel	3,000	3,014	1,500	1,594	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
Insurance	7,859	9,057	9,093	9,093	10,000	10,000		8,632	-13.7%
Telephone & Communications	20,000	28,282	10,500	10,838	21,000	21,000		24,000	14.3%
Electricity	1,800	1,534	910	1,046	1,820	1,820		1,800	-1.1%
Heat	5,000	5,041	4,000	4,488	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%
Water	1,350	840	500	400	1,000	1,000		800	-20.0%
Building Repairs/Supplies	2,000	2,124	1,000	703	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
Fire Alarm	300	290	0	0	300	300		350	16.7%
Ladder/Hose Testing	-	-	-	-	-	-		2,500	-
Truck Repair and Maintenance	5,500	5,008	2,000	2,406	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%
Equipment Repair and Maintenance	3,000	1,247	1,500	430	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
Bottled Gas (Propane)	600	510	200	134	400	400		400	0.0%
Training	3,250	3,544	1,600	2,344	3,200	3,200		3,400	6.3%
Hose & Equipment	3,500	4,139	1,200	2,147	3,500	3,500		3,200	-8.6%
Gear & Boots	5,470	3,198	3,600	3,790	4,300	4,300		4,500	4.7%
Fire Prevention	400	393	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%
Miscellaneous	500	374	200	19	500	500		500	0.0%
Dues	450	391	450	361	550	550		500	-9.1%
Physical Exams	2,000	1,250	2,000	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Labor	18,000	16,819	0	0	21,000	21,000		22,000	4.8%
FICA/Medicare (7.65% of labor)	1,377	1,266	0	0	1,607	1,607		1,683	4.7%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>85,356</b>	<b>88,320</b>	<b>40,253</b>	<b>39,792</b>	<b>89,577</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>94,665</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>NET FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>51,214</b>	<b>45,351</b>	<b>24,152</b>	<b>39,792</b>	<b>53,746</b>	<b>89,100</b>	<b>65.8%</b>	<b>56,795</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>									
Sheriff's Department Billings	31,678	25,227	15,839	13,207	32,945	30,000		32,000	-2.9%
Repairs/Maintenance	0	92	-	-	-	-		0	0.0%
Insurance	1,452	1,997	1,625	1,625	1,690	1,690		1,612	-4.6%
Dog Warden Salary & Fees	1,000	790	500	360	1,000	800		1,000	0.0%
Dog Pound Fees	100	485	50	0	100	250		250	150.0%
Emergency Management	500	244	250	0	500	500		500	0.0%
Fire Warden	250	250	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%
Fire Hydrant Maintenance	3,000	800	2,000	600	2,000	1,200		2,000	-40.0%

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Town Health Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	-
Generator Expense	1,350	879	575	448	850	900	5.9%	850	0.0%
Training	0	0	250	0	500	0	-	500	0.0%
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>33,130</b>	<b>30,764</b>	<b>21,089</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>39,835</b>	<b>35,590</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>	<b>39,212</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>NET PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,130</b>	<b>24,408</b>	<b>19,389</b>	<b>13,965</b>	<b>36,435</b>	<b>30,490</b>	<b>-16.3%</b>	<b>33,812</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>
<b>DUES &amp; ASSESSMENTS</b>									
CV Regional Planning Commission	1,805	1,805	0	1,890	1,810	1,810	0.0%	1,890	4.4%
Joslin Memorial Library	45,582	45,040	24,962	13,567	51,421	51,421	0.0%	51,981	1.1%
Mad River Resource Mgmt Alliance	3,438	3,438	4,727	4,727	4,727	6,876	45.5%	6,876	45.5%
Mad River Valley Planning District	23,842	23,842	15,389	7,695	30,778	30,778	0.0%	31,393	2.0%
Mad River Valley Recreation District	12,500	12,500	0	0	12,500	12,500	0.0%	12,500	0.0%
Vt League of Cities & Towns	3,303	2,528	3,538	2,738	3,538	3,538	0.0%	2,814	-20.5%
Washington County Tax	26,022	26,022	0	12,875	26,022	26,022	0.0%	26,371	1.3%
<b>TOTAL DUES &amp; ASSESSES</b>	<b>116,491</b>	<b>115,175</b>	<b>48,616</b>	<b>43,491</b>	<b>130,796</b>	<b>132,945</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>133,825</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>									
Circle (was Battered Women's Service	350	350	0	0	350	350	0.0%	350	0.0%
CV Adult Basic Education	600	600	0	0	600	600	0.0%	600	0.0%
Capstone Community Action Council	300	300	0	0	300	300	0.0%	300	0.0%
Central Vermont Community Land Tru	1,000	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
CV Council on Aging	1,200	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,400	16.7%
CV Economic Development Corp.	800	800	0	0	800	800	0.0%	800	0.0%
CV Home Health & Hospice	3,350	3,350	0	0	3,500	3,350	-4.3%	3,450	-1.4%
Family Center of Washington County	500	500	0	0	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Good Beginnings of Central VT	300	300	0	0	300	300	0.0%	300	0.0%
Green Up Vermont	100	100	0	0	100	100	0.0%	100	0.0%
Green Mountain Transit Agency	923	923	0	0	923	923	0.0%	923	0.0%
Mad River Valley Health Center	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	0.0%	5,000	0.0%
Mad River Valley Senior Citizens	7,000	7,000	0	0	7,000	7,000	0.0%	7,000	0.0%
Northern Vermont RC&D Council	100	100	0	0	100	100	0.0%	0	-100.0%
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	500	500	0	0	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	300	300	0	0	300	300	0.0%	300	0.0%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	250	250	0	0	250	250	0.0%	250	0.0%
Vt Center for Independent Living	620	620	0	0	620	620	0.0%	620	0.0%
Washington County Youth Services	750	750	0	0	750	750	0.0%	750	0.0%
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL APPROP. EXPENSE</b>	<b>23,943</b>	<b>23,943</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,093</b>	<b>23,943</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>24,143</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

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<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>										
Town Pond Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	0.0%	5,000	0.0%
Administrative Fees	300	200	150	30	30	300	150	-50.0%	150	-50.0%
Maintenance of Parks	12,585	11,306	7,620	1,413	1,413	13,185	13,185	0.0%	13,105	-0.6%
Trail Maintenance	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
Solar Array Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
Memberships & Dues	185	264	150	375	185	185	185	0.0%	185	0.0%
Community Share WES School Maint.	56,006	56,006	0	0	0	56,000	56,000	0.0%	56,000	0.0%
Cemeteries - Veteran's Flags	100	0	0	240	100	100	100	0.0%	100	0.0%
MRTVTV Hearing Coverage	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0.0%	3,400	13.3%
Tax Adjustments	10,000	37,862	0	0	0	10,000	5,000	-50.0%	5,000	-50.0%
Other	500	0	0	0	0	500	250	-50.0%	-	-100.0%
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>90,376</b>	<b>110,137</b>	<b>7,920</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>89,770</b>	<b>84,370</b>	<b>(26,302)</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>80,440</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>
<b>NET MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>(233)</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>(6,021)</b>	<b>(1,196)</b>	<b>(27,528)</b>	<b>2099.2%</b>	<b>2201.6%</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESERVE FUNDS</b>										
Equipment Reserve Fund - Truck	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	0.0%	40,000	0.0%
Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0.0%	20,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund - Truck	33,000	33,000	0	0	0	33,000	33,000	0.0%	33,000	0.0%
Fire Dept. Building & Equipment Reser	0	0	0	0	0	[7,500]	[7,500]	-	7,500	-
Restroom/Recreation/Conservation	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000	0.0%
Rt. 100 Transportation Path Reserve	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0.0%	20,000	0.0%
Culvert Replacement Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0.0%	50,000	0.0%
Reappraisal Reserve	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0.0%	20,000	0.0%
Covered Bridge Repair Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000	0.0%
Street Tree Planting & Maintenance	3,500	3,500	0	0	0	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,500	0.0%
Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0	0	[49,000]	[49,000]	-	0	-
Town Office Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Agric. Support Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
<b>TOTAL RESERVE FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>206,500</b>	<b>206,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>169,000</b>	<b>169,000</b>	<b>169,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>166,500</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>										
Fire Dept Building & Equipment Fund	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	7,500	0.0%	-	-
Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	-
<b>TOTAL SPEC. ARTICLES EXPENSES</b>	<b>[5,000]</b>	<b>[5,000]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>



TOWN OF WAITSFIELD FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET Jan14-Jun14	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET Jul14-Jun15	Projected 6/30/2015	Percent Change	BUDGET Jul15-Jun16	'15-'16 Budget % Chng
<i>Conservation Commission Revenues</i>									
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Gifts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Cons. Comm. Revenues</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Planning Revenues</i>									
Grants	0	0	5,000	7,440	13,600	11,160	-17.9%	0	-100.0%
Zoning Fees	0	8,820	4,000	5,277	9,000	9,000	0.0%	9,000	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Planning Revenues</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>12,717</b>	<b>22,600</b>	<b>20,160</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>-60.2%</b>
<i>Listers Revenues</i>									
Act 60 Annual Support	10,000	10,602	0	10,564	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,000	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Lister Revenues</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,602</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Road Dept. Revenues</i>									
State Aid for Highways	67,000	69,763	34,851	34,851	69,703	69,703	0.0%	69,703	0.0%
Misc. Road Dept. Income	1,000	520	750	520	750	900	20.0%	750	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Road Dept. Revenues</b>	<b>68,000</b>	<b>70,283</b>	<b>35,601</b>	<b>35,371</b>	<b>70,453</b>	<b>70,603</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>70,453</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Insurance Revenues</i>									
Insurance Audit Refunds	0	0	0	545	0	2,896	-	0	0.0%
Insurance Claims	0	0	0	5,442	0	0	-	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Insurance Revenues</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,987</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>Fire Dept. Revenues</i>									
Fire Department Income (Fayston)	34,142	33,668	16,101	0	35,831	900	-97.5%	37,866	5.7%
Grant Revenue	0	9,301	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Fire Dept. Revenues</b>	<b>34,142</b>	<b>42,969</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,831</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-97.5%</b>	<b>37,866</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<i>Public Safety Revenues</i>									
Traffic Control Income	6,000	4,306	1,500	2,205	3,000	5,000	66.7%	5,000	66.7%
Misc. Income	2,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Dog Fine & Impoundment Fees	200	50	200	70	400	100	-75.0%	400	0.0%
<b>Subtotal Public Safety Revenues</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>6,356</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>56.8%</b>

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET Jan14-Jun14	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET Jul14-Jun15	Projected 6/30/2015	Percent Change	BUDGET Jul15-Jun16	'15-'16 Budget % Chng
<i>Miscellaneous Revenues</i>									
State Forest Land Payment	5,500	5,884			5,800	6,003	3.5%	5,800	0.0%
Current Use Hold Harmless Payment	68,000	72,892			68,000	76,684	12.8%	72,000	5.9%
Delinquent Tax Interest	15,000	19,046	7,500	6,184	15,000	12,000	-20.0%	10,000	-33.3%
Waitsfield Elementary School Solar Payment						6,210		12,420	
GMP Solar Energy Credits									
Library insurance reimbursement	1,909	1,909	0	0	2,166	2,166	0.0%	1,821	-15.9%
Other / Misc.	0	4,013	0	1,895	0	7,609		1,000	
<b>Subtotal Misc. Revenues</b>	<b>90,609</b>	<b>103,743</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>8,079</b>	<b>90,966</b>	<b>110,672</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>107,968</b>	<b>18.7%</b>
<i>Del. Tax. Collector Revenues</i>									
Penalty Fees	19,000	15,799	8,000		16,000	15,000		15,000	-6.3%
<i>Capital &amp; One-Time Revenues</i>									
Village Streambank Stabilization	144,460	151,658							
Wastewater Ph 1 loan repayments	-	-			17,720	8,860	-50.0%	17,720	0.0%
Wastewater Ph 2 loan repayments	-	-			-	-	-	6,000	-
Town of Fayston (Fire Dept. SCBA)	-	-			-	-	-	43,385	-
Transfer from Culvert Reserve Fund	-	-			-	14,858	-	-	-
VTrans Grant Proceeds	162,748	0	234,344	2,744	0	136,632	-	0	-
<b>Subtotal Cap. &amp; One-Time Revenues</b>	<b>307,208</b>	<b>151,658</b>	<b>234,344</b>	<b>2,744</b>	<b>17,720</b>	<b>160,350</b>	<b>804.9%</b>	<b>67,105</b>	<b>278.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>573,259</b>	<b>441,171</b>	<b>330,746</b>	<b>81,234</b>	<b>303,160</b>	<b>421,685</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>354,692</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>									
Total Operating Budget Expenses	1,183,829	1,210,673	555,433	528,400	1,253,462	1,218,196	-2.8%	1,220,511	-2.6%
Total Reserve Fund Allocations	201,500	206,500	0	0	169,000	169,000	0.0%	166,500	-1.5%
Total Capital & One-Time Expenses	458,739	286,739	344,337	90,212	198,231	307,698	55.2%	325,985	64.4%
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,844,068</b>	<b>1,703,933</b>	<b>899,770</b>	<b>618,612</b>	<b>1,620,694</b>	<b>1,694,894</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>1,712,996</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
Special Article Expense (Article 5)	5,000	5,000	0	0	7,500	7,500	0.0%	0	-
Special Article Expense (Article 8)								10,000	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,849,068</b>	<b>1,708,933</b>	<b>899,770</b>	<b>618,612</b>	<b>1,628,194</b>	<b>1,702,394</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>1,722,996</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

TOWN OF WAITSFIELD FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET Jan14-Jun14	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET Jul14-Jun15	Projected 6/30/2015	Percent Change	BUDGET Jul15-Jun16	'15-'16 Budget % Chng
Total Operating Revenue	266,052	289,512	96,402	78,490	285,440	261,335	-8.4%	287,587	0.8%
Total Capital & One-Time Revenues	307,208	151,658	234,344	2,744	17,720	160,350	804.9%	67,105	278.0%
Special Article Revenue (Article 4)	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	0.0%	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>573,259</b>	<b>441,171</b>	<b>330,746</b>	<b>81,234</b>	<b>603,160</b>	<b>721,685</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>354,692</b>	<b>58.8%</b>
<b>NET TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,275,809</b>	<b>1,267,762</b>	<b>569,024</b>	<b>537,378</b>	<b>1,025,034</b>	<b>980,709</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>	<b>1,368,304</b>	<b>33.5%</b>
<b>BEGINNING YEAR FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>63,432</b>	<b>103,144</b>	<b>54,805</b>	<b>See note 1.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(457,493)</b>		<b>101,050</b>	
<b>TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>1,212,377</b>	<b>1,219,424</b>	<b>514,218</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,025,034</b>	<b>1,539,252</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>1,267,254</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
<b>YEAR END SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,805</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(457,493)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101,050</b>		<b>0</b>	

See Note 2.  
See Note 3.  
See Note 4.

- Notes:
1. The 2013 Audit, received in July 2014 indicated a surplus of \$148,348. The basis of the surplus is in the process of being reviewed.
  2. The 2014 preliminary Audit indicated a deficit \$457,493 on June 30, which is largely the result of no tax revenues having been received by June 30. The basis of this figure is also in the process of being reviewed.
  3. Tax Revenues projected through June 30 include those receivable for the short 2014 fiscal year.
  4. The surplus figure is an estimate based on a projected budget and is subject to change.





15	Road Dept. Heavy Equipment	61,228	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	161,228
16	Rt. 100 Transportation Path**	2	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000
17	Street Trees	6,254	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	23,754
18	Town Office	1								1
<b>Total Annual Reserve Costs</b>			174,000	159,000	159,000	159,000	159,000	159,000	159,000	1,337,355

\* Name change and allocation subject to voter approval.

\*\* Approximately \$150,000 in VTrans reimbursements are anticipated to replenish this fund.

**TABLE 3. Debt Service Payments**

Loans:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	TOTAL
1 2010 Dump Truck							0
2 Bridge Street/Covered Bridge Bond (\$400K, 15 yr, 3.041%)	9,128	37,397	36,927	36,413	35,855	35,252	190,972
3 Eagles Water Main Extension (paid by customers)	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[200,000]
4 Fire Dept. SCBA Replacement (\$43K, 3.25%, 5 yrs)		9,763	9,763	9,763	9,763	9,763	48,815
5 Fire Dept. Pumper Replacement (\$30K, 5 yrs)					6,210	6,210	31,050
6 Fiscal Year Transition Loan (\$300K, 0.25% 5 yrs)	60,500	60,500	60,500	60,500	60,500		325,440
7 Non-reimbursed Flood Costs (VEDA loan)	22,701	22,701	22,701				100,000
8 Garage Addition Bond (\$650K, 20 yrs, 3.12%)					32,500		869,000
9 Roadside Mower (lease/purch due May ends 2018)	12,064	12,064	12,064				96,514
10 Road Paving Projects 2014 Debt (\$50K, 5 yrs, 2.5%)	11,250	11,000	10,750	10,500	10,250		54,241
11 2015 Road Paving Projects Debt on \$165K, 5 yr, 3.25%		47,664	37,968	36,408	34,848	33,288	197,770
12 2015 Joslin Hill Shrim Paving Projects Debt on \$75K, 5 yr, 3.25%		8,136	16,272	16,272	16,272	16,272	81,360
13 Joslin Hill Road Reconstruction (\$900K, 15 yrs at 3.493%)					23,745	87,919	1,162,000
14 Municipal Water System (paid by customers)	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[3,014,000]
15 Sidewalks 1 yr LOC, (\$65K 1.25%)	800	65,813					
16 Solar Array Bond (\$235K 20 yrs 3.403%)	18,501	18,403	18,274	18,103	17,887	17,628	304,144
17 Town Office Bond (\$400K 20 yrs 3.403%)	31,491	31,324	31,104	30,813	30,446	30,005	631,124
18 Town Office Bond (\$250K 20 yrs)		17,262	17,143	16,999	16,830	16,633	279,328
19 Tremblay Road Culvert (\$87.9K, 5 yr, at 2.4%)	19,681	19,259	18,837	18,415	17,994		94,186
20 Wastewater Loan RF1-058 (\$547,263, 15 yr, 0%, May)	36,484	36,484	36,484	36,484	36,484	36,484	547,263
21 Wastewater Loan RF1-164-2, (\$286,671, 10 yr, 0%, beginning Aug. 2019)					28,667	28,667	286,671
22 Decentralized Wastewater RLF (\$195K, 2%, 20 yrs)**		11,926	11,926	11,926	11,926	11,926	195,000
23 V-DAT CDBG-DR match \$20K, 5 yr, 3.25%		4,650	4,520	4,390	4,260	4,130	21,696
24 Wait House Improvements (\$20K, 5 yr, 3.05%)	[54,122]						[100,000]
<b>Total Annual Debt Service</b>	222,600	414,346	345,235	306,986	394,437	366,676	5,516,574

TABLE 4. Operating Budget

General Fund:	7/15-6/16 FY2016	7/16-6/17 FY2017	7/17-6/18 FY2018	7/18-6/19 FY2019	7/19-6/20 FY2020	7/20-6/21 FY2021	TOTAL
1 Road Paving Projects	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
2 Town Garage Repairs/Improvements							0
3 Town Pond Repair/Maintenance					5,000		5,000
4 Salt Shed Placement			50,000				50,000
<b>Total General Fund Expense</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>355,000</b>

TABLE 5. Grant &amp; Other Non-Debt Revenues

	7/15-6/16 FY2016	7/16-6/17 FY2017	7/17-6/18 FY2018	7/18-6/19 FY2019	7/19-6/20 FY2020	7/20-6/21 FY2021	TOTAL
1 Brook Road Culvert Replacement							0
2 Covered Bridge Rehab.: VTrans Enhancement Grant	222,352						222,352
3 Decentralized Wastewater SRF Program: EPA STAG	225,000						225,000
4 Bridge Street Stormwater Project (EPA STAG)	161,441						161,441
5 WW SRF Program: User Loan Repayments	37,939	37,939	37,939	37,939	37,939	37,939	232,795
6 Fire Trucks: Town of Fayston (40%)				130,000			130,000
7 Fire Dept. Building & Equipment: Fayston (40%)							0
8 Bridge Street Retaining Wall: FEMA 90%	35,527						35,527
9 Joslin Hill Road Culvert: FEMA or VTrans Culvert Grant Program*	122,123						122,123
10 Paving: VTrans Town Highways Grant Program*	67,500				175,000		242,500
11 Rte100 Transpin Path: VTrans Enhancement Grant (90%)							0
12 USDA RD Water Loan (paid by connected customers)	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	[124,720]	3,014,000
13 Eagles Water Main Extension (paid by connected customers)	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	[8,276]	200,000
14 Solar Payments from Elementary School	12,420	12,544	12,670	12,796	12,924	13,054	76,408
15 CEDF Solar Array Grant	4,000			4,000			4,000
16 VTrans Village West Sidewalk Ph.2	59,296	252,129					311,425
17 Wait House Improvements (paid by rents)	[54,122]						0
<b>Total Grant and Other Revenues</b>	<b>947,597</b>	<b>302,613</b>	<b>50,609</b>	<b>180,735</b>	<b>225,863</b>	<b>50,993</b>	<b>1,758,409</b>

\* Not yet secured.

**SUBTOTAL ANNUAL C.I.P. EXPENSES**

446,600	623,346	604,235	515,986	608,437	575,676	7,208,929
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Total annual CIP expenses include funds from the operating year budget, contributions to reserve funds, and debt service payments.

## LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

**Capital Equipment - Bucket Loader***Original Date of Borrowing - June 3, 2009 (\$61,000) - People's United Bank*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2013	\$12,200
Principal Repayment on May 29, 2014	<u>-\$12,200</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$0

**Capital Equipment - Dump Truck***Original Date of Borrowing - June 30, 2010 (\$95,775) - State of Vermont*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2013	\$38,310
Principal Repayment on June 30, 2014	<u>-\$19,155</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$19,155
(Next Payment Due 6/30/15, Interest Rate 2.00%)	

**Capital Improvement - Wait House***Original Date of Borrowing - September 13, 2010 (\$20,000) - People's United Bank*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2013	\$8,000
Principal Repayment	<u>\$0</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$8,000
(Next Payment Due 9/13/14, Interest Rate 3.05%)	

**Capital Equipment - Roadside Mower***Original Date of Borrowing - May 30, 2011 (\$82,000) - State of Vermont*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2013	\$52,232
Principal Repayment on May 15, 2014	<u>-\$9,453</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$42,779
(Next Payment Due 5/15/15, Interest Rate 5.00%)	

**Capital Improvement - Tremblay Road Culvert (Line of Credit)***Original Date of Borrowing - November 14, 2013 (\$16,000) - People's United Bank*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2014	\$16,000
Principal Repayment on 06/16/14	<u>-\$16,000</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$0

**Hurricane Irene Flood Assistance Loan***Original Date of Borrowing - March 12, 2012 (\$100,000) - VEDA*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2013	\$84,997
Total Principal Repayments (monthly) through June 30, 2014	<u>-\$9,717</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$75,280
(Next Payment Due 07/12/14, Interest Rate 5.5%)	

**Municipal Water and Wastewater****Decentralized Wastewater State Revolving Fund - Loan RF1-164***Renewed Date of Borrowing - April 9, 2012 (\$210,203) - Vermont Environmental Protection Agency*

Loan Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$210,203
Revised Note 03/27/14	\$76,468
Principal Repayment	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Balance June 30, 2014	\$286,671
(Next Payment Due 08/01/19, Interest Rate 0.0%)	

**Centralized Wastewater (Big Pipe) - Loan RF1-058***Renewed Date of Borrowing - November 12, 2012 (\$672,770) - Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation*

Loan Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$510,779
Principal Repayment on May 1, 2014	<u>-\$36,484</u>
Loan Balance June 30, 2014	\$474,295
(Next Payment Due 5/1/15, Interest Rate 0.0%)	

## LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

## Capital Equipment - Bucket Loader

**Water Planning - Loan WPL-003**

*Renewed Date of Borrowing - November 16, 2011 (\$210,747) - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank*

Loan Balance as of December 31, 2013	
Principal Repayment	\$210,747
Loan Balance June 30, 2014	<u>-\$210,747</u>
	\$0

**Water Construction Grant Anticipation Loan**

*Original Date of Borrowing - September 17, 2012 (\$3,014,000) - United States Department of Agriculture*

Loan Balance on December 31, 2013	\$2,889,280
Principal Repayment 03/17/14	<u>-\$62,360</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$2,826,920
(Next Payment Due 09/17/14, Interest Rate 2.75%)	

**Eagle's Water Construction (Line of Credit)**

*Original Date of Borrowing - August 26, 2013 (\$200,000) - People's United Bank*

Available Amount of Line of Credit December 31, 2013	\$138,180
Total draw on Line of Credit in 2013	<u>-\$129,931</u>
Available Funds on June 30, 2014	\$8,249
(Due 2/25/14, Interest Rate 1.35%)	

**Eagles Water Construction Loan**

*Original Date of Borrowing - May 21, 2014 (\$200,000) - VEDA*

Loan Balance on May 21, 2014	\$200,000
Total Principal Repayments through June 30, 2014	<u>\$0</u>
Note Balance on June 30, 2014	\$200,000
(Next Payment Due 11/21/14, Interest Rate 2.75%)	



Solar array at Town Garage.

Photo: Jeff Knight

**TOWN RESERVE FUNDS**

**EQUIPMENT RESERVES**

**Road Department--Trucks**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$105,529
Deposits	
Withdrawals	\$105,000
Interest Earned	\$46
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$575</u>

**Road Department--Heavy Equipment**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$61,147
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$58,000
Interest Earned	\$27
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$3,174</u>

**Fire Department--Trucks**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$7,807
Deposits	\$3,500
Withdrawals	\$7,000
Interest Earned	\$4
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$4,311</u>

**BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$1,058
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$1
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$1,059</u>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF RESERVE FUND**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$14,724
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$14,000
Interest Earned	\$7
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$731</u>

**RESTROOM, RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$53,247
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$50,000
Interest Earned	\$24
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$3,271</u>

**ENTRUST CONSERVATION RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$25,460
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$25,000
Interest Earned	\$11
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$472</u>

**TOWN RESERVE FUNDS****TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$4,213
Deposits	\$8,255
Withdrawals	\$4,500
Interest Earned	\$4
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$7,972</u>

**ROUTE 100 TRANSPORTATION PATH RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$2
Deposits	\$0
2013 State Reimbursements	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$2</u>

**LAREAU PARK IMPROVEMENT RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$5,066
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$3,000
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$2,069</u>

**STREET TREES RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$6,246
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$6,000
Interest Earned	\$3
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$249</u>

**REAPPRAISAL RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$41,729
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$39,000
Interest Earned	\$19
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$2,748</u>

**COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$65,933
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$65,000
Interest Earned	\$29
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$962</u>

**ENERGY PROJECTS**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$10,011
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$9,000
Interest Earned	\$5
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$1,016</u>

**TOWN RESERVE FUNDS**

**CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$113,496
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$110,000
Interest Earned	\$50
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$3,546</u>

**TOWN OFFICE FACILITY**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$2
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$0
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$2</u>

**AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT RESERVE**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$5,001
Deposits	\$0
Withdrawals	\$4,500
Interest Earned	\$2
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$503</u>

**OTHER TOWN FUNDS**

**GENERAL WAIT HOUSE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$1,338
Deposits	\$9,594
Withdrawals	\$8,074
Interest Earned	\$1
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$2,859</u>

**RECORDS RESTORATION**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$24,242
Deposits	\$1,344
Withdrawals	\$0
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$25,586</u>

**BELDEN FUND**

**(for the Town Clock at the Waitsfield United Church of Christ)**

Balance December 31, 2013	\$1,882
Withdrawals	\$0
Interest Earned	\$5
Balance June 30, 2014	<u>\$1,887</u>

## TOWN OF WAITSFIELD CAPITAL PROJECTS

### **Irasville and Waitsfield Village Community Water System**

Previous reports and other documents describe the long planning history, design efforts that began in the 1990s, decisions that led to the drilling of a well off Long Road in 2006 for a municipal water system, and the construction components and funding sources of that project.

The community water system begins at the well head off Long Road and follows the Town's rights-of-way along Long Road, East Road, and Bushnell Road to a 400,000 gallon storage tank constructed on the Town-owned former LeClair gravel pit site. From the tank, the transmission main follows a right-of-way to North Road, then along Tremblay Road to Route 100, and continues on to the Village and Irasville. More than two dozen hydrants provide fire protection. An alternative route following Old County Road was included, primarily for fire protection for that residential neighborhood.

The Town received an additional grant from USDA Rural Development of \$451,000 in 2012 to cover some of the on-going litigation costs and to provide the additional incentive of having the project pay for the installation of the service line from the curb stop to the water customer's building wall. This required the Town to obtain easements and accept ownership and on-going maintenance responsibility of the service line on those properties.

The system began providing water to customers in 2013. It is overseen by a five-member Water Commission and is operated by Simon Operating Services of Waterbury.

The water main was extended to the Eagles Resort on the south side of the Mill Brook in 2013. Voters approved a bond of up to \$200,000 to allow borrowing additional loan funds from USDA Rural Development, to be paid back by water customers.

### **Irasville and Waitsfield Village Wastewater Management**

Previous reports describe the efforts that led to the 2008 defeat of a centralized wastewater collection and treatment system to serve Waitsfield Village and Irasville and the shift in focus to advance a community decentralized wastewater disposal solution instead. From

2011 through the present, the Town has been working to complete two phases of wastewater system construction through the Waitsfield Community Wastewater Loan Fund Program (CWLFP). Through the CWLFP, property owners within the eligible service area may borrow up to 100% of the cost of final engineering design and construction of a wastewater system from the Town at below-market interest rates, consistent with applicable State and Federal regulations for the use of Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) monies. The Town is also providing a subsidy of up to 15% to encourage the improvement of existing wastewater systems. Two municipal bond issues to support the CWLFP, the first for \$250,000 and the second for \$500,000, were approved at the 2012 and 2014 Town Meetings, respectively. The new planning loans through the SRF will be repaid by the private property owners or associations benefitting from the improved wastewater systems and by the remaining \$906,100 in federal grant funds from the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program as outlined in the table below.

EPA STAG FUNDS: \$906,100	Approx. \$161,400 - \$202,000 depending on final costs	Bridge Street Stormwater
	\$212,100	Reimburse SRF planning loan for Decentralized System
	\$350,000	Phase 1 - Winter Park
	\$142,00 (balance after above)	Phase 2 - Additional Eligible Systems: * LocalFolk Smokehouse * Lin Property * Village Square
NEW SRF LOAN	Approximately \$185,000	* Maclay Architects * Irasville Business Park * New Town Office

Phase 1 was comprised of a pilot distributed system serving Winter Park in Irasville. Construction of the 9,000 gpd system, which will serve multiple properties, began in December 2014 and will be completed in the spring of 2015.

Phase 2 will be comprised of five additional private wastewater systems serving multi-use commercial properties. Permit issuance, bidding, and construction are anticipated to occur in the spring and early summer of

2015, with all work completed by fall 2015. The wastewater system for the new Town Office may also be financed through this program at a 2% interest rate over 15 years rather than the 3.401% rate of the bond over 20 years.

In September 2014 the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) determined that that 100% of the STAG grant funds, rather than 55%, would be available to reimburse all eligible expenses, including those associated with the Bridge Street stormwater project, because the Town had already met its 45% match through other non-federal funds from previous expenditures on the water and wastewater projects. The Town has until December 31, 2015 to draw down the remaining \$906,100 of EPA STAG grant funds.

Actual project costs will be paid through a \$700,000 line of credit that will be paid off through the STAG grant and additional SRF loan.

### **Route 100 Transportation Path**

Twenty years after it was launched with a grant from the VTrans Enhancement Grant program, the Route 100 Transportation path was completed in 2014. The project included construction of a five foot wide concrete sidewalk on the alignment of the existing gravel Irasville and Waitsfield Village sidewalks, construction of 1,600 feet of additional sidewalk segments in Irasville to continue to Bragg Hill Road, installation of curbing where necessary, re-striping the white lines dividing traveled lanes and shoulder, widening and paving shoulders where necessary, painting bicycle symbols and installing signs, and various landscaping improvements.

The project was put to bid for construction in summer of 2012 and Kingsbury Companies of Waitsfield was the qualified low bidder with a bid of \$605,936. The cooperative agreement through VTrans provided for a total construction, inspection, and administration cost of \$748,010.

Fourteen change orders later, total construction cost, including bidding and inspection, totaled \$903,337. Factoring out the 10% local match, the Town will be seeking an amendment to the VTrans agreement to cover the \$139,794 overage plus project administration costs.

Although the Transportation Path reserve fund was set up for this specific project, it now serves as an on-going fund with a continued annual contribution for planning and design of future sidewalk projects, such as the west side in Waitsfield Village and on the east side of the street from the Mad River Green shopping center in Irasville.

### **Safe Routes to School Projects**

Waitsfield's Safe Routes to School team, which includes support from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, was instrumental in securing two infrastructure grants that provided 100% grant funding with no match required for eligible expenses. The Town was responsible for costs that are outside the project scope or that exceed expected costs.

The Town was awarded a grant of up to \$141,000 in 2010 for three projects: (1) three radar speed feedback signs at critical locations to the school, (2) installation of a crosswalk over Route 100/Main Street near the Old County Road, and (3) the re-alignment of the southerly Old County Road/Route 100 intersection into a "T." The radar feedback signs were installed in 2013 and are the responsibility of the Town to maintain and operate.

The Town received another grant of up to \$250,000 in 2012 to design and construct the missing segment of sidewalk that would connect from the Valley Players Theater to the new segment at the Old County Road noted above. Following successful completion of all permitting and clearances, the Town had the rare opportunity to combine both projects into a single bid package.

Capitol Earthmoving, Inc. of Barre was selected to construct the intersection realignment and sidewalk construction, which was substantially completed in 2014. Waitsfield was responsible for the \$12,583 cost to relocate the overhead utilities underground at the Health Center, which was intended to be paid from the Sidewalk Reserve Fund. Instead, it was paid from the line of credit voters approved at a special August 26, 2014 Town Meeting. Final completion of driveway and front yard restorations will continue in the spring of 2015.

### **Waitsfield Village West Sidewalk**

Waitsfield was awarded a \$332,550 grant through the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Program in 2013 to undertake phase 2 of the Waitsfield Village West Sidewalk, 755 feet, from the Valley Players Theater southward to Farr Lane across from Bridge Street. Waitsfield's 10% share of the project was estimated to be \$37,000. The total \$419,484 project cost included funds for on-street parking, which was deemed ineligible through the grant program would add \$50,000 to the local project cost, bringing it to \$87,000 if included. Concerns about the total cost of the project and potential impacts to the Village Grocery sign prompted the Selectboard to initially decline the award in favor of exploring a more incremental, locally funded approach. In April 2014 in response to input from the public and VTrans, the Selectboard voted to accept the grant. A Local Project Manager is expected to be hired in February 2015. Public outreach through the preliminary design and engineering stage is expected to begin in FY15 and continue through FY16. Construction is expected occur in FY2017.

Because the Route 100 Transportation Path cost overruns cleaned out the Sidewalk Reserve Fund, voters authorized borrowing up to \$65,000 in 2014 over five years to cover any local expenses associated with the above projects. It is anticipated that additional funds from VTrans to cover the cost overruns will be used to retire the loan and replenish the Sidewalk Reserve Fund.

### **Culvert Replacement Projects**

There are more than 260 culverts in Waitsfield that manage the movement of water under and near Waitsfield's 30 miles of Town roads. Blocked or undersized culverts can result in serious damage to roads and private property—a lesson that was learned many times over in the floods of May and August 2011. Inadequately designed culverts can also impair fish passage and result in sediment being carried to streams and tributaries that empty into the Mad River threatening river quality and aquatic habitat.

Culvert inventories have been regularly conducted that identify which culverts are high or medium-high priority for replacement or other form of remedial treatment. This inventory continues to be updated as culverts get repaired, additional culverts emerge as high priorities for

replacement, and ongoing observations are made. A culvert reserve fund was established in 2011 to plan for and ensure funds will be available to make the needed replacement of inadequate major culverts. The Town has been successful in securing grants through the VTrans culvert grant program, but funding from year to year cannot be guaranteed and matching funds are typically required.

Brook Road Culvert. The metal culvert on Brook Road was replaced in 2014 with a concrete box culvert at a total cost of \$151,490, which was off-set by a 90% VTrans culvert grant of \$136,632 and \$14,858 from the Culvert Reserve Fund.

Tremblay Road Culvert. The metal and concrete culverts on Tremblay Road across from the Town Garage were replaced in 2014. Voters authorized borrowing up to \$200,000 over 5 years; the total cost was \$105,374.

Joslin Hill Road Culvert. The Joslin Hill Road culvert at the bottom of Brook Road is 130 feet long and 12 feet high. High volume and velocity flood waters from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 scoured material from below the culvert causing it to begin to buckle.

DuBois & King's recommended in 2013 that the culvert be repaired rather than be replaced, including repair of the roadway and embankment. This work would consist of:

- Repairing the bottom of the culvert by removing the loose sections of metal culvert, welding studs to the solid sections of remaining culvert, and then pouring a concrete bottom along the entire length of the culvert.
- Modifying the concrete headwalls located at the entrance and exit of the culvert. The top of the headwalls would be raised with the addition of new concrete and reinforcing steel. Once the extended headwalls are complete, the roadway side slopes should be re-graded to a manageable 1.5:1 maximum cross slope using stone fill material.
- Adding stone riprap to the outlet end of the culvert.
- Adding stone fill to the eroded areas of embankment, and refill/regrade the side slopes to match the height of the extended headwalls.

- Adding an additional catch basin and discharge pipe to the north side of Joslin Hill Road, east of the culvert location to keep stormwater runoff from reaching the area of the culvert.
- Repave the section of roadway where it was patched previously.

The cost estimate, which includes repaving 100 feet of road, design, permitting, and the fixes described above, total \$165,000, which includes a 20% contingency. The cost of replacing the culvert would run in the area of \$250,000. The Town received an extension to September 1, 2015 and expects to receive an additional \$122,123 in funds from FEMA for the repair of the culvert and some of the associated mitigating improvements. The remaining \$22,000 estimated cost is expected to be funded through the Culvert Reserve Fund

Construction is targeted to occur after the work on Bridge Street and Tremblay Road is complete and can be coordinated with other improvements to Joslin Hill. Other priority culvert repairs are on River View Road, upper Brook Road, and Carroll Road.

### **Bridge Street Culverts, Paving, and Retaining Wall**

The culverts under Bridge Street, which were installed in 1941 by the State of Vermont were not included in the R.J. Turner culvert capital plan, but began showing signs of failure, including a subsidence in the center of Bridge Street in 2010. DuBois & King, Inc. was hired through the assistance of a VTrans stormwater grant to examine this and provide recommendations that include opportunities for improved stormwater management. In January 2012, D & K recommended to the Selectboard that the culverts, catch basins, and associated infrastructure be replaced and that sumps be included in new basins. There was agreement that complete resurfacing of Bridge Street, rather than patching or an overlay, would be the most appropriate investment at an estimated cost at that time of \$189,000. Damage to the retaining wall left exposed by Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011 and the plans for reconstruction of “the old barber shop” building that was destroyed added complications to the schedule and sequencing of the Bridge Street projects. That coupled with right-of-way matters caused delays in VTrans’ review.

Voters in 2013 authorized borrowing up to \$250,000 over 5 years for the repair or replacement of the culverts, catch basins, and associated

stormwater infrastructure on Bridge Street, to repair the retaining wall, and to repave the street from its intersection with Main Street to the Covered Bridge through 2014. The projects were advertised for construction in 2014 bundled with the Covered Bridge Rehabilitation, but all bids were rejected as the low bid far exceeded the funds available. FEMA granted an extension to September 1, 2015 for completion of the retaining wall reconstruction and will pay up to 90% of the eligible costs. Accounting for FEMA funds already disbursed since 2011, additional funding could amount to approximately \$32,900.

In September 2014 the Town learned that STAG funds could be used to reimburse stormwater improvements. As a result, eligible costs from the Bridge Street stormwater efforts to this point plus construction going forward could yield at least \$161,000 in EPA STAG funding.

The projects were bid again in early January 2015, this time as add/alternates to the core Covered Bridge Rehab project. The add/alt bid for the stormwater component was \$258,787 and \$60,733 for the retaining wall reconstruction, both of which could be negotiable once the contract for the Covered Bridge base bid is finalized.

**BOND ARTICLE II** asks voters to approve bond funding for up to \$400,000 to cover this and the balance of the remaining costs on the other add/alt. components. The bond is expected to be for a 15-year term. See the table on page 80 for more details.

### **Bridge Street Pocket Park**

In January 2013, the Town of Waitsfield purchased the former barbershop/Birke photo studio property adjacent to the Covered Bridge for \$20,000, paid for out of the Restroom, Recreation and Conservation Reserve Fund. The Selectboard added the condition that \$4,000 be allocated for the redevelopment of the site as a park, with half paid by the Town out of the same reserve fund and half to be paid for by other private or grant fundraising.

The park project was the focus of a redevelopment plan through an economic development initiative through Vermont Community Development Program in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene. With considerable assistance from the Mad River Valley Planning District and

the Vermont Downtown Assistance Team consultants, an application is in the process of being submitted for the final design and construction of the park through the VCDP CDBG-DR2 program. If funded, project would need to be completed by the end of 2015. Voters approved borrowing up to \$20,000 to meet the local match requirement.

**Big Eddy 1833 Historic Covered Bridge**

With assistance from a \$270,000 VTrans Enhancement Grant, DuBois and King was hired in 2010 to design a solution to the cantilevered sidewalk on the north side of the Waitsfield Village 1833 Covered Bridge and repair the bridge’s abutments. The Covered Bridge Repair Reserve Fund was re-established in 2008 to set aside monies to meet the Town’s matching funds obligation of approximately \$70,000 and future structural issues. The 1833 Village Covered Bridge, also known as the Big Eddy Covered Bridge, is confirmed to be *the* oldest covered bridge in Vermont still in everyday use and the Town is committed to preserving this historic Vermont landmark.

A final design plan was in the process of being selected when Tropical Storm Irene caused extensive damage requiring the bridge be closed for weeks. Final repairs, coupled with implementation of the restoration plan, were planned for 2012, but the project

<b>COVERED BRIDGE &amp; BRIDGE STREET IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>Alpine Construction (01/22/2015)</b>
<b>Covered Bridge</b> Base Bid	\$462,172
Decking	\$48,231
Concrete	\$89,632
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$600,035</b>
Cov. Bridge Res. Fund	-\$75,000
VTrans Grant	<u>-\$222,352</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$302,683</b>
<b>Retaining Wall</b>	\$60,733
FEMA 90% grant	<u>-\$32,907</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$27,825</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>	\$258,787
STAG Grant	<u>-\$161,441*</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$97,346</b>
<b>Inspection</b>	<b>\$44,096</b>
Bridge & Culvert Res. Fund – ARTICLE 8**	-\$75,000
<b>Diff. from avail. funds</b>	<b>\$396,950</b>
<b>BOND ARTICLE II**</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
* Subject to adjustment based on final costs	
** Requires voter approval.	

encountered delays. Replacement of the deteriorating deck was put out to bid separately in 2012, but the bids came in much higher than expected and all were rejected. Voters approved borrowing up to \$75,000 in 2014 to cover anticipated cost increases. Combined with the Bridge Street stormwater and retaining wall repair projects, the construction package was advertised for bid in 2014, but all bids were also rejected as the low bid far exceeded the funds available. The voter approved funds are believed to no longer be available.

The projects were bid again in early January 2015, this time with the Covered Bridge as the base bid and the stormwater, retaining wall, bridge decking, and concrete abutment repair as add/alternates. The base bid for the Covered Bridge rehab project was \$462,172; with the decking and concrete abutment repair included, the total Covered Bridge cost is \$600,035 (see table on page 80). Off-setting revenues include \$75,000 from the Covered Bridge Repair Reserve Fund. **ARTICLE 8** asks voters to rename the existing Culvert Replacement Reserve Fund to the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund, from which \$75,000 would be allocated toward this project. **BOND ARTICLE II** asks voters to approve bond funding for up to \$400,000 to cover this and the balance of the remaining costs on the other add/alt. components.

### **Pine Brook Covered Bridge**

The deck on the Pine Brook covered bridge on North Road has suffered extensive wear and must be replaced. Funds are included in the FY2016 budget for the deck replacement, although more extensive repairs may be necessary. **ARTICLE 8** asks voters to rename the existing Culvert Replacement Reserve Fund to the Bridge and Culvert Reserve Fund and allocate \$10,000 to it. The Covered Bridge Repair Reserve Fund is not expected to have much balance available after the Big Eddy Covered Bridge work is completed. Funds from the re-named reserve fund could become available if the bids come in higher than expected or more extensive repairs are needed.

### **Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department**

Building. The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department building was constructed in 1974. Its roof was replaced in 2011 at a cost of \$63,800, which included asbestos removal, a structural engineering analysis and improvements, and the inclusion of three inches of ISO board insulation.

The 23-year old boiler was replaced with an energy efficient unit and the hot water heater replaced with an on-demand unit with grant funds through the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

Vehicles. A 2013 International pumper was purchased in 2013 with funds from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund to replace the 1982 GMC tanker. The \$260,000 cost was shared 60/40 with the Town of Fayston. The GMC tanker was subsequently sold in 2014 to Kingsbury Construction for \$3,500.

The International 4400 pumper was purchased in December 2002 with \$89,000 from the Truck Reserve Fund and a one-year \$19,000 loan. In 2003, \$15,000 was paid toward the note and \$4,000 was renewed for another year. Total purchase price was \$180,000, with Waitsfield's 60% share being \$108,000. It is scheduled for replacement in 2023.

The 1987 Ford tanker pumper is scheduled for replacement in 2018, though its condition may require reevaluation for replacement sooner.

The Chevy van is expected to need to be revamped or replaced comply with changing federal safety requirements. It is scheduled for replacement in 2020.

Discussions began about whether the purchase of a pickup truck is warranted. A decision has not been made.

Equipment and Gear.

The phased replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) packs in 2014 was postponed following concerns about the financial, compatibility, and safety impacts of operating with different generations of

Qty	Equipment	Total Cost
14	MSA G1 SCBA	\$66,360
18	MSA Facepiece	\$5,156
28	MSA Cylinders	\$23,333
28	Male Adapters	\$933
1	60-Minute RIT Pack	\$3,672
4	Storage Cylinders/Fill Panel	\$9,008
	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$108,463</b>
	Fayston 40% Share	-\$43,385
	Fire Equipment Reserve Fund	-\$22,224
	Five Yr Loan ( <b>ARTICLE 5</b> )	\$42,854

equipment. Instead, the Towns of Waitsfield and Fayston propose to share costs to replace all the packs at once. Cost estimates for the equipment and associated appurtenances are shown in the table above.

**ARTICLE 5** asks voters to authorize borrowing up to \$45,000 for the purchase of the SCBA packs and associated appurtenances.

### **Road Department Vehicles**

The 2005 International dump truck was replaced in 2012 with a 2013 International 4300M7 dump truck. The cost with an 8-year warranty was \$156,277. After the trade-in value of \$32,000, the purchase price of \$124,277 was paid from the Road Dept. Truck Reserve Fund.

The 2002 International 4300LT dump truck was replaced in 2010 with an International 4300M7 single axle dump truck. Factoring in the \$13,066 trade-in value, the purchase price was \$115,078 (\$74,025 from Clark's and \$54,078 from Fairfield), paid for through a \$95,775 5-year loan from the municipal equipment fund at 2% and \$19,303 from the Heavy Equipment Reserve funds. It is scheduled for replacement in 2018.

On an 8-year replacement plan, the next up will be the 2008 International dump truck in FY2016, which has an estimated purchase price of \$170,000. After the trade-in, the balance is expected to be paid out of the Road Dept. Truck Reserve Fund.

### **Road Department Buildings**

Salt Shed. The existing salt shed does not meet state requirements to stockpile the material needed. A new "bunker silo" style shed with concrete floor and walls is planned with a truss roof. A new facility would also help to prevent possible ground water contamination. State storm water management regulations have been under revision and such improvements may ultimately be mandated.

Town Garage. The Town Garage was built in 1986 and had suffered from many years of deferred maintenance. In 2011, the metal roof was replaced and insulation added, and the windows and rotted trim were replaced. The combined oil and wood stove heating system was replaced with a more modern, higher energy efficient system in 2010, which was required to be enclosed in a fireproof room. Funds through the ARRA

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program helped offset the cost of the oil-fired furnace. An energy audit was completed in 2010 by Building Energy of Williston, VT with support from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). Most of the recommendations have been implemented.

The space of the existing building, approximately 3,000 square feet, is no longer adequate for the storage of vehicles, work space, and necessary employee facilities. The construction of a required room enclosure for the new heating system compounded the tightness of space. Despite the energy efficiency improvements, adequate heat in winter continues to be a challenge. This is particularly important in the winter when diesel equipment must be warm to start reliably and packed snow and ice must be removed. The concrete floors are cold and wet most of the winter, making servicing equipment difficult. The current floor drains are inadequate for separating oil or fuel spills.

The north and south bays are about eighteen inches (3 steps) lower than the main building, which complicates moving heavy equipment from one bay to another. Heavy items must be picked up with the bucket loader, taken outside and brought to the other bay. They are both subject to spring flooding due to being too low on the site. The varied levels and tightness of space create trip hazards for everyday operations. Worker injuries and workflow inefficiencies impact the Town's ability to deliver core services for public safety. The bay doors are 12 feet wide and give only inches to spare for the trucks and the plow wings. Doors should be at least 14 feet wide.

The Architectural Association, Engineering Ventures, Inc., and Erickson Consulting were hired in 2012 to develop a site analysis and site plan for an addition that would meet codes and meet the needs of the department now and into the future. They developed a conceptual plan for a 3-bay, 3,000 foot addition off the southern bay suitable for modern, larger plow trucks with wings. Radiant heat floors would make for more efficient and effective heat distribution and have proper floor drains with an oil separator. Total cost for final plan development, permitting, construction, and construction management is approximately \$650,000. An addition would be paid for through a bond, possibly within the next

five years. In the meantime, funds are budgeted in the general fund for repairs and maintenance to the existing building.

**Paving Projects**

Borrowing was planned to begin major re-paving of Joslin Hill Road in 2012 after the 2006 paving note was paid off 2011. The federally-declared floods of May 20 and August 28, however, created new priorities for road and culvert repair. The culvert on Tremblay Road across from the Town Garage was overtaken during both flood events, causing extensive damage to the travelable portion of Tremblay Road. The major repaving of Joslin Hill was then planned to occur after the replacement or repair of the damaged culvert at the bottom of Joslin Hill.

In years past, the approximately \$300,000 in paving projects were budgeted at regular intervals to keep up with the maintenance requirements of Waitsfield’s 9 miles of paved roads. Various construction projects in recent years and the repairs required after the 2011 floods contributed to this schedule being thrown off, resulting in a backlog of projects that should be addressed.

Parts of Airport Road, Bragg Hill, and Carroll Road were paved in 2014 for a total cost of \$84,540, \$50,000 of which was in the form of a 5-year loan; the balance was paid from the general fund.

**ARTICLE 6** asks voters whether to approve up to \$165,000 for the paving Tremblay and North Roads.

**ARTICLE 7** will ask voters whether to approve up to

\$75,000 for shimming parts of Joslin Hill. The shim would be a paving overlay intended to improve areas of the road in the worst shape.

\$50,000 is budgeted in the Capital and One Time expenses section of general fund budget.

Road Name	Estimated Cost*
Tremblay Road	\$154,645
North Road	\$61,780
Joslin Hill shim	\$73,633

\* Based upon Jan. 2015 S.T. Paving quote

The Road Dept. and Budget Task Force recommend the shim for Joslin Hill Road to improve conditions for the short term while details are worked out for the longer term project and to schedule the cost to coincide with other capital expenditures. The Road Department

estimates the shim will hold up for at least five years and will provide immediate savings in winter maintenance operations. A cost estimate of \$900,000 is shown in the capital plan for reconstruction of Joslin Hill in FY2020 and would be the subject of a bond vote. Preliminary estimates indicate the cost could be as low as \$600,000. This figure is shown in the capital plan for FY2016 in response to public input that the reconstruction of Joslin Hill not be delayed. A special Town Meeting would be required to seek voter approval of a bond.

Joslin Hill and North Roads are Class 2 highways. A VTrans Class 2 paving grant will be sought for up to 90% or \$175,000 of the total cost of these paving projects.

### **New Municipal Building**

The need for a new Town Office has been well-documented in recent years and the work of the Town Office Task Force, appointed in 2010, is documented in prior reports.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1.3 million, including final design and construction. A \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery grant awarded through the Vermont Community Development Program reduced the bond amount to \$650,000, which voters approved in 2013. An anonymous donation for the purchase of the Flemer farm stand site for public use will help offset overall project costs.

Final design, permitting, and the CDBG-DR environmental review process was completed in 2014. A bond application was submitted in May 2014 for \$400,000 of the project cost. A line of credit will be used to fund the balance of the project costs as interim financing, which will be rolled into the final bond amount up to \$250,000. The project is expected to be bid in the winter 2015 for spring construction. More information is available at [www.waitsfieldvt.us/townoffice](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us/townoffice).

### **Town Office and Joslin Memorial Library Septic System**

The septic system serving the Town Office and Library building was replaced in 2014 in collaboration with the adjacent Waitsfield United Church in Christ (UCC) and Wrenn Compere by expanding upon the recently improved UCC septic system. The \$22,418 cost was paid from

the Restroom, Recreation, and Conservation Reserve Fund and was offset by an \$8,000 contribution from the Library.

### **General Wait House**

The General Wait House was purchased and renovated in the late 1990s with the help of grants and generous contributions from individuals and organizations. It provides office and meeting space for non-profit and community-based organizations that support the operation of the building through their rents. The building also serves as a visitor center, provides public restroom facilities, and includes storage and display areas for Waitsfield history and artifacts. The Waitsfield Historical Society renovated the carriage barn for meeting, storage, event, and display space. A storage shed was constructed several years ago. A loan funded the replacement of the carriage barn roof and repainting of the buildings and shutters in 2010. A variety of energy efficiency improvements were made in 2011 with federal ARRA funds. Rent payments from the tenants cover the costs of operation and maintenance of the building.

### **Municipal Gravel Pit**

Waitsfield voters authorized the Selectboard in 2006 to purchase approximately 77 acres off of Route 100 belonging to Robert L. Howard and the Estate of Phyllis Tucker for development of a municipal gravel supply and for future redevelopment. Construction of the new access and bridge, in collaboration with AmeriGas, were completed and gravel extraction began in 2010. On-going expenses will include state and local permit compliance and stormwater monitoring and reporting. A crusher is ordinarily hired in the summer each year to crush 5,000 yards of material.

### **Solar Array**

A new solar array was constructed on at the Town Garage site in 2014 by Aegis Renewable Energy. The 102.3 kW DC ground mounted system includes 330 310-watt solar modules designed to produce 102,106 kWh per year, offsetting the electricity needs of the Waitsfield Elementary School, Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Station, Town Garage, General Wait House, Joslin Memorial Library and current Town Office, the new Town Office, and the metered lights at the 1833 Waitsfield Village Covered Bridge through a group net metering arrangement with Green Mountain Power. The \$309,000 project was funded with an \$80,000 grant from the Clean Energy Development Fund and a \$235,000, 20-year bond.



Solar array, Nov. 2014.

Photo: Aegis Renewable Energy

The project has a 1 year installer's warranty, the PV modules have a 10 year/25 year warranty, and the inverters have a 10 year warranty. Aegis will provide annual servicing of the system on a contract basis.

A power purchase agreement with the Waitsfield Elementary School is under development that will define the terms in which the school will pay the Town for a proportion of their electrical use.

It is estimated that the new Town Office will use approximately 20,000 kWh annually and be completely net zero through the use of air to air heat pumps for heat, super insulated building envelope, and high efficiency lighting and energy management. The remaining municipal facilities use a combined total of 50,375 kWh annually and the school uses an additional 92,625 kWh annually. The array is expected to offset about 89% of the electric bill for all of the loads while offsetting more than 123,000 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

### **Community Development Fund**

The Town has two long-term loans receivable as a result of a 1999 Vermont Community Development Program grant, which funded two affordable housing projects at the Verd-Mont Mobile Home Park and the Evergreen Place Senior Citizens Center. Repayments of the loans from these projects to the Town will be re-usable for community development eligible activities subject to the negotiation of a close-out agreement with the Vermont Community Development Program. In addition, the Town renegotiated the terms of the original Evergreen Place note in 2005 and

obtained an additional VCDP grant for the Evergreen Place Project, which were then loaned to the Central Vermont Community Land Trust to refurbish and build an addition to the facility. These notes are due as follows:

Evergreen Place Senior Citizens Center:

Mortgagee: Evergreen Place, Inc. (this note was originally issued to the Mad River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc., and was transferred to EPI in 2002 and transferred to CVCLT/EPHLP in 2005)

Principal Amount of First Note (1999): \$150,000

Interest Rate: 0%

Payment Schedule: 30 annual payments of \$5,000 beginning July 2021.

Principal Amount of Second Note (2005): \$247,000

Interest Rate: 0%

Payment Schedule: deferred, payment in full due May 31, 2035.

Verd-Mont Mobile Home Park:

Mortgagee: Central Vermont Community Land Trust

Principal Amount of Note: \$115,000

Interest Rate: 0%

Payment Schedule: \$20,000 due January 2019, with 14 annual payments of \$6,786 beginning January 2020.

### **Townwide Reappraisal**

The most recent town-wide reappraisal was completed in 2006. They typically take about two years to complete and it is recommended that towns have a town-wide reappraisal about every ten years. Concerns about the growing gap between assessed and market values prompted the Board of Listers to begin preparing for another town-wide reappraisal. The cost could range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 or more. Bids were solicited in October 2014. Board Chair Bob Shaffer's death in December 2014 delayed the selection of a contractor. A Reappraisal Reserve Fund, was established years ago, was reactivated in 2011 to prepare for this cost.

**WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT  
2014 Annual Report**

The Fire Department continues to operate under agreement of the towns of Waitsfield and Fayston with a 60/40% cost share arrangement. This was another busy year for WFVFD, as illustrated by the response to 137 calls in contrast to the 108 calls responded to in 2013. Firefighters have continued to attend offsite training courses. In-house training continues twice monthly.

<b>Calls by type</b>	<b>Waits.</b>	<b>Fayston</b>	<b>M/A Moretn</b>	<b>M/A Warren</b>	<b>M/A Nrthfld</b>	<b>M/A Buels Gore</b>	<b>Total</b>
Motor vehicle accidents	24	15	7			1	47
Fire alarms	20	6					26
CO detector	3	1					4
Power line emergency	7	4					11
Chimney fires	1	1					2
Structure fires	3	1	3	2	1		10
Car fires	1						1
Good intent	11	4					15
Flood	1						1
Propane leaks	4	2	1				7
Appliance fires	2						2
Stand by for mutual aid				1			1
Equipment fire	1						1
Back country rescue		1				1	2
Wildland fires		3	1				4
Trash fire	3						3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>137</b>
Percent	59%	28%	9%	2%	1%	1%	100%

The Waitsfield Fayston Fire Department continues to maintain a Facebook page with 328 followers. "Like" us to receive any alerts pertinent to this area regarding flooding or other emergency information. Updates regarding ongoing training, pictures, prevention information and more are anticipated. Currently, a Web site for the department is being developed by one of our firefighters.

Over the course of 2014 we responded to calls from the Mountain Side Condo fire in Warren with Warren Fire to a variety of calls in Waitsfield and Fayston. We also gave Moretown Fire a helping hand. Our

department is a strong 24 members with a healthy mix of ages. Senior members are teaching the younger firefighters and there is a group taking Firefighter One class that takes us from October 2014 to April of 2015, a total of 200 hours of instruction and training. Two firefighters have taken the EMT class, a great addition to the department. The department would like to thank the tax payers and Selectboard members of Waitsfield and Fayston for their support and backing of this Fire Department.

Firefighters Lance Andrews (Fays.), Lane LeBoeuff (Moret.) and John Zimmerman (Waits.) are no longer with the department and we want to acknowledge and thank them for their time of service.

Our department numbered 24 members as of December 31st and is as follows:

**Officers for 2013 were:**

Chief	Bub Burbank (Waits.)
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Paul Hartshorn (Waits.)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief	Lester Miller, Jr. (Waits.)
Captain	Travis Michaud (Warren)
Lieutenant	Adam Cook (Waits.)
Lieutenant	Tristan Weide (Waits.)
Secretary	Shannon Young (Waits.)
Treasurer	Gordon Eurich (Waits.)
Moderator	George Garbaree (Waits.)

**Active Firefighters:**

Jack Corliss (Fays.)
Zach Cota-Weaver (Waits.)
Todd Farnham (Waits.)
Eric Haskin (Waits.)
Andrew Johnson (Waits.)
Tripp Johnson (Warren)
Tony Loannidis (Warren)
Bob Lockett (Fays.)
Jake Lockett (Fays.)
Aaron Newton (Waits.)
Dave Roberts (Fays.)
Samantha Streletsky (Waits.)
Owen Wimble (Waits.)
Trey Winnicki (Waits.)
Jared Young (Waits.)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bub Burbank, Chief

## WAITSFIELD ROAD DEPARTMENT 2014 Report

The year started warmish and wet. There were a lot of freezing rain events that are worse than snowstorms, and, it is more expensive. These storms require more sand and salt in order to keep our roads drivable. These storms make it much more difficult for our drivers to maneuver their large trucks. As we worked our way through winter, Mother Nature kept on coming with several snow storms, and, the cold weather kept winter around through April. Well, finally, spring rains lead to May flowers.

The very busy summer season started with the usual grading, ditching, and general clean up from the winter. When ditching is done now, we stone- line the ditch which helps reduced silt run-off into our streams. Extra time was spent by the crew making room for the solar array. Old junk was collected from the weeds and scrap steel was sent for recycling. Gravel bunkers had to be moved for the one acre site which took up all the storage space we had. We also had to update our old military storage container, (that leaked like a sieve), with a new 40' container that holds our tires and signs. Summer continued on and the Town completed two large culvert projects-one on Tremblay Road, the other on Brook Road. We paved three small roads-Bragg Hill, Carroll Road, and the Airport Road. The crusher came in to our gravel pit this year to crush another 5,000 yards of grade-able gravel for our dirt roads. Several roads received gravel during the summer. The pit continues to be an incredible source of material for our gravel needs.

The days started growing shorter and the nights started getting cooler... fall is in the air. So, it was time for firewood. The crew put up five cords ++ to keep the shed warm, and proceeded to finish up the summer work. New wood runners were put on the Butternut Bridge and deck work was done on the Floodwoods Road bridge. They finished several culvert crossings. The roadsides got a second mowing.

Then, that all too familiar air started to work its way down the mountains and into our valley, bringing on the next season...winter. And how it did! We stared off with a bang, seeing nearly 4 feet of snow, all before the New Year. It kept the crew very busy.

So, another year of hard work completed by our trustworthy road crew. They are led by Forman Rodney Jones, with Josh Rodgers and Ken

Bagley filling out the crew. My hat goes off to these men for their incredible dedication to our Town. They commit to being on-call for 6 months, 24/7, during the cold times, ready to go when Mother Nature dictates. Then, they keep things functioning and beautiful during the warmer times . Thank you very much, Rodney, Josh, and Ken!

Charlie Goodman, Road Commissioner



Site prep at Town Garage.

Photo: Aegis Renewable Energy



Solar array at Town Garage.

Photo: Aegis Renewable Energy

**WAITSFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**2014 Annual Report**

<b>Funds available – January 1, 2014</b>	<b>30,936.60</b>
Checkbook balance – TDBank North	19,329.56
Equipment reserve fund (CD) – Northfield Savings Bank (transferred to checking Dec. 9, 2014)	11,607.04

**Income – 2014**

Full Burials	1,400.00
Ash Burials	2,800.00
From Trustees	25,275.00
Interest from CD (Northfield Savings)	44.08
Interest from Checking	16.16
Donations for Common Cemetery Fencing	600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30,135.24</b>
<b>Funds available – 2014</b>	<b>61,071.84</b>

**Disbursements – 2014**

Cemetery Sexton (Robert Danaher Contract)	25,000.00
Purchase of Corner Markers	200.00
Full Burials	800.00
Ash Burials	1,400.00
VT Cemetery Association Dues	25.00
Waitsfield Cemetery Trustee	225.00
Fence Repairs	1,848.50
Tree Service	1,550.00
Misc.: Flags, Flowers, Sign Posts, Etc.	441.00
Treasurer Expenses	19.60
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>31,509.13</b>

2014 Funds Available Less 2014 Expenses	29,562.71*
Year End Checkbook Balance – TD Bank	29,562.71*
Funds Available January 1, 2015	29,562.71*

\*Includes 7,296.63 designated to the lot fund and 11,607.44 from the equipment reserve fund.

Thank you to Jerry Miller and Larry Corthell who collected donations for the Waitsfield Common Cemetery fencing. A total of \$1,312.30 was received; \$712.30 went directly to the F.E. Hart Fence Company, Inc.

The Commission is thankful to all who helped build the fence, especially to Larry Corthell whose persistence got the job done.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Brenda Mack, Treasurer

**WAITSFIELD CEMETERY TRUST  
 Investments June 30, 2014**

MONEY MARKET FUNDS	20,308.44
MUTUAL FUNDS (at cost)	223,761.22
COMMON STOCKS (at cost)	75,179.08
CORPORATE BONDS (at cost)	32,283.67

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Common Stock (at cost)	73,930.65	75,179.08
Mutual Funds (at cost)	223,761.22	223,761.22
Money Market Funds	22,865.27	20,308.44
Corporate Bonds (at cost)	32,283.67	32,283.67
Total Assets	<u>\$352,840.81</u>	<u>\$351,532.41</u>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**  
**June 20, 2014 Earnings & Expense Statement**

**EARNINGS:**

Total Earnings	5,039.85
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**EXPENSES:**

Grant to Commissioners	13,800.00
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Total Expenses	(12,800.00)
Loss	(7,760.15)
New Funds	0.00
Net Loss	(7,760.15)

**ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FUNDS:**

Individual Funds 1-1-2014		352,840.81
Income	5,039.85	357,880.66
Less Expense	(12,800.00)	345,080.66
New Funds	0.00	345,080.66
Gain from Transactions	6,451.75	351,532.41
Individual Funds 6-30-14		

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
INDIVIDUAL FUNDS:	352,840.81	351,840.81

## JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### 2014 Report

2014 was another successful year at the Joslin Memorial Library. Highlights were increased program attendance and increased daily visitors to the library. We continued collaborations with the other MRV libraries and expanded our connections to the Waitsfield United Church, the Waitsfield Elementary School, the Waitsfield Children's Center, and the Vermont Festival of the Arts. We continued to present local and Vermont guest speakers such as author Tom Green and wildlife technician Sara Eno, as well as presenters from farther afield, with educator and New York Times contributor Jessica Lahey, bringing us our largest crowd ever. A new noontime summer concert series took advantage of the beautiful park outside the library and was well-attended.

Making the most of the library as a community space and a venue for presentations that support lifelong learning and cultural enjoyment follows the trends of library use nationally. This will only become more robust when the library has more space. An especially thrilling statistic was that in one month of 2014 we had higher program attendance than in the entire year of 2009. Traditional library services such as print circulation and readers' advisory remain strong and use of our platform to download audio and eBooks increases each year.

2014 brought changes in the staff, board and Friends of the Library. We appreciate the long-time service of board member Joyce Travers, and the energetic leadership Sissy Walker brought to her five-year stint as President of the Friends. And by the time you're reading this, I will have left the Joslin Library to become Head of Library Services at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier. The five years I have spent as the Joslin librarian have given me joyful, creative professional opportunities, just the right kind of challenges, and, most importantly, the chance to get to know the people of this community and provide library services for them. In five years we have switched from a card catalog to an automated catalog, added more computers, added downloadable eBooks, a circulating eReader, a Young Adult collection, added a trustee from Fayston, hired the world's best Children's Librarian, and expanded our programming significantly. We've become a home-away-from-home for many people who borrow our books, use our technology, and get some cheery interaction with other people and the library dog. Consistent threads through these changes were a committed board and terrific staff and volunteers. Patrons of all ages who love to read, discuss

ideas, learn new things, and who share book and program suggestions as well as colorful stories give the library unique character and often made me go home at night certain I had the very best job in the world.

The willingness to constantly evolve is a great strength of this library. I'm guessing the Joslin Library will continue on the path of tradition flourishing alongside new ideas. I will miss you all and will forever feel personal and professional gratitude for my time here.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Worland, Librarian

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
2014-2015 BUDGET REPORT**

	Approved 6mo Budget	ACTUALS Jan 1 - Jun 30 2014	%	Approved 2014-2015 Budget	Projected Jul 1 - Jun 30 2015	%	Proposed 2015-2016 Budget	%	Notes
<b>Friends of the Library numbers are included below.</b>									
<b>Income</b>									
302 - Patron Contributions	100	578	578%	206	15,300	7427%	210	1%	5
310 - Town of Waitsfield-Rent	9,000	9,000	100%	18,000	18,000	100%	18,000	100%	1
310.1 - Town of Waitsfield-Utilities	2,836	3,000	106%	5,841	5,700	98%	6,016	106%	9
324 - Interest on Bank Accts	13	13	103%	26	25	96%	27	107%	
324.2 - EJ Investment Interest	1,050	1,200	114%	2,163	2,500	116%	2,600	104%	
329 - Friends of the Library	1,500	2,756	184%	3,090	4,150	134%	3,183	77%	11
332 - Misc. Income	1,000	1,037	104%	2,060	1,600	78%	2,122	133%	
335 - State-Grants/ Historical preservation	125	255	204%	258	4,400	1705%	266	6%	8
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,624</b>	<b>17,840</b>	<b>114%</b>	<b>31,644</b>	<b>51,675</b>	<b>163%</b>	<b>32,423</b>	<b>63%</b>	
Transfer from Maint. And reserve Acct	4,251	0	0%	8,757	10,000		9,000		5
Transfer Donation to Maint. And reserve Acct					-15,000				5
Carry over from previous year	1,674	1,674	100%	3,447	9,016		5,302		
<b>Operational Income</b>	<b>21,549</b>	<b>19,514</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>43,848</b>	<b>55,691</b>	<b>163%</b>	<b>46,725</b>	<b>84%</b>	
<b>Expense</b>									
400 - Collection Development	4,150	4,311	104%	8,549	8,300	97%	8,805	106%	
400.1 - Electronic Resources	500	208	42%	1,030	980	95%	1,061	108%	
450 - Library Supplies	750	855	114%	1,545	1,600	104%	1,591	99%	11
451 - Postage	625	535	86%	1,288	1,100	85%	1,327	121%	
452 - Millage	420	44	10%	865	650	75%	891	137%	
453 - Periodicals	425	911	214%	876	1,100	126%	902	82%	
457 - Maintenance & Repairs	5,000	2,500	50%	10,300	10,547	102%	9,000	85%	2
457.1 - Extraordinary M&R Reserve Fund	10,500	3,000	29%	21,630	19,500	90%	22,279	114%	4
457.2 - Water System	420	400	95%	865	865	100%	891	103%	
457.3 - Library Remodel Expenses	0	0	0%	0	6,500	100%	5,000	77%	10
457.4 - Professional services	0	0	0%	0	5,600	100%	2,000	36%	7
458 - Electricity	1,150	1,113	97%	2,369	2,350	99%	2,440	104%	
459 - Fuel	2,800	4,568	163%	5,768	5,500	95%	5,941	108%	
460 - Telephone	700	642	92%	1,442	1,400	97%	1,485	106%	
461.1 - Building Insurance	1,083	0	0%	2,231	2,231	100%	2,298	103%	6
461.2 - Health Insurance	600	600	100%	1,236	1,020	83%	600	59%	
462 - Copier	400	824	206%	824	950	115%	849	89%	
464 - Children's Programs	738	256	35%	1,519	1,500	99%	1,565	104%	11
475 - Staff Salaries	21,431	19,057	89%	44,148	41,050	93%	41,700	102%	
476 - Payroll Tax Expense	1,640	1,458	89%	3,377	3,140	93%	3,170	101%	
477 - Memberships & Conference Fees	1,325	2,775	209%	2,730	1,925	71%	1,800	94%	11
479 - Computer & Supplies	750	677	90%	1,545	1,550	100%	1,591	103%	
490 - Misc. Expense	450	803	178%	927	900	97%	955	106%	11
565 - Library Programs	750	546	73%	1,545	1,300	84%	1,591	122%	11
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>56,607</b>	<b>45,546</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>116,609</b>	<b>121,558</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>119,733</b>	<b>98%</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-35,058</b>	<b>-26,042</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>-72,761</b>	<b>-65,867</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>-73,007</b>	<b>111%</b>	

**JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
2014-2015 BUDGET REPORT**

**Other Income/Expense**

300 · Town of Waitsfield Support	24,961	24,961	100%	51,806	50,672	51,981	103%
301 · Town of Fayston Support	10,097	10,097	100%	20,955	20,497	21,026	103%
Total Other Income	<u>35,058</u>	<u>35,058</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>72,761</u>	<u>71,169</u>	<u>73,007</u>	<u>103%</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>35,058</u>	<u>35,058</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>72,761</u>	<u>71,169</u>	<u>73,007</u>	<u>103%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,016</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,302</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100%</u>

- 1 Budget shows town office rent as income
- 2 Additional septic pumping and plumbing work (\$2711-Hartigan, \$2054-Pring)
- 3 Share of town support determined by Town's patron count

Faystons Share of support 71.2%

Waitsfields Share of support 28.8%

- 4 Extraordinary Maintenance/Repair funds appropriated to Stair repair and new septic installation  
The first phase has been completed repairing the top level and steps (\$8500-Liszt Historical Restoration)
- 5 The second phase of repair requires Remolding and stonework on railing side #1 (\$18,250)  
The third phase to repair Railing side #2 would be added to 2015-2016 fiscal budget(\$18,250)
- 6 Patron contributions to be used towards stair repairs and expansion project costs. (Robert D'Yesso estate donation \$15,000)
- 7 Building insurance paid through town
- 7 Additional professional services required for building and expansion  
Bookkeeping, Etc; Bookkeeping and project cost management; Deb Burke; Auditor to run a complete audit; Maclay Architects; building consultation and grant work
- 8 State grants and Historical trust for preservation of VT  
Funds to be directed to assist in the stair repair project
- 9 Utility cost divided with the town of waitsfield- 2/3 electric, 1/2 fuel, 2/3 water
- 10 Library Remodel expense for outside consultation and Grant applications
- 11 Friends of the library will use their own budget to support these items
- 12 The Friends of the Joslin Library have provided income and expense details below

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	%	2015 Budget
<b>Cash Balance/Carry over</b>	4,877	4,876	100%	3,499
<b>Income</b>				
donations	2,000	1,725	86%	2,000
Book Sales	200	163	82%	200
Reimbursement				
<b>Operating Income</b>	7,077	6,764	96%	5,699
<b>Expenses</b>				
Membership and conferences	1,800	1,705	95%	1,850
Children's Programs	400	370	93%	700
Programs (Adults)	1,000	839	84%	800
Miscellaneous	300	351	117%	800
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,265</u>	<u>93%</u>	<u>4,150</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<u>3,577</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>98%</u>	<u>1,549</u>

\*2014 Updated Budget information provided by the friends of the Joslin Library March 24, 2014



**Warning of Annual Meeting  
Waitsfield Town School District 2015**

The inhabitants of the Town School District of Waitsfield who are legal voters in the Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waitsfield Elementary School in the Town of Waitsfield on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. to act on the following matters:

ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District.

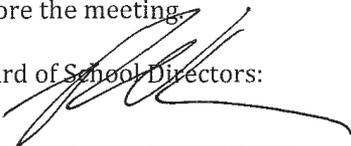
ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the District.

ARTICLE IV: To authorize the Board of School Directors of Waitsfield Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

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Board of School Directors:



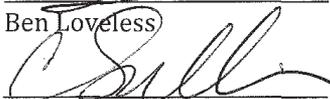
Rob Williams, Chairperson



Eve Frankel

  
Helen Kellogg

Ben Loveless



Christine Sullivan

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 4, 2014**

Following are condensed minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Waitsfield Town School District of March 4, 2014 pursuant I V.S.A. § 312(b)(l). Moderator, Brian Shupe, called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.** Rob Williams nominated Brian Shupe. Brian Shupe was elected by unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District.** Helen Kellogg made a motion to consolidate the report of the Town School District with the presentation of the school budget. There were no objections.

**ARTICLE III: To set salaries, if any, that shall be paid to the officers of the district.** Allison Champlin made a motion to set salaries that shall be paid to the officers as follows: \$300 per School Director, for reimbursement, and \$1,200 to the School Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Rob Williams. Article III was approved by majority voice vote.

**ARTICLE IV: To authorize the Board of School Directors of Waitsfield Town School District to borrow money by issuance of notes in anticipation of revenue to pay the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.** Eve Frankel made a motion to adopt Article IV, and the motion was seconded by Jim Leyton. Article III was approved by majority voice vote.

**ARTICLE V: To have presented and act upon the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$2,387,257, appropriating that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.** Rob Williams made a motion to adopt Article V, seconded by Helen Kellogg. Deri Meier made a motion to vote Article V by paper ballot. The motion to vote Article V by paper ballot was supported by at least six other voters. Article V was approved by paper ballot vote of 115 yes, 30 no.

**ARTICLE VI: Shall the Waitsfield Town School District adopt its budget article or articles by Australian ballot, effective 2015-2016 school year.** Jim Leyton made a motion to adopt Article VI, seconded by Suzanne Peterson. Deri Meier made a motion to vote Article VI by paper ballot. The motion was supported by at least six other voters. There was discussion, and

Logan Cooke made a motion to end discussion. The motion to end discussion was approved by at least two thirds of the assembly by voice vote. The motion to adopt Article VI was opposed by paper ballot vote of 108 no, 66 yes and 1 blank.

**Article VII: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.** Resigning board member, Todd White, was recognized for his hard work.

The School Meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m. for immediate continuation of Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Peterson  
Town Clerk



## Waitsfield Elementary School Report: March 2015

### WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION

- Support students in achievement of high academic standards; we believe that all students can master challenging academic material and we expect them to do so.
- Foster a safe, comfortable and challenging learning environment; help teach children respect for themselves and others; and teach them to accept responsibility for their actions.
- Enhance global awareness and acceptance of diversity.

While this report contains information regarding the overall tenor, progress, primary foci, and budget for our school, it cannot begin to capture the creativity, learning and community building that goes on each day. I hope that in addition to reviewing the information in this report, you will seek out a student of Waitsfield Elementary and have him/her share perceived strengths, challenges and the day-to-day experiences contributing to our vibrant school.

**WELL ROUNDED CURRICULUM** Curriculum and instruction at Waitsfield Elementary aligns with Vermont State learning standards. These standards, and our own emphasis, include not only content specific knowledge and skills, but also transferrable skills developed across content areas. These include effective communication, self-direction, creative and practical problem-solving, responsible and engaged citizenship, and informed and integrative thinking. (For more details on these expectations, see [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-PBGR\\_TransferableSkills.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-PBGR_TransferableSkills.pdf)) As a small school, one of our strengths is our ability to truly monitor and support each child's growth in these skills across different content areas, as well as their progress within those individual content areas.

In the past decade, there has been much buzz about 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. As we prepare students to find success in the awaiting world, we continue to believe that a strong academic base, combined with the transferable skills listed above, will serve

them well. Additionally, we believe students need to use these skills within the context of modern tools. Technology is not the focus of learning, but our students are asked regularly to use technology to effectively explore ideas, collaborate, and communicate. We maintain two mobile laptop carts (each which can meet the needs of an entire classroom), an iPad cart, and a smattering of student desktop units to support this work. Our full-time library media specialist/technology integrationist also supports higher level use of technology, helping us to sift through and effectively use the flood of information and tools increasing exponentially.

In addition to instruction in the core content areas, students participate in array of unified arts instruction: Physical Education (2x/week), Health/Guidance (1x/week), Art (1x/week), Music (1x/week), French (2x/week), Library (1x/week) and classroom based embedded Technology Integration. We are committed to provide strong learning opportunities across all content areas to support well-rounded development.

Program Offerings include, to name a few:

- In addition to whole class music instruction, instrumental lessons are available during the school day for all 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. These students may learn an instrument upon which they can perform in one of the two school bands (beginner band or advanced band.) Instruction is also available in non-band instruments, such as guitar.
- Chorus, for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, is an additional music elective; students can participate in this in addition to classroom music and/or band.
- A physical education program structured to not only develop skills, but also promote life long physical activity and team building. This program taps into resources around us, including featured instruction with The Bridges tennis pro.
- A wellness curriculum taught collaboratively by a health instructor and guidance staff throughout the school year.
- Two musical theater experiences available to all students, 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade and taught by our music teacher Mr. Hill, as well as a musical theater experience available to all 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and supervised by a PTA hired instructor.
- A winter sports program for all 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders supporting alpine skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing on Wednesday afternoons January through March.
- All kindergarten students, on Wednesday mornings, access the Wu Town Forest to participate in the ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) program, led by North Branch Nature center, and a morning of learning based in the outdoors.



- A vigorous school garden program, through which students raise crops then served throughout our lunch and breakfast program, including a beautiful pollinator garden and one of the best blackberry patches around. The PTA supports a group of students who tend the gardens throughout the summer, caring for and harvest crops then used later in the year.

**STAFFING** Most of us can think back to teachers we’ve experienced who deeply motivated and inspired us. Waitsfield staff meets the federal definition of highly qualified, with each one licensed, endorsed and with a higher education background in the area(s) in which they teach. Additionally, over 90% of our staff hold a master’s



degree or beyond in work related to their field. Most importantly, our staff pass the bar, as reported by graduating and current students anecdotally and through our climate survey data, of being teachers that students hold in high esteem. The success of our students is the result of many contributing factors, but our highly competent, stable teaching force is our strongest tool in this work.

With multi-age classrooms in 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, we are able to maintain robust class sizes that allow for diversity while still operating within the recommended class sizes valued in our small state.

**2014-2015 Individual Classrooms Student count (as of Dec. 1, 2014)**

Kinder-garten	1st/2 <sup>nd</sup> classroom	1st/2 <sup>nd</sup> classroom	3rd/4 <sup>th</sup> classroom	3rd/4 <sup>th</sup> classroom	5th/6 <sup>th</sup> classroom	5th/6 <sup>th</sup> classroom	5th/6 <sup>th</sup> classroom
19	15	17	18	18	13	14	14
	18 First Graders, 14 Second Graders (32 students total)		16 Third Graders, 20 Fourth Graders (36 students total)		16 Fifth Graders, 24 Sixth Graders (41 students total)		

**Staff Listing**

Staff Member	Position
Katie Babic	School counselor
Reeve Basom	Grades 5 & 6 teacher
Jessica Bachand	Support services assistant
Allison Bataille	Physical education teacher
Ann Beattie	Kindergarten teacher
Elizabeth Belknop	Grade 3 & 4 teacher

Emily Church	Early education & library assistant
Daniel Greenleaf	Grades 5 & 6 teacher
Ali Hale	Grade 3 & 4 teacher
Patti Haynes	Support services assistant
Jeremy Hill	Music teacher
Angharad Hoff	Support services assistant
Taylor Hubbard	Grades 1 & 2 teacher
Cheryl Joslin	Lunch program coordinator (based at Fayston)
Susan Koeplinger	Support services teacher
Kaiya Korb	Principal
Susan Laskaris	Support services assistant
Nora McDonough	Art teacher
Beth McGeorge	Support services teacher
Eric Mongeon	Librarian/Technology integrationist
Barbara Morrison	Support services assistant
Kathi Orr	Administrative assistant
Keith Puffer	Valley-shared technology support staff
Joe Robinson	Lead custodian
Nancy Robinson	Health teacher
Emily Smith	French teacher
Samantha Streletsky	Support services assistant
Leigh Stockton	Speech-Language therapist
Lee Van Dine	Grades 5 & 6 teacher
Emily von Trapp	Preschool teacher
Roy Yoder	Custodian
Tom Young	Grades 1 & 2 teacher
Clayton Wetzel	Nurse

**FOCI FOR 2014-2015** To meet the diverse needs of our students, we continue to strengthen our system of student supports. The first step, providing a strong foundation of consistent learning opportunities and expectations for all students, has the broadest

impact and was our first focus.

Over the past few years, we have worked both on establishing our common curriculum and local assessment tools and, more recently, on insuring that common behavioral expectations are clearly articulated and frequently recognized. We are now turning our attention on the interventions provided to students for whom these universal supports are not sufficient. We have been



focusing on improving progress monitoring for students for whom we provide additional (out of classroom) interventions. Additionally, recognizing that social and emotional concerns can be the primary hindrances to learning, we have worked to better organize our system of responses for students with these needs, again monitoring effectiveness of interventions in improving success.

Writing instruction has continued to be a focus of staff professional work. Scores on the NECAP (New England Comprehensive Assessment Plan) 5th grade writing indicate that overall, our students are only continuing to improve their writing while they continue to be performing above statewide averages. We are increasingly tasked to synthesize, in writing, ideas and information from multiple sources and to do so in an efficient, fluid manner. These demands are reflected in our VT/ Common Core writing standards. In an effort to insure our students are prepared, staff is working collaboratively to create common writing prompts, calibrate in assessment of student work, and discuss effective instructional strategies. As we transition to a new statewide assessment system, we have a particular eye upon our students' abilities to express themselves, for a variety of purposes, in writing.

We have continued our WE ROCK! Motto; ask any kindergarten through sixth grade student what the four key expectations are at Waitsfield Elementary and I'm quite confident they would reply, "Engaged, responsible, safe and kind." Our whole school celebrations of our consistent realization of these goals, such as our winter

carnival or fall afternoon hike, are greatly enjoyed. Even more important to our school climate are the reports from students that these positive behaviors receive consistent recognition and help to bind us together in our understanding of how we function as a school community.



**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS/CONNECTION WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT** This fall, the Mad River Path Association, Waitsfield Elementary PTA and the school collaborated to acquire 4 acres of land surrounding the school. The land was purchased by the Mad River Path Association and immediately donated to the school for future school uses. The Path Association retained a trail easement permitting the construction of a quarter mile long path behind the school. In addition to purchasing the land, the Path Association also received, by donation, a second quarter mile long trail easement across land located north of the school. Combined, the two trail easements will allow for the construction of ½ mile of trail parallel to the Mad River. The new trail will feature a 6 foot wide crushed stone surface to accommodate a wide variety of trail users. It will connect to the school, Mad River Valley Visitor Center, and Waitsfield's sidewalk network. Construction is slated begin

when school closes this June. Acquiring the property in order to provide additional recreational opportunities has long been a goal for the school; it expands our access to the river and land around us while at the same time furthering our school grounds as strong resource for our whole community. In addition to a new trail, the property secures public ownership of the school's sledding hill and will mean that existing playground equipment and other outdoor elements can be replaced or expanded in the future.



The school and grounds are already used with great frequency, from the non-profit Afterschool Program that serves both Waitsfield and Fayston students to the soccer practices on our fields to the more than 50 groups that signed up to use the school gym or library outside of school hours this past year. We work to insure the school is an accessible resource to the broader community. This past spring's artist residency tapped into the talents of many local artists, including Morrisville-based stone sculptor Thea Alvin and several local landscape design architects and designers (Kirsten Siebert of BroadLeaf Design, Elizabeth Cadwell, Chris and Amy Cook, Sandy Lawton of Arro Design, Eleanor D'Aponte and Peter and Sue Hans). The end results of our week of work include not only the striking stone spiral and arches that will frame an evolving amphitheater, but also construction of a bridge to our newly acquired field, significant landscape design work (and knotweed reclamation!) and map-making exploration. The bridge and amphitheater will be highlights both for the school grounds and the Mad River Path Association path planned for construction this coming summer.

The school collaborates with the town in a variety of ways to forward the goals of our entire community. The recent Town built solar array will afford solar generated power credits to the Elementary school, generating more than our equivalent needs through a renewable energy source. Additionally, it saves taxpayer money through decreased electricity production cost. Our school continues to be actively involved in the national Safe Routes to Schools program, through which our community gains access to funding and other



resources to improve the infrastructure of our sidewalks, bike paths and sustainable transportation routes. This past spring, Waitsfield Elementary School had the honor of winning the Carbon Cup for the highest rate of student participation in “carbon clean” commuting to and from a school in Vermont. We are thrilled that the morning walk to school is part of the everyday routine of fun and good health (for individuals and the environment) of many of our students.



Grounding our students in their immediate environment is emphasized in various ways in our academic programs. Kindergarten students spend most Wednesday mornings tramping through the Wu Town Forest, engaged in North Branch Nature Center’s place based learning E.C.O. (Educating Children Outdoors) program. Classrooms across grades annually participate in environmental stewardship projects with local farmers like Dave Hartshorn and organizations such as Friends of the Mad River. We believe in practical application of learning and our immediate surroundings provide a rich opportunity to understand how scholarly work can benefit the whole community.

We are fortunate to live in such a vibrant and supportive community. Several individuals volunteer their time directly within the schools, from countless parent volunteers to the 25 community members involved in our Everybody Wins reading mentoring program who weekly

eat lunch and reading with one of our students. More mentors are needed for this terrific program ; if you enjoy reading and spending time with youth, please contact us so that we can tell you more. We’d love to have you involved! More information on this national mentoring program can be found at <http://www.everybodywinsvermont.org/>.

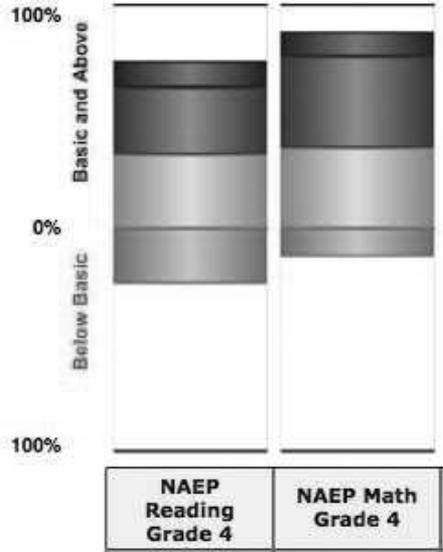
The arts are an integral component of both our school and our community. This past spring, in collaboration with Fayston Elementary School, we held the second annual Bridge Street Arts Fair, beginning a full summer season of arts events. This festival not only offers fun activities and art demonstrations, but features student artwork displayed along with that of several local craftspeople. We are excited to continue to build this event and our students’ appreciation of the artistically diverse and rich community in which we live.

## Student Achievement

There are a variety of ways through which we measure the success of our school and our students’ growth. Since 2005, Vermont students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade have participated in the NECAP (New England Comprehensive Assessment Program), a tool that provides us with feedback on how our students are performing on standards in reading, math, writing and science. While any assessment represents only a particular moment in a student’s educational experience, we have generally felt that these assessments provide us with good feedback on overall trends in our school, as well as external confirmation of our assessment of students’ skills. In addition to the NECAP, we have a local assessment plan with common assessments and historical data in

content areas from literacy to science, from physical education to music. We use this data to understand both individuals' performance as well as to look at our students' achievement in relation to their peers in other schools. Analyzing these trends helps us to identify strengths and gaps within our instructional practices. The local assessment plan can be found online at <http://tinyurl.com/ltkdqwp>

This year, our students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above will participate in a new assessment aligned with Common Core State standards and deployed across a wide array of states. This assessment, exploring literacy and math skills, will continue to provide us with information on our students' proficiencies in the standards. Given that these standards are adopted across 43 states, these results will provide meaningful ways to discuss students across state-lines. At the elementary school level, the only cross state tool we've had for some time is NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress), which reports results only by the statewide level. The last administration of NAEP, occurring in 2013, demonstrated Vermont's fourth- and eighth-graders rank among the highest in the nation.

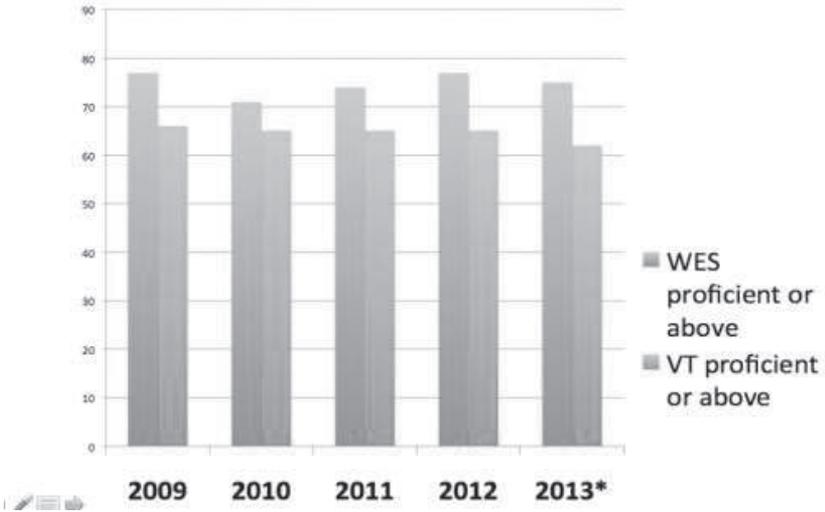


**Fall 2013/Spring 2014\*\* NECAP scores:  
Percent of students scoring proficient or higher**

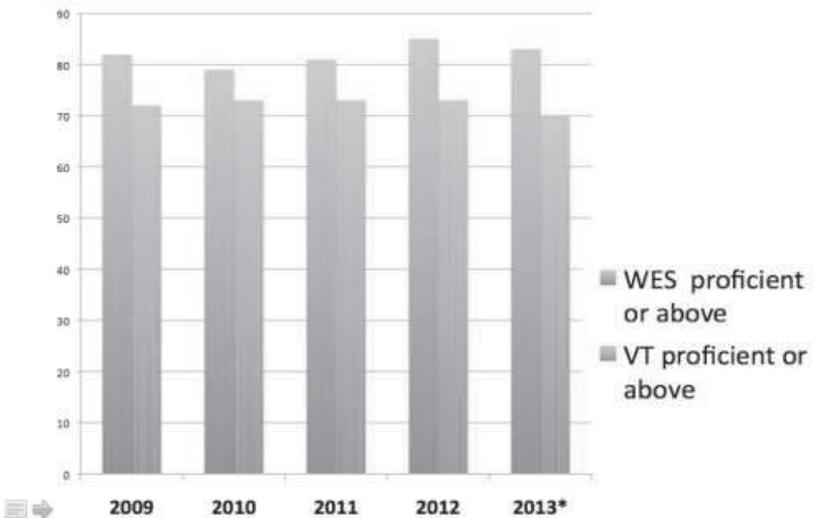
	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
<b>Math</b>	76%	80%	79%	74%
<b>Reading</b>	89%	93%	83%	85%
<b>Writing (given at 5<sup>th</sup> grade)</b>	XX	XX	62%	XX
<b>Science (given at 4<sup>th</sup> grade)</b>	XX	88%	XX	XX

\*Given that our state is transitioning to a new assessment tool (SBAC) that will be administered this spring, the NECAP data presented here is the most recent statewide data we have available.

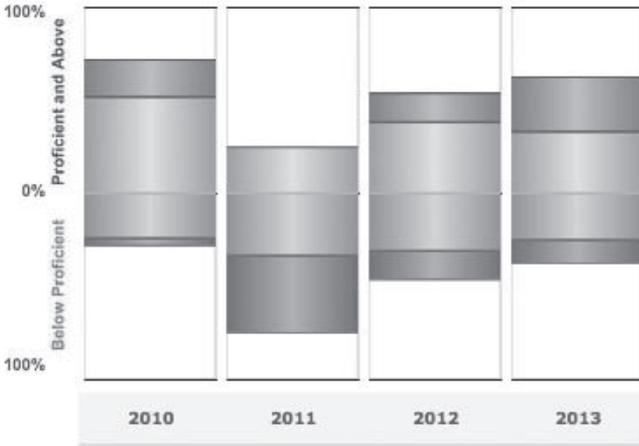
### Math, Proficiency over time WES vs. State



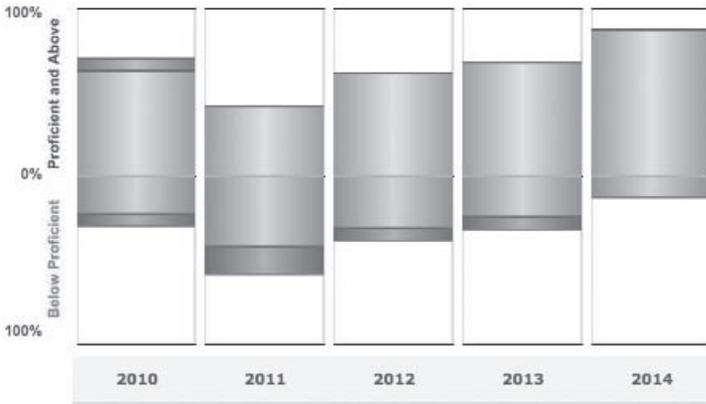
### Reading, Proficiency over time WES vs. State



### NECAP Writing (5<sup>th</sup> grade only) Proficiency Over Time



### NECAP Science (4<sup>th</sup> grade only) Proficiency Over Time



### SCHOOL BUDGET & LONG RANGE PLANS

The 2015-2015 school budget being brought to voters this March totals \$2,433,540, representing a 1.9% (\$46,283) increase over current expenditures. While there are a variety of state factors yet to be finalized, the impact of the Waitsfield Elementary School budget is estimated to be \$.03 over last year's tax rate, for a residential tax rate of \$1.48. This overall increase is the result of the following changes from the current year's budget:

Reduction of 1.0 Classroom Teacher	-\$59,703	-2.50%
Addition of 0.5% +/-Contingency	\$12,000	0.50%
Pre-K teaching assistant (2 days/week)/Elimination of preschool partnership		
-\$2,763	- 0.12%	
WWSU Assessment	\$6,058	0.25%
Data management software	\$5,600	0.23%
Change in Special Ed Contracted Services	\$27,676	1.16%
Technology Equipment	\$6,500	0.27%
Increase in Transportation (includes PK route)	\$15,707	0.66%
Other Changes, including Salary & Benefits not listed above		
	\$35,208	1.47%

The board continues to carefully watch population trends. Unlike many schools in our state, Waitsfield’s student count had held steady or increased in recent years. We are currently experiencing a slight decline and predict this trend to hold. Staffing is being adjusted to match these student numbers, with the reduction of one classroom teaching position in the 5th/6th grade cluster. With this reduction, next year’s class sizes are predicted to average 17 students per classroom Kindergarten- 6th grade. We also anticipate a larger preschool class than in recent years, which will be supported by adding another teaching assistant and incorporating an adjoining classroom space. While enrollment rarely matches predictions exactly, we feel confident that our planning allows us the capacity to flex to match the students who will actually walk through the doors next August.

**K-6<sup>th</sup> October enrollment history**

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (est.)
150	149	138	139	154	139	132	129	141	127	112

**2014-2015 Class Sizes**

Grade Cluster	Average Class Size for WES	WWSU Established Minimum Avg. Per Grade Cluster	WWSU Established Optimal Avg. Range
K-2	<b>17</b>	14	14-20
3-4	<b>18</b>	14	14-20
5-6	<b>13.3</b>	14	14-25

In addition to staffing changes, a slight increase in technology expenses reflects replacement of a laptop cart that was delayed in the last budget cycle. These are units used directly by students and will replace a set that is now 8 years old and failing. Additional software expenses include an array of programs, most of which are data management. These are all programs that are currently in use, but Federal grant funds that once covered these costs are no longer available, resulting in costs shifting back to the schools. Other budget changes reflect fixed costs, such as increases in special education contracted services, health and salary benefits, and an estimate for a

transportation contract yet to be finalized. Additionally, based on the number of as yet moving pieces that include a teachers' contract still in negotiation, the board has added a contingency line to the budget. These funds may only be used to offset unanticipated costs and with board approval; should the funds not need to be accessed, they will be returned to off-set taxes next year.

Initial projections from the Vermont Agency of Education indicate that education spending around the state will likely increase by 3.09%; Waitsfield's budget falls below this average. While WES per pupil expenses tend to be slightly above state-wide averages, due in large part to our smaller size, continued attention to staffing has kept our per pupil spending the 2nd lowest in our supervisory union and close to state averages.

As next year's school budgets are finalized around our towns, the challenge of meeting student needs with less money in the state education fund, declining enrollment throughout our state, and increased tax rates set by the state legislature continues to be discussed. Over the past year, representatives of many of the local school boards have participated in local and statewide gatherings exploring potential resolutions to this pressing challenge. As Vermont politicians discuss an array of responses that range from moving education funding from property to income tax to changes in funding that place increasing pressure upon small or higher spending schools, Waitsfield Elementary and other local boards continue to work to craft budgets that maintain a high quality of education for the least cost.

### Comparative Staffing Report

	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16 Budget
<b><u>Teachers and Administration</u></b>				
Regular Education	9.00	9.00	8.00	7.00
Early Education (PreK)	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84
Art	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Foreign Language	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Physical Education	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Music	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Technology	0.80	0.80	0.50	0.50
Special Education	1.65	1.75	1.75	1.8
Special Education - EEE	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.2
Compensatory Ed/SCW/Title I	0.60	0.50	0.0	0.0
Guidance	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Nurse	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00
Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Speech (includes EEE Speech)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Library	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Administration	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
<b>Total Teachers &amp; Admin</b>	<b>20.24</b>	<b>20.54</b>	<b>18.74</b>	<b>17.84</b>
<b><u>Support Staff</u></b>				
Regular Education	-	-	1.30	0.4
Early Education (PreK)	0.82	0.66	0.66	1.16

Special Education	2.50	3.20	4.00	3.9
Essential Early Education (EEE)	0.50	0.65	0.20	0
Compensatory Education	0.50	0.80	1.00	0.7
Library	0.19	0.14	0.14	0.14
Custodial	1.93	2.00	1.63	1.63
<b>Total Support Staff</b>	<b>6.44</b>	<b>7.45</b>	<b>8.93</b>	<b>7.93</b>
<b>Total All Staff</b>	<b>26.68</b>	<b>27.99</b>	<b>27.67</b>	<b>25.77</b>

Whether through budgeting, establishing long range goals, tending to the facility and grounds, oversight of the curriculum, insistence upon attention to the whole child, or maintaining a healthy and interactive relationship with the broader community, the Waitsfield School Board and staff are committed to insuring our school remains a vibrant, sustainable and highly effective asset to our community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual school meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. In advance of then, please feel free to direct questions and comments to me ([kkorb@wvsu.org](mailto:kkorb@wvsu.org) or 496-3643). I enjoy the opportunity to discuss the work of our school and, while I'm happy to answer questions at the annual meeting, I find that an in-depth discourse can often better occur through conversations beyond that meeting. Thank you to all for your continued involvement in our community's biggest investment: our children's education.

Respectfully, Kaiya Korb, Waitsfield Elementary School Principal



Waitsfield Elementary Student Data

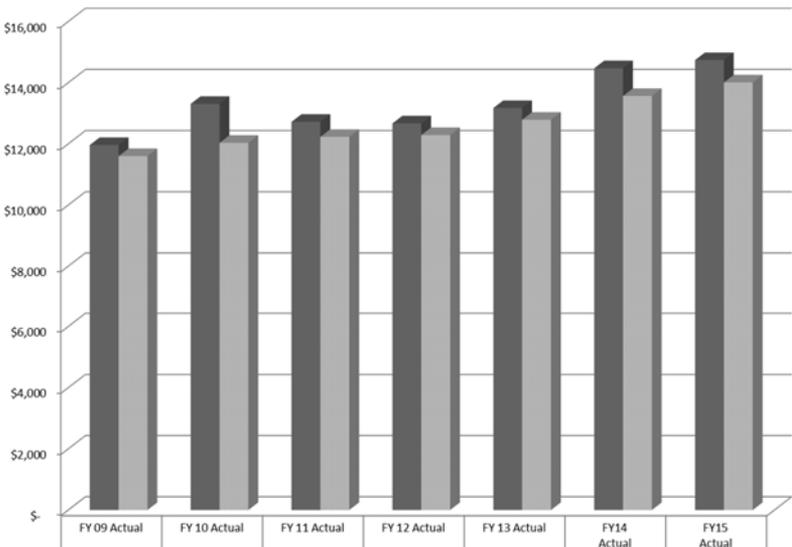
Support Services		Food Service Program	
Students receiving Special Education services	12%	Students eligible for free/reduced lunch	28%
Students with 504 plans	3.4%	Average students served breakfast daily	25%
Students receiving Educational Support Team services	10%	Average students served lunch daily	56%



Summary of Waitsfield Expenditure and Revenue Budget - FY2007 through FY2016

School Year:	Total Expenses - Voter Approved		Budgeted Revenue	Education Spending (Voter Approved expense less Budgeted Revenue)
2007-2008	\$ 1,969,663		\$ 312,269	\$ 1,657,394
2008-2009	\$ 2,099,637	6.6%	\$ 386,136	\$ 1,713,501
2009-2010	\$ 2,163,294	3.0%	\$ 388,573	\$ 1,774,721
2010-2011	\$ 2,115,826	-2.2%	\$ 344,031	\$ 1,771,795
2011-2012	\$ 2,149,589	1.6%	\$ 379,509	\$ 1,770,080
2012-2013	\$ 2,169,090	0.9%	\$ 439,148	\$ 1,729,942
2013-2014	\$ 2,297,853	5.9%	\$ 400,566	\$ 1,897,287
2014-2015	\$ 2,387,257	3.9%	\$ 375,156	\$ 2,012,101
Proposed 2015-2016	\$ 2,433,540	1.9%	\$ 383,488	\$ 2,050,052

Waitsfield Town School District Cost Per Equalized Pupil as compared to VT State Average



■ Waitsfield	\$11,964	\$13,309	\$12,721	\$12,669	\$13,172	\$14,472	\$14,741
■ State Average	\$11,600	\$12,033	\$12,230	\$12,288	\$12,789	\$13,565	\$14,008

Waitsfield Town School District - Waitsfield Elementary School  
Summary of Budget Changes FY2015 to FY2016

FY2015 General Fund Expenditure Budget	\$2,387,257	
Reduction of 1.0 FTE Classroom Teacher	-\$59,703	-2.50%
Special Education Contracted Svs	\$27,676	1.16%
Pre-Kindergarten Partnership	-\$10,295	-0.43%
Pre-Kindergarten add .35 FTE Teaching Asst	\$7,532	0.32%
Technology	\$6,500	0.27%
Software	\$5,600	0.23%
Transportation	\$15,707	0.66%
Contingency	\$12,000	0.50%
WWSU Assessment Based on Final Budget (overall FY15 to FY16 Change)	\$6,058	0.25%
All Other including salary & benefits not listed above	\$35,208	1.47%
	<u>\$46,283</u>	
FY2016 General Fund Expenditure Budget	\$2,433,540	1.9%

**WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION - Grade K thru 6 Classroom</b>					
Salaries	505,196	536,078	541,622	482,068	
Benefits & Staff Development	215,623	216,889	220,184	213,920	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>39,250</u>	<u>40,899</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>39,700</u>	
<b>TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION- Classroom</b>	<u>760,069</u>	<u>793,867</u>	<u>799,806</u>	<u>735,688</u>	-8.0%
<b>EARLY EDUCATION (PRE KINDERGARTEN)</b>					
Salaries	46,735	48,460	48,190	61,887	
Benefits & Staff Development	24,202	28,549	29,457	34,191	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>11,833</u>	<u>10,848</u>	<u>12,355</u>	<u>2,750</u>	
<b>TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION- Pre Kindergarten</b>	<u>82,770</u>	<u>87,856</u>	<u>90,002</u>	<u>98,828</u>	9.8%
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION - Art, PE, French &amp; Music</b>					
Salaries	116,920	113,692	119,058	114,688	
Benefits & Staff Development	26,619	24,725	27,390	33,389	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>3,430</u>	<u>8,647</u>	<u>3,230</u>	<u>4,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION - Art, PE, French &amp; Music</b>	<u>146,969</u>	<u>147,064</u>	<u>149,678</u>	<u>152,077</u>	1.6%
<b>English as a Second Language (ESL)</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION &amp; ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</b>					
Salaries	193,968	200,199	210,554	189,986	
Benefits & Staff Development	72,999	68,820	76,100	73,173	
Spec. Ed. Purchased Professional Services	111,565	107,994	109,814	135,350	
Transportation	-	67	-	2,500	
Materials and Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>7,752</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,450</u>	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION &amp; ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION</b>	<u>381,532</u>	<u>384,832</u>	<u>399,668</u>	<u>404,459</u>	1.2%
<b>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION &amp; SCHOOL WIDE</b>					
Salaries	38,910	37,286	44,415	33,470	
Benefits & Staff Development	<u>11,553</u>	<u>7,231</u>	<u>12,435</u>	<u>14,972</u>	
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</b>	<u>50,463</u>	<u>44,517</u>	<u>56,850</u>	<u>48,442</u>	-14.8%
<b>GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>					
Salaries	29,162	28,869	29,732	30,631	
Benefits & Staff Development	13,919	12,978	14,476	15,492	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>530</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>475</u>	
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES</b>	<u>43,611</u>	<u>42,054</u>	<u>44,738</u>	<u>46,598</u>	4.2%
<b>SCHOOL NURSE</b>					
Salaries	49,975	54,248	50,092	43,439	
Benefits & Staff Development	5,178	5,580	5,376	19,726	
Contracted Services & Supplies	<u>575</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL NURSE</b>	<u>55,728</u>	<u>60,417</u>	<u>55,468</u>	<u>63,915</u>	15.2%
<b>HEALTH EDUCATION</b>					
Salaries	-	-	-	5,687	
Benefits & Staff Development	-	-	-	673	
Contracted Services & Supplies	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	
<b>TOTAL HEALTH EDUCATION</b>	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,560</u>	
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>					
Salaries	62,323	64,700	66,841	68,713	
Benefits & Staff Development	20,313	20,132	20,592	22,322	
Contracted Services & Supplies	<u>5,850</u>	<u>3,381</u>	<u>2,175</u>	<u>1,770</u>	
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES</b>	<u>88,486</u>	<u>88,212</u>	<u>89,608</u>	<u>92,804</u>	3.6%
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>					
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>5,713</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	25.0%

## WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2013-2014 ACTUAL	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
<u>LIBRARY/MEDIA &amp; TECHNOLOGY</u>					
Salaries	78,565	43,904	46,524	47,970	
Benefits & Salary Development	15,076	19,181	20,435	23,525	
Services, Materials and Equipment	<u>28,750</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>57,174</u>	<u>69,974</u>	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	<u>122,391</u>	<u>104,935</u>	<u>124,133</u>	<u>141,469</u>	14.0%
<u>BOARD EXPENSE</u>					
Board Member Reimbursement	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Benefits	-	115	115	115	
Legal Expense	5,000	762	4,000	2,500	
Liability Insurance Expense	2,500	2,789	2,800	2,800	
Board Printing/Advertising	500	848	850	850	
YSBA Dues	1,100	1,361	1,400	1,400	
Contingency	-	379	-	12,000	
TOTAL BOARD EXPENSE	<u>10,600</u>	<u>7,753</u>	<u>10,665</u>	<u>21,165</u>	98.5%
SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER	1,271	-	1,292	1,272	-1.5%
<u>WASHINGTON WEST GENERAL ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>52,337</u>	<u>52,337</u>	<u>56,924</u>	<u>58,882</u>	3.4%
<u>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Principal & Secretary Salaries	118,560	118,560	123,460	127,618	
Benefits & Staff Development	33,803	33,133	35,794	38,040	
Postage, Supplies & Equipment	<u>3,550</u>	<u>3,865</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>3,800</u>	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>155,914</u>	<u>155,558</u>	<u>162,804</u>	<u>169,458</u>	4.1%
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
WWSU FISCAL SERVICES ASSESSMENT	28,219	28,219	30,907	35,007	
Audit and fees	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,093</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,600</u>	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	<u>31,919</u>	<u>32,311</u>	<u>34,607</u>	<u>39,607</u>	14.4%
<u>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE</u>					
Salaries	79,605	82,049	75,228	78,290	
Benefits & Staff Development	35,786	31,597	32,659	40,061	
Building Supplies & Operations	94,196	83,999	93,151	91,536	
<i>Contribution to Capital Improvement &amp; Facilities Maintenance</i>	<u>22,079</u>	<u>22,832</u>	<u>21,953</u>	<u>35,500</u>	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>231,666</u>	<u>220,477</u>	<u>222,991</u>	<u>245,387</u>	10.0%
<u>DAILY TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>58,553</u>	<u>51,669</u>	<u>56,523</u>	<u>72,230</u>	27.8%
<u>FIELD TRIPS TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,635</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>	20.0%
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>					
Short-Term Interest (TAN)	6,000	4,158	4,500	8,200	
<u>FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>5,938</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>12,000</u>	14.3%
<u>FY2013 DEFICIT</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	-75.0%
<b>TOTAL WAITSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COSTS</b>	<b><u>2,297,854</u></b>	<b><u>2,294,533</u></b>	<b><u>2,387,257</u></b>	<b><u>2,433,540</u></b>	1.9%

WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET	2013-2014 <u>BUDGET</u>	2013-2014 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2014-2015 <u>BUDGET</u>	2015-2016 <u>PROPOSED</u>	% <u>CHANGE</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
<b>Local Revenue</b>					
Interest Earnings	9,000	5,051	9,000	9,000	
Town Reimbursement	56,000	56,006	56,000	56,000	
Pre-Kindergarten Tuition	-	3,432	-	-	
Mac Sub grant from WWSU (Estimate)	6,700	6,700	-	-	
Other Local	-	83	-	-	
<b>Prior Year Fund Balance</b>	22,079	21,003	-	-	
<b>State Categorical &amp; Special Ed Grants</b>					
Special Education Reimbursement	173,420	165,713	177,663	194,182	
Transportation Reimbursement	23,882	23,849	22,634	21,343	
Mainstream Block Grant	47,290	47,290	46,684	52,867	
EEE Grant	19,295	19,295	16,287	18,096	
<b>Federal Revenue</b>					
Title I-SCW	15,000	16,292	17,908	-	
IDEA-B Grant	25,900	30,538	27,000	30,000	
IDEA-B Grant-Preschool	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
<b>Total Budget/Actual Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 400,566</b>	<b>\$ 397,252</b>	<b>\$ 375,176</b>	<b>\$ 383,488</b>	2.2%
<b>Education Spending Grant</b>	<b>\$ 1,897,288</b>	<b>\$ 1,897,287</b>	<b>\$ 2,012,081</b>	<b>\$ 2,050,052</b>	1.9%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,297,854</b>	<b>\$ 2,294,539</b>	<b>\$ 2,387,257</b>	<b>\$ 2,433,540</b>	1.9%

**Maintenance Reserve Fund - 24 VSA , Section 2804**

Audited Fund Balance; June 30, 2014	<b>-2,586</b>
Voter Approved Contribution to Reserve Fund; July 1, 2014	21,953
Interest Income FY2015 to Date	0
Expenses paid FY2015 to date	-15,411
 Ending Balance January 2015.	 <b>\$ 3,956</b>

## WAITSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2013-2014 BUDGET	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
<b>EDUCATION TAX CALCULATION WORKSHEET - Combined Waitsfield Elementary &amp; Harwood Union</b>				
<b><u>Waitsfield Elementary School:</u></b>				
Equalized Pupils	131.10	136.50	135.99	-0.4%
Education Spending per Pupil (PK-6)	\$ 14,472	\$ 14,741	\$ 15,075	2.3%
Base Education Spending per Pupil**	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,459	
District Spending Adjustment	158.15%	158.76%	159.37%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.940	\$ 0.980	\$ 1.000	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (PK-6)	\$ 1.487	\$ 1.556	\$ 1.594	2.4%
School	50.69%	52.90%	54.60%	
Portion of District Equalized Homestead Rate to	\$ 0.754	\$ 0.823	\$ 0.870	
<b><u>Harwood Union School District:</u></b>				
Equalized Pupils (Waitsfield 7-12)	127.53	121.53	113.08	
Education Spending per Pupil (7-12)	\$ 14,030	\$ 15,421	\$ 16,721	8.4%
Base Education Spending per Pupil**	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,459	
District Spending Adjustment	153.317%	166.083%	176.776%	
Base Homestead Education Tax Rate**	\$ 0.940	\$ 0.980	\$ 1.000	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (7-12)	\$ 1.441	\$ 1.628	\$ 1.768	8.6%
% of Waitsfield students at Harwood Union	49.31%	47.10%	45.40%	
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (Combined PK-12)	\$ 1.464	\$ 1.590	\$ 1.673	
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	105.74%	107.07%	107.40%	
Estimated Homestead Property Tax Rate **	\$ 1.385	\$ 1.485	\$ 1.557	4.9%
Base Non-Residential Education Tax Rate **	\$ 1.440	\$ 1.515	\$ 1.535	
Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.362	\$ 1.415	\$ 1.429	1.0%

Combined Equalized Tax Rate for FY2015-16 is calculated by adding the proportionate share (based on equalized pupils) of the equalized homestead tax rate for each school district

\*\* As estimated, final rate to be determined by the Legislature

\*\*Changes and/or adjustments made to the education funding formula may change these estimates.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report  
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Waitsfield Elementary School  
S.U.: Washington West 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/>

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200  
(34 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
14 out of 34

School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total		Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
			Teachers	Administrators			
Fletcher Elementary School	PK - 6	149	12,60	0,60	11,83	248,33	21,00
Brewster Pierce Elementary School	PK - 4	150	9,30	1,00	16,13	150,00	9,30
Wolcott Elementary School	PK - 6	151	11,00	1,00	13,73	151,00	11,00
<b>Waitsfield Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>15,14</b>	<b>1,00</b>	<b>10,24</b>	<b>155,00</b>	<b>15,14</b>
Monument Elementary School	PK - 5	158	9,40	1,00	16,81	158,00	9,40
Monkton Central School	PK - 6	160	11,90	1,00	13,45	160,00	11,90
Proctor Elementary School	PK - 6	160	16,10	1,00	9,94	160,00	16,10
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>		<b>147,65</b>	<b>12,63</b>	<b>1,04</b>	<b>11,69</b>	<b>141,77</b>	<b>12,13</b>

School District: Waitsfield  
LEA ID: T217

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 units on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs, including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200  
(32 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)  
12 out of 32

School district data (focal, union, or joint district)

North Bennington ID	PK-6	135,02	\$12,195
Wilmington	PK-5	135,22	\$14,149
Wolcott	PK-6	141,33	\$12,131
<b>Waitsfield</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>143,46</b>	<b>\$12,869</b>
Newbrook Joint Contract School	PK-6	146,28	\$10,194
Huntington	PK-4	148,58	\$10,745
Monkton	K-6	155,99	\$11,812
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>		<b>139,81</b>	<b>\$12,630</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.

FY2015 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	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	
T141	North Bennington ID	PK-6	124,44	15,697,36	1,6568	1,5284	89,72%	3,1209	
T078	Franklin	PK-6	132,39	11,202,87	1,1824	1,2582	105,44%	1,1933	
T099	Huntington	PK-4	132,68	14,154,62	1,4940	1,4708	101,95%	1,4427	
<b>T217</b>	<b>Waitsfield</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>136,50</b>	<b>14,740,52</b>	<b>1,5558</b>	<b>1,5896</b>	<b>107,07%</b>	<b>1,4847</b>	
T212	Underhill Town	K-4	144,37	13,495,43	1,4244	1,4445	102,18%	1,4137	
T127	Monkton	K-6	147,90	15,443,91	1,6301	1,6112	84,66%	1,9031	
T222	Warren	PK-6	148,71	13,089,87	1,3816	1,4823	101,76%	1,4567	

The Legislature has required the Department 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.

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **Waitsfield**  
County: **Washington**

T217  
Washington West

Statutory calculation. See note from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.  
Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.

**9,459**      **7,00**

**Expenditures**

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1. <b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,169,090	\$2,297,853	\$2,387,257	\$2,433,540	1.
2. <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3. <i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4. <b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$2,169,090	\$2,297,853	\$2,387,257	\$2,433,540	4.
5. <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7. <b>Total Budget</b>	\$2,169,090	\$2,297,853	\$2,387,257	\$2,433,540	7.
8. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9. Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

**Revenues**

10. <b>Offsetting revenues</b> (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$439,148	\$400,566	\$375,176	\$383,488	10.
11. <i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12. <i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13. <b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$439,148	\$400,566	\$375,176	\$383,488	13.

14. <b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,729,942	\$1,897,287	\$2,012,081	\$2,050,052	14.
15. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	131,33	131,10	136,50	135,99	15.

	\$13,172.48	\$14,472.06	\$14,740.52	\$15,075.02	
16. <i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	16.
17. <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	\$6.05	-	-	17.
18. <i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	18.
19. <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is SOLELY attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	19.
20. <i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	20.
21. <i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	21.
22. <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	22.
23. <i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	23.
24. <i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25. <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.
26. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustmen	\$13,172	\$14,472	\$14,741	\$15,075	26.
27. <b>District spending adjustment</b> (minimum of 100%) (\$15,075 / \$9,459)	151,009%	158,147%	158,756%	159,372%	27.

<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
28. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (159,372% x \$1,000)	\$1,3440	\$1,4866	\$1,5558	\$1,5937	28.
29. Percent of Waitsfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	50,82%	50,69%	52,90%	54,60%	29.
30. Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (54,60% x \$1,59)	\$0,6830	\$0,7536	\$0,8230	\$0,8702	30.
31. <b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	104,42%	105,74%	107,07%	107,40%	31.
32. Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0,8702 / 107,40%)	\$0,8541	\$0,7127	\$0,7687	\$0,8102	32.

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.

33. Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (159,372% x 1,94%)	2,72%	2,85%	3,08%	3,09%	33.
34. Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (54,60% x 3,09%)	1,38%	1,44%	1,63%	1,69%	34.
35. Percent of equalized pupils at Harwood UHSD	49,18%	49,31%	47,10%	45,40%	35.
36.	-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1,00 and \$1,535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.  
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 1,94%.

**2014-2015 REPORT FROM THE WASHINGTON WEST CENTRAL OFFICE  
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**Central Office Staff:**

Brigid Scheffert, Superintendent	Angela Neill, Accountant
Sheila Soule, Director of Curriculum	Heidi Clark, Accounts Payable
Donarae Dawson, Director of Special Educ.	Tanya Cheney, Payroll/Benefits
Michelle Baker, Director of Finance	Susan Neill, Accountant
Joel FitzGerald, Director of Facilities	Tisa Rennau, Medicaid Clerk
Craig Donnan, Systems Admin.of Technology	Michele Ballard, Admin.Asst.-Curriculum & Data Support Specialist
Laura Titus, Administrative Assistant	Keith Puffer, Technology Coordinator
Angela Young, Admin.Asst-Spec.Ed. & Website Mgr.	

**Strengthening Our PK-12 Educational Organization**

The primary goal of the Washington West Supervisory Union is to ensure our students have the knowledge, skills, and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives, which justifies the resources invested by the community. The WWSU Administrative Team, in conjunction with building principals and local board members, are working to develop and implement many initiatives to further enhance and improve our schools for students and employees. Our continued focus remains on the development and implementation of sustainable programs to increase capacity while maximizing efficiency and effectiveness, as defined in our WWSU Action Plan, which is revised annually. The primary goal identified in the WWSU Action plan is to fulfill the promise of a 21st Century Education by preparing all WWSU students for college, career, and civic participation. To that end, we continue to institute improvements to our support systems for all learners, create new and revise previous curriculum, and offer a number of professional learning opportunities for staff to support the implementation of these efforts.

Our state legislators are grappling with even greater challenges surrounding education funding as it relates to affordability, sustainability, equity, student opportunity and outcomes. The WWSU Executive Committee and administrators are listening, learning, and advocating at the state level, while trying to find solutions locally to the impacts of continued declining enrollment and increased spending across the state that combine to drive up property taxes. Even with relatively low expenditure increases and cuts in programs and staff, our schools still face double digit property tax increases that are simply not sustainable. So much of the why and how of these results seem outside of our control. We are asking ourselves in the board rooms how small is too small when it comes to class size, school size, and the programs we are able to offer. Therefore, the WWSU Executive Committee in January voted unanimously to apply for a study grant through the Agency of Education to more formally study school consolidation, joint contract mergers between schools, efficiencies, and sharing within the WWSU. The grant will

provide outside expertise and an objective set of eyes through the work of a consultant chosen by the WWSU Board. We have locally studied consolidation options in the past, but our boards and communities were not eager to make significant changes because the benefits did not appear to outweigh the costs. However, the landscape, various local factors, and state incentives have changed since then, and our board feels a new up-to-date study is warranted. The study will look to identify potential governance efficiency of operations, asset and debt allocation, improved learning opportunities for students, and cost containment options.

**Some other highlights this year include:**

- **Contract Negotiations:** We are in the process of negotiating three teachers' contracts in WWSU. The law (Act 156) requires us, at a minimum, to centralize the staffing of special education teaching staff. The special education teachers are required to become WWSU employees rather than school employees after we have an established negotiated agreement.
- **School Calendar:** We have restructured our student calendar for FY 2016 to better support uninterrupted student learning by eliminating the early release day model. Staff development will occur on full days as noted in the school calendar.
- **Pre-School Education:** We are developing an implementation plan to fully serve and fund state required ( Act 166) universal preschool education for all 3- and 4-year-olds by fall 2016 . We currently have several private preschool partners within our supervisory union. The Agency of Education is in the process of writing guidance around implementation particularly related to geographic boundaries and special education rules that could have financial implications for school districts.
- **Fiscal Services:** Each board received a thorough report that analyzed the specific internal financial controls utilized to maintain all accounting and reporting to other agencies. Our business office has implemented the Tyler Infinite Visions Accounting System this school year, which has increased efficiencies, minimized the margin of human error, and reduced some redundancies. Our previous accounting system was approximately 19 years old.
- **Staff Professional Development:** Professional learning opportunities were developed and provided for staff during the summer and on early release days throughout the year. Topics include: Integration of Technology into Classrooms, Supporting Students in Trauma, Research-based Instructional Practices in Mathematics, and Writing Effectiveness.
- **Special Education:** Like most school districts around Vermont, WWSU struggles with increased costs in special education. The number of students in special education in WWSU has decreased. Currently, 13.2% (253 students) of our total enrollment (1924 students) are served in special education. This is a decrease in number of students served from previous years ( FY 13, 285 students, 14.05% and FY 2014, 275 students, 14%). WWSU historically, for the past 14 years, falls below the state average. The state average for students in special education in FY 13 was 15.63% and FY 14 was 15.79%. While our child count in special education decreases, we have experienced a

significant increase in costs associated with students who are not safe and emotionally stable to remain in our classrooms. Similarly, across the state, school districts are experiencing an increase in the complexity and unmet mental health needs of some of our students. Consistent with Vermont data, Washington West has experienced increases in the number of students with autism, emotional behavioral disorders and increases in the number of very young children who have experienced developmental trauma. The lack of funding and lack of capacity for community-based mental health programs in Vermont, while better than in many states, presents difficulty for our schools. Vermont has one of the highest number of students diagnosed with Emotional Behavioral Disorders in the nation. Placements for students in therapeutic schools, as well as increases in para-educator or well trained behavioral interventionists, when needed, cause increased school budgets and substantially increase special education expenditures.

- **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**: All of our schools have implemented a multi-tiered system of support for students. Our support staff provide services and accommodations and services to students who are struggling within our general education classrooms for prevention and early intervention. Students who are experiencing difficulties or who are “at risk” of reading or other academic challenges are provided support in general education in order to get the support early and prior to becoming eligible for more intense, intrusive or costly special education services. Approximately 20% of our student population receive additional support beyond the general education classrooms.
- **Human Resources**: Throughout the schools of WWSU, 48 new employees were hired to replace exiting or retiring employees for the 2014-15 school year, resulting in significant savings.
- **Curriculum Development**: Collaborative efforts are underway to support the transition to Vermont’s New Education Quality Standards which were adopted by the State Board of Education in April 2014. These rules are designed to ensure continuous improvement in student performance, instruction and leadership to enable students to attain rigorous standards in high quality programs.
- **Health Care**: We continue to learn about the multiple complexities and reporting requirements associated with implementation of the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- **Policy Development**: Policy development continues, and we will soon have adopted approximately 80 common policies in our 6 districts. Policy documents can be found on our WWSU website.

The students in the WWSU continue to work hard, give their very best, and make us all very proud. Our parents and community members continue to support our work and our schools. We will strive to make continuous growth and to stretch ourselves to make all of our schools the very best they possibly can be. We will remain at the table advocating for our students and our communities at the state level, so that future changes will only result if and when improved student outcomes can be demonstrated or cost efficiencies realized. We have made changes to increase our efficiencies over the past 6 years, while working even more closely together to

achieve more than we can alone. At the same time, we honor and respect the differing traditions and cultures of our six individual towns. We are committed to respecting and maintaining each school's individuality while achieving our goals. We believe that working closely together administratively, and as boards, we will be able to strengthen our local schools and keep them viable despite declining enrollment. Please do not hesitate to contact the WWSU team any time to share your thoughts. We appreciate hearing from you.

Finally, we thank you for your continued support. The board, administration, staff and students greatly appreciate it.

**Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU)  
2015-2016 General Fund Budget Information**

Washington West Supervisory Union serves approximately 1,942 students (October 1, 2014), grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, in five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

Washington West is a supervisory union organized in accordance with Vermont Title 16, Sections 261 and 261a.

The WWSU Central Office General Fund Budget is assessed to member school districts based on equalized pupils effective with the 2014-2015 budget; the assessment results in the same cost per equalized pupil for WWSU net expenditures for all member school districts.

Personnel:

The Central Office budget includes the following Central Office Personnel:

Position:	FTE
Superintendent	1.00
Director of Curriculum & Assessment	1.00
Director of Student Support Services	1.00
Director of Finance and Operations	1.00
Director of Buildings & Grounds (funded through MOU with HUHS)	1.00
Technology Coordinator (funded through MOU with Valley Schools)	1.00
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent	1.00
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Support/Website	1.00
Administrative Assistant/Data Support Specialist	1.00
Systems Administrator	1.00
Accountant	2.00
Accounts Payable	.80
Payroll & Benefits	1.00
Medicaid Clerk	<u>.60</u>
Total Central Office	14.40

Personnel salaries and benefits represent 64% and 21% accordingly of the overall WWSU budget, or a combined total of 85% of the overall SU General Fund Expenditure Budget. See graph on page 4 for a breakdown of expenditures.

The General Assessment

The General Assessment includes expenses for the Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and the Systems Administrator as well as technology infrastructure and applications used by the WWSU and all member schools including PowerSchool, BlackBoard Connect Alert and well as SpEd Doc. General Assessment expenditures that have decreased in the FY2016 budget include Google Vault-now offered to education for free, reduced contracted computer backup expenses associated with the planned implementation of a new server and reduced website development expense with the completion of the WWSU website in FY2015.

The Superintendent is the CEO of the district. The Superintendent develops and oversees all SU and school policies, oversees the district Principals and handles a variety of human resource issues, including collective bargaining and legal matters.

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The Director of Curriculum and Assessment is responsible for the development and implementation of curriculum and assessments aligned with State and National Standards. By Vermont Statute, the supervisory union must establish and ensure implementation of a supervisory union wide curriculum and provide for professional development across all schools in the supervisory union. The Director of Curriculum coordinates supervisory union wide professional development and oversees the teacher supervision and evaluation program, including the mentoring program for new teaching staff. The director of Curriculum also manages the Consolidated Federal Grants program for the supervisory union.

The Systems Administrator is responsible for managing all computer hardware and software systems and connectivity at the Central Office and provides technical support throughout the district on a variety of issues including connectivity, wireless networks, server management, backup systems, phone systems and content filtering. The Systems Administrator has conducted and updated technology audits for all schools in the supervisory union. In addition, the Systems Administrator actively pursues e-rate reimbursement for all eligible technology equipment and services throughout the SU.

Based on the Proposed FY2016 Budget, the General Assessment for each school district in the SU is as follows:

Fayston	\$ 33,966
Moretown	\$ 35,461
Waitsfield	\$ 47,511
Warren	\$ 50,715
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$228,384
Harwood Union	<u>\$246,869</u>
Total	\$642,907

Special Education Assessment

The Special Education Assessment includes the Director of Student Support Services and support staff. The Director of Student Support Services ensures effective, efficient delivery of special education and other student support services throughout the SU.

The Special Education Assessment based on the Proposed FY2016 Budget is shown below. The Assessment is eligible for approximately 56% reimbursement through the State’s special education funding formula. The reimbursement generated on the Assessment is sent directly to the local school districts and is reflected in the school districts’ revenues, not the supervisory union.

		SpEd Reimbursement Received Directly by School District	Net Cost SpEd Assessment
Fayston	\$ 8,129	\$ 4,618	\$ 3,511
Moretown	\$ 8,487	\$ 4,822	\$ 3,666
Waitsfield	\$ 11,371	\$ 6,460	\$ 4,911
Warren	\$ 12,138	\$ 6,896	\$ 5,242
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$ 54,662	\$31,054	\$23,609
Harwood Union	<u>\$ 59,086</u>	<u>\$33,567</u>	<u>\$25,519</u>
Total	\$153,875	\$87,417	\$66,458

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Finance Director/ Fiscal Services Assessment

The Finance Director and Fiscal Services Assessment includes the Director of Finance and Operations and her support staff as well as the cost of an annual financial audit of the supervisory union performed by a certified public accounting firm and the cost of all computerized accounting systems and applications.

The Director of Finance and fiscal services staff are responsible for all financial matters including developing budgets, all financial reports, internal controls, management of cash and investments, payroll and accounts payable for all school districts in the supervisory union. Responsibilities also include a variety of local, state and federal reporting requirements, grants management, construction management and risk management. In addition, the Director of Finance works collaboratively with the administrators to support food service, facilities and transportation operations. Based on the Proposed FY2016 budget, the combined Business Manager & Fiscal Services Assessment is as follows:

Fayston	\$ 25,027
Moretown	\$ 26,128
Waitsfield	\$ 35,007
Warren	\$ 37,367
Waterbury-Duxbury	\$168,277
Harwood Union	<u>\$181,897</u>
Total	\$473,702

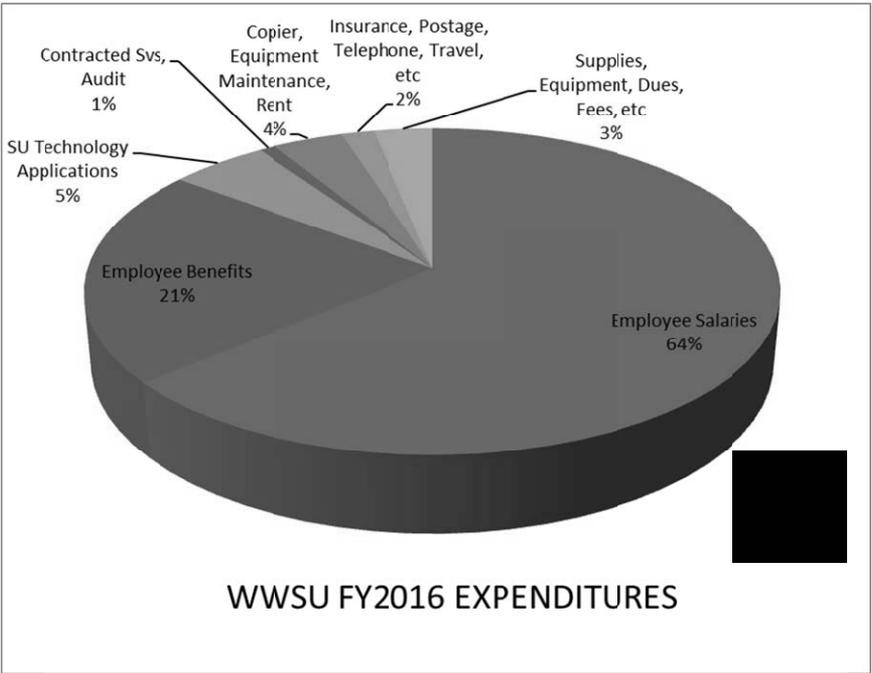
In total the General, Special Education, and Finance/Fiscal Services expenses that make up the WWSU Central Office Assessment are \$1,288,863, based on the FY2016 Budget. The increase in the overall budget is 4.7%.

The supervisory union general fund expenditure budget is offset by interest income and administrative funds from federal grants, and the net amount is assessed to member school districts based on equalized pupils. The FY2016 net assessment is \$1,270,484, or a 5% increase.

Overall, the supervisory union central office assessment represents approximately 3.8% of total general fund expenses of \$33,528,221(FY2015) managed by the supervisory union for itself and member districts. The percentage of total expenses for the central office is actually lower than 3.8%, if, in addition to the general fund, consideration is also given to the amount of special revenue grants (over \$2M), and proprietary funds managed by the supervisory union. The FY2015 and FY2016 Assessment is below.

	FY2015	FY2015 Equalized Pupils (Frozen)	%	FY2016 Proposed	FY2016 Equalized Pupils (Frozen)		\$ Change	Increase as a % 2015 District Budget
Fayston	\$ 62,473	97.09	5.16%	\$ 67,122	97.22	5.28%	\$ 4,649	0.27%
Moretown	\$ 64,776	100.67	5.35%	\$ 70,077	101.50	5.52%	\$ 5,301	0.25%
Waitsfield	\$ 87,831	136.50	7.26%	\$ 93,889	135.99	7.39%	\$ 6,058	0.25%
Warren	\$ 95,688	148.71	7.91%	\$ 100,220	145.16	7.89%	\$ 4,532	0.19%
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	\$ 421,525	655.10	34.82%	\$ 451,323	653.70	35.52%	\$ 29,798	0.26%
Harwood Union HS #19	\$ 478,129	743.07	39.50%	\$ 487,853	706.61	38.40%	\$ 9,724	0.07%
	<u>\$ 1,210,422</u>	<u>1,881.14</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 1,270,484</u>	<u>1,840.18</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 60,062</u>	

Washington West Supervisory Union (WWSU)  
2015-2016 General Fund Budget Information



Washington West 5 Year Kindergarten through Grade 12 Enrollment on October 1st

*Note this is all Enrollment including Resident, School Choice, Tuition and Foreign Exchange*

	October 1st					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<u>Fayston Elementary School</u>						
Grade K	19	12	12	12	12	9
Grade 1	11	19	10	12	12	9
Grade 2	17	14	19	11	14	14
Grade 3	12	17	13	20	11	14
Grade 4	18	12	15	14	20	10
Grade 5	15	17	11	14	15	18
Grade 6	20	16	17	11	17	17
Total	112	107	97	94	101	91

Moretown Elementary School

Grade K	14	16	18	13	12	16
Grade 1	13	17	13	13	13	15
Grade 2	14	12	14	14	13	14
Grade 3	19	11	12	13	16	13
Grade 4	16	21	12	13	14	15
Grade 5	19	16	20	11	14	15
Grade 6	25	21	17	20	11	14
Total K to Grade 6	120	114	106	97	93	102

Waitsfield Elementary School

Grade K	19	15	19	16	21	19
Grade 1	27	18	16	16	15	18
Grade 2	25	25	17	17	18	14
Grade 3	14	25	25	16	19	16
Grade 4	28	12	23	25	16	20
Grade 5	17	28	10	27	26	17
Grade 6	24	15	24	12	27	24
Total K to Grade 6	154	138	134	129	142	128

Warren Elementary School

Grade K	23	17	26	17	14	22
Grade 1	22	21	18	30	20	16
Grade 2	27	23	20	18	28	19
Grade 3	17	29	22	21	18	32
Grade 4	20	16	30	25	25	18
Grade 5	28	22	17	30	23	26
Grade 6	11	26	21	17	27	23
Total K to Grade 6	148	154	154	158	155	156

## Washington West 5 Year Kindergarten through Grade 12 Enrollment on October 1st

Note this is all Enrollment including Resident, School Choice, Tuition and Foreign Exchange

	October 1st					
<u>Thatcher Brook PS</u>						
Grade K	67	75	65	83	71	76
Grade 1	69	69	81	66	78	76
Grade 2	65	64	72	77	64	72
Grade 3	72	62	63	71	74	61
Grade 4	70	74	65	60	70	74
Total K to Grade 4	343	344	346	357	357	359
<u>Crossett Brook Middle School</u>						
Grade 5	73	71	72	67	60	72
Grade 6	72	74	72	71	62	61
Grade 7	57	74	73	69	71	58
Grade 8	81	54	74	75	71	75
Total Grade 5 to Grade 8	283	273	291	282	264	266
Total Waterbury Duxbury	626	617	637	639	621	625
<u>Harwood Union</u>						
Grade 7	67	76	78	81	61	78
Grade 8	81	67	75	67	74	53
Grade 9	157	155	122	137	140	141
Grade 10	147	157	153	123	137	141
Grade 11	155	143	151	156	113	134
Grade 12	173	168	155	171	162	112
Total Grade 7 to Grade 12	780	766	734	735	687	659
Total Washington West K to Grade 12	1,940	1,896	1,862	1,852	1,799	1,761
Pre-Kindergarten (includes partnership)	159	157	151	187	178	181
Total Washington West PK to Grade 12	2,099	2,053	2,013	2,039	1,977	1,942

WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
Summary General Fund Budget

	FY2014 Budget	FY2014 Actual	FY2015 Budget	FY2016 Proposed
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>General</b> (Includes Superintendent's Office, Curriculum & Assessment and Technology)				
Salaries	\$ 369,940	\$ 384,630	\$ 387,603	\$ 401,373
Benefits	100,411	94,908	109,343	111,848
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	129,303	137,178	150,236	138,986
	<u>\$ 599,654</u>	<u>\$ 616,716</u>	<u>\$ 647,182</u>	<u>\$ 652,207</u>

<b>Special Education</b>				
Salaries	\$ 104,221	\$ 101,162	\$ 116,959	\$ 120,675
Benefits	32,451	32,272	32,355	33,926
Contracted Services, Supplies, and Operating Costs	1,515	1,207	1,515	1,500
	<u>\$ 138,187</u>	<u>\$ 134,641</u>	<u>\$ 150,829</u>	<u>\$ 156,101</u>

<b>Finance Director/Fiscal Services</b>				
Salaries	\$ 270,859	\$ 271,436	\$ 280,407	\$ 299,959
Benefits	109,863	99,268	109,982	131,472
Contracted Services, Supplies, Accounting Applications and Operating Costs	17,100	9,361	42,901	49,125
	<u>\$ 397,822</u>	<u>\$ 380,065</u>	<u>\$ 433,289</u>	<u>\$ 480,555</u>

Total SU General Fund Expenditures \$ 1,135,663 \$ 1,131,421 \$ 1,231,300 \$ 1,288,863

<b>Revenue</b>				
Interest	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants and Other	10,000	15,137	10,000	9,500
Prior Year Fund Balance	25,999	17,120	10,878	8,879
<i>General Assessment</i>	<i>580,381</i>	<i>580,381</i>	<i>636,209</i>	<i>642,907</i>
<i>Special Education Assessment</i>	<i>133,746</i>	<i>133,746</i>	<i>148,271</i>	<i>153,875</i>
<i>Business/Fiscal Svs Assessment</i>	<i>385,037</i>	<i>385,037</i>	<i>425,943</i>	<i>473,702</i>
<b>Total Assessments to Member Districts</b>	<b>1,099,164</b>	<b>1,099,164</b>	<b>1,210,422</b>	<b>1,270,484</b>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 1,135,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,288,863</u>

Assessments to Member Districts Based on EQUALIZED PUPILS

				FY2016 EP'S Frozen
Fayston	\$ 57,635	\$ 62,473	\$ 67,122	97.22
Moretown	60,766	64,776	70,077	101.50
Waitsfield	80,556	87,831	93,889	135.99
Warren	90,451	95,688	100,220	145.16
Waterbury-Duxbury Union #45	392,722	421,525	487,853	653.70
Harwood Union HS #19	417,034	478,129	451,323	706.61
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,099,164</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,210,422</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,270,484</b></u>	1,840.18

## WAITSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2014 Annual Report

On April 16, the Historical Society's first program of the year was a Pot Luck Dinner at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Christ. The attendees were then entertained by listening to stories of "Sugaring: Then and Now" by speakers Huguette Abbott, Hadley Gaylord, Paul Hartshorn, Kathi Orr, and Fred Messer. We had 61 people attend the evening of great home cooking and many enjoyable stories that was televised by MRV TV (see video on our web site).



"Pot Luck Dinner" and "Sugaring: Then and Now"

On June 22, the Museum room at the Wait House opened a display of wedding clothing titled "Brides of the Century, 1845-1945" with a reception of wedding cake and champagne for all who attended. Judy Dodds, our Curator, organized the show and had a few of the society members help set it up. This display will be up for at least a year.

On August 27, we had our Annual Meeting/Dinner at the Lareau Pavilion on a beautiful evening. Fifty people attended, enjoyed the delicious barbecue presented by Lisabeth and crew, music by the Mad Mountain Scramblers, and took chances on winning their choice of 3 gift baskets which each consisted of a \$200 retail value, or a night stay at the Lareau Farm Inn. This was all possible due to the generosity of many local merchants.

Update on the Carriage Barn work, which started Aug. 2009 to date: A total of \$10,685 has been spent on repairs to the Carriage Barn alone, thanks to donations through the years including prize money won for the "Festival of Lights" displays at the Wait House several years back. The

2014 work done was to repair the ceiling in the barn that was extremely deteriorated, most likely due to a leaky roof, and to remove much debris from the loft area, which was mostly rotted wood, etc. There is a Powder Post Beetle problem that now can be addressed this year.

In March of 2014, in order to see if we could be eligible to apply for a Barn Grant, Bob Burley arranged to have Eric Gilbertson of the Preservation Trust of Vermont examine the so-called “Dairy Barn.” His suggestion was to search for information to see if this was in fact, a typical Vermont Dairy Barn (on a large scale) and if not, the Division would classify it as an in-town Carriage Barn. We would then be eligible to apply for a normal State Historic Preservation Grant. In the condition of this “Dairy Barn” (possibly a multi-animal barn at the time) we could not for see taking on this project of such magnitude without the help of a grant, along with donations and possibly fundraisers. Something should be done soon if we plan to keep it at all. Along with the Wait House, the barns of the 1800s should also be kept for town history sake. We are able to present programs in the Carriage Barn now (thanks to your donations) and would like to have the adjoining barn be usable and show what life was like in the 1800s in order to survive.



“Brides of the Century”



WHS Annual Meeting/Dinner

We are also looking into putting our entire archival collection on the computer in order to be able to search for items when people make requests. There is a program that most Historical Society’s use called “Past Perfect.” It is a rather expensive program, especially when you add

the “support system” to it. We may consider a fundraiser in order to move forward with this.

We continue to meet 5 or 6 times a year on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00pm at the Wait House and we welcome the public. Please check the Valley Reporter or our web site ([www.waitsfieldhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.waitsfieldhistoricalsociety.com)) for the dates.

Our Board members are: Lois De Heer, Pres. & Treas.; Peter Laskowski, Vice Pres.; Barbara Mansfield, Sec.; Judy Dodds, Curator; Ruth Pestle, Shirley Viens, Sandra Reilly, Sue Dillon, Bob Burley & Jack Smith. Any questions or interest in membership to the Historical Society, please contact Lois De Heer or Judy Dodds.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lois De Heer, President/Treasurer

[www.waitsfieldhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.waitsfieldhistoricalsociety.com)

## MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT 2014 Annual Report

The Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) was created in 1985 by the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield & Warren to carry out a program of planning for the MRV directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic well-being. To this end, MRVPD provides professional planning, leadership, partnership, awareness, and grant support. In 2014, MRVPD added a part-time Planning Coordinator and intern to assist its Executive Director. MRVPD brought \$497k in grants to the MRV this year, either through direct grant pursuit or through guidance to town officials or local entities, totaling \$2.47 million since 2009. Below are a few highlights from 2014:

**Economic Development:** The Vermont Downtown Action Team (V-DAT) reports for Waitsfield & Warren Villages are finalized. MRVPD is working with each town to implement their recommendations. MRVPD hosted a MRV Economic Summit & Community Picnic on 6/4/14 with the help of many organizations, businesses and individuals. The event served to discuss the findings of the *2014 MRV Economic Study*, a fact-based assessment of the MRV's economic health.

**Flood Resilience:** Final reports were produced from MRVPD's partnerships with the EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program and the Stockholm Resilience Centre. MRVPD is focusing on next steps that enhance long-term flood resilience.

**Budget:** For FY14, MRVPD requests \$31,393 from each of its four funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush, a funding increase of 2% over last year. A 7-voting member Steering Committee oversees MRVPD activities. Representatives from Sugarbush and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve as non-voting members. Meetings are open to the public on the third Thursday of each month at the General Wait House in Waitsfield, 7:00pm.

### Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Bob Ackland (Warren), Chair	Steve Shea (Waitsfield)
Jim Sanford (Warren), Vice Chair	Peter Hans (MRV Chamber)
Jared Cadwell (Fayston)	Margo Wade (Sugarbush)
Carol Chamberlin (Fayston)	Laurie Emery (CVRPC)
Chris Pierson (Waitsfield)	

Respectfully Submitted, Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director

**MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING  
DISTRICT  
FY 2016 Budget**

Fiscal Year is March 1 to February 28

	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>
	<i>dues at \$31,393</i>
Towns	\$94,180
Sugarbush	\$31,393
Carryover	\$3,659
Accts Receivable	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,232</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b><u>Projected</u></b>
	<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>
Persl/fringe	\$110,019
Rent	\$4,600
Telephone	\$1,804
Supplies	\$955
Travel	\$1,273
D/P/wrkshp	\$530
Conference	\$900
Office Ins.	\$400
CVR Admn	\$4,750
Equipment	\$500
Tri BOS	\$300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,031</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$3,201</b>

## MAD RIVER VALLY RECREATION DISTRICT 2014 Annual Report

Since its inception in 1993 the Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) has evolved into an organization that provides financing and additional support to assist new and existing recreation programs within the membership towns of Fayston, Warren and Waitsfield. MRVRD distributes funds upon review and approval of a submitted proposal and budget.

The MRVRD continued the yearly support of the Skatium, the Mad River Path Association, and the Mad River Park, the latter to help maintain the soccer and lacrosse fields as well as to lease the field for public use. Other contributions included support for 4<sup>th</sup> grade Girls on the Run participants as well as filling a gap for the Warren Ski Program.

MRVRD is requesting funds for the fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$12,500 from each contributing town, which is the same amount as last year. We have projected grants of more than \$35,000 for the year with actual requests for more than \$55,000.

The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to contact any member of the Board to discuss funding guidelines for their proposals or programs. The Board meets monthly to discuss requests and encourages involvement and input from community members. Our meetings are always open to the public are usually held at the Fayston Elementary School. Please send your grant requests to Doug Bergstein at 591 Lincoln Gap in Warren.

The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 2-3 year terms. We are looking for one or two more members from Fayston and one more member from Warren and Waitsfield. Contact any of us if you are interested.

Jeff Whittingham, Waitsfield – President  
Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer  
Jonathon Goldhammer, Waitsfield - Secretary  
Dayna Lisaius, Warren  
John Stokes, Fayston

**MAD RIVER VALLY RECREATION DISTRICT  
2014 Budget Report**

<b>Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2014)</b>	<b>\$29,317.84</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Funding from towns	\$37,500.00
Interest & debit	\$0.33
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$37,500.33</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Couples Club	\$3,000.00
Girls on the Run	\$560.00
Mad River Park	\$6,000.00
Mad River Path	\$8,000.00
Mad River Riders	\$10,000.00
Mad River Ridge Runners	\$1,105.00
Skatium	\$5,491.12
Warren School Ski Program	\$1,250.00
Misc.	\$50.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,456.12</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2014)</b>	<b>\$31,362.05</b>
Projected Grants for 2015	\$35,000.00

## MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE 2014 Report

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA) includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Northfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes. Northfield and Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2014, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events, one at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 10, 2014 and one at the Northfield Fire Station October 4, 2014. A total of 549 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 6.8% of our population. We collected over 1,423 gallons, 43,831 pounds and 4,028 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) or up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps. We are again planning two collection day events in 2015, one at Harwood Union High School and one at the Northfield Fire Station. They are scheduled for May 9 and October 3, 2015.

A total of 178 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tanks during 2014. The tanks are located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station and the Northfield Transfer Station.

Both Grow Compost of Vermont and the Central Vermont Solid Waste District collected food scraps and food processing residuals that have been diverted from the Washington West Supervisory Union school waste streams and other large generators in the MRRMA. A total of 126.5 tons of the food scraps and processing residuals were composted at

the Grow Compost of Vermont facility in Moretown. The Alliance textile recycling program is located at the “Amish Barn” adjacent to the driveway at the Moretown Town Office on Route 2. You can bring all your clean clothing, linens, plush toys, and shoes to this site at no charge. A total of 3.03 Tons were collected in 2014. Visit our web site at [madriverrma.org](http://madriverrma.org). You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site. Composting workshops and displays were done in Moretown, Northfield and Waitsfield. A Trash on the Lawn Day was held at the Northfield Middle and High School.

The eighteenth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 79 compost bins and 18 kitchen collectors. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We will hold our Nineteenth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2014. A total of 9.02 tons of tires and ~1 ton of metal were collected during this event. In the fall Alliance residents participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 25, 2014. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 2, 2015. In the fall, the Alliance will again coordinate with the organizers of the Wheels for Warmth Program in Middlesex to encourage participation in this program.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Computers, printers, monitors, and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station, the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury, or the Northfield Transfer Station. During 2014 more than 29 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a

member of the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues.

Currently we are drafting the new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) to be compatible with the Vermont Materials Management Plan and the new Universal Recycling Act. The draft will be attached to our web site and you are invited to participate in the development and implementation of the SWIP.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together.

The FY 15 assessment for the administrative and program costs is \$4.00 per capita. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission provides accounting support to the Alliance. We thank them for this assistance.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Duxbury; Diane Lynch; Fayston, Bob Vasseur; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Northfield, Ruth Rutenberg; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Cindi Jones; Waterbury, Alec Tuscan; and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance. This year Ed Steele, the Waterbury Representative to the Alliance since its inception retired from the board. We thank him for his long term commitment to the MRRMA.

**MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE  
2015 BUDGET**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Actual</b> 2014 \$2.75	<b>Budget</b> 2015 \$4.00
Town Assessments Per Capita	(\$4.00)		
Based on 2	2010 Population		
Duxbury	1,337	\$3,677	\$5,348
Fayston	1,353	\$3,721	\$5,412
Moretown	1,658	\$4,560	\$6,632
Northfield	6,207	\$17,069	\$24,828
Roxbury	691	\$1,900	\$2,764
Waitsfield	1,719	\$4,727	\$6,876
Warren	1,705	\$4,689	\$6,820
Waterbury	5,064	\$13,926	\$20,256
Subtotal Assessment (19,338)	19,734	\$54,269	\$78,936
MLF Education		\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Education Income</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Household Hazardous Waste:			
MLF HHW		\$0	\$0
Ag. Pest. Grant		\$4,979	\$7,500
Small Quantity Generators		\$1,500	\$2,500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant		\$12,886	\$12,881
<b>Subtotal HHW Income:</b>		<b>\$19,365</b>	<b>\$22,881</b>
Miscellaneous Income:			
Compost Bins		\$4,350	\$3,250
Tires		\$1,500	\$1,500
Electronic Waste		\$100	\$0
FEMA HHW Flood Reimbursement		\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Misc. Income</b>		<b>\$5,950</b>	<b>\$4,750</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$79,584</b>	<b>\$106,567</b>

**MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE  
2015 BUDGET**

**EXPENSES:**

**Administration:**

Administration 719 hours	\$22,344	\$29,754
Travel/Office	\$1,000	\$1,000
Insurance	\$1,218	\$1,218
Solid Waste Manager Association	\$1,283	\$1,283

**Education:**

Administra 333 hours	444 hour: \$12,654	\$16,872
Travel/Office	\$500	\$500
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing	\$7,500	\$7,500
Educational Programs	\$2,300	\$4,000
GreenUp/Website/Special Events	\$1,000	\$2,000
N.R.R.A. Membership	\$180	\$180
Conference	\$600	\$600
Product Stewardship Institute	\$250	\$300
<b>Subtotal Education</b>	<b>\$24,984</b>	<b>\$31,952</b>

Household Hazardous Waste:

Administration 275 hours	\$7,828	\$10,450
Travel/Office	\$1,000	\$1,000
HHW Contractor	\$34,000	\$26,000
<b>Subtotal HHW:</b>	<b>\$42,828</b>	<b>\$37,450</b>

**Misc. Expenses:**

Equipment Maintenance	\$150	\$150
Tire Collection	\$1,000	\$1,000
Electronic Waste	\$100	\$0
Compost Bins	\$5,352	\$1,892
<b>Subtotal Miscellaneous:</b>	<b>\$6,602</b>	<b>\$3,042</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$100,259</b>	<b>\$105,699</b>
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## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission has been providing planning and development assistance to communities since 1967 through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. CVRPC is governed by appointed representatives from each municipality in the region.

The Commission provides assistance on municipal plan and bylaw updates, and this year continued its focus on town planning and consultations with local officials. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and make recommendations on projects that should be included in the State Transportation Agency's 5 year capital program. CVRPC also continued its work on the development of local hazard mitigation plans, population and housing growth, and river and stream assessments to support transportation and water quality improvements. The Commission has also been actively involved in assisting towns with the development or updates of LEOP's (Local Emergency Operations Plans). The Commission's work continued this year with providing assistance to towns on flood issues from Tropical Storm Irene and subsequent storms. Assessment and mapping services were provided to those towns impacted, and work is ongoing as it relates to procuring grant funds for repairs to local infrastructure. CVRPC continued its work with towns on assessing green infrastructure barriers and developing language for town plans and bylaws, as well as finalizing the draft Forest Stewardship Plan. CVRPC is updating the Regional Plan with its "*Plan Central Vermont*" outreach effort to involve members and residents in the work of building a sustainable and engaged Region.

This year, the Commission supported the efforts of the Town of Waitsfield through assistance with: the Mad River Valley Planning District, Mad River Resource Management Alliance, Mad River Byway, local emergency operation plan and local hazard mitigation plan, sidewalk study, updated bridge and culvert inventory, Safe Routes to School Program, town plan assistance, comprehensive review of the Zoning Bylaws, and flood mitigation grant assistance.

The Commission also sponsors regional planning programs, provides a forum for inter-municipal cooperation, and participates in state

regulatory proceedings for projects that have impact across municipal boundaries. Significant staff time this year was spent working with municipalities on mapping and analysis of current bylaws to understand how they influence future development patterns. CVRPC can also provide model bylaws and assist municipalities with the administration of grants.

Thank you for your continued support for local and regional planning. Please call us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, recreation, mapping, or data needs. For more information, you can reach us at (802) 229-0389, or visit our website [www.centralvtplanning.org](http://www.centralvtplanning.org) and [Find us on Facebook!](#)

Susan M. Sinclair, Executive Director  
Don La Haye, Commissioner

**MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.  
2014 TOWN REPORT**

The Mad River Valley Senior Citizens (MRVSC) Board of Directors would like to thank the select boards, businesses, and citizens of the Mad River Valley for supporting our mission to provide nutritional meals and promote social connection and access to health resources for seniors in our community. The Central Vermont Community Land Trust, CVCLT, provides MRVSC with kitchen and dining space at its Evergreen Place housing facility, located on Route 100 in Waitsfield, just north of the Route 100/Route 17 junction. In FY2014, we served over 6,500 meals at the senior center dining room and to our home-delivery clients, via three weekly group meals (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays) at the senior center and daily meals for Meals on Wheels clients (Mondays-Fridays plus weekend frozen meals). In 2014, we expanded breakfast service on Mondays to a diner-style menu from 8-10AM, cooked to order by Walter Brink. All meals are by donation. Information on meals and activities is listed in the Valley Reporter and shared on Front Porch Forum.

In addition to donations from patrons and clients, MRVSC receives the bulk of its financial support from the Central Vermont Council on Aging, the four Valley towns, Vermont Center for Independent Living, and community donations. The Mad River Valley Rotary and the Warren Church as well as a host of local businesses and individuals provided us with generous donations this year. We held a successful Meals on Wheels fundraiser at the Waitsfield Inn in December, and received many year-end donations via mail and our coin collection cans at area retailers. In 2014, we received extra funding through the Central Vermont Council on Aging to allow us to purchase more local produce and meats for our meals. Many thanks to area farmers for supplying us so well this year.

Volunteers are essential to our operations, from kitchen prep, serving, and cleaning to meals delivery. We would like to thank our vital volunteers (over 35 community members) who volunteered time at meals, calling bingo, harvesting berries, as speakers, and delivering meals in 2014. MRVSC coordinates activities, lectures, and wellness resources with area health agencies, including the Support and Services at Home (SASH) program and the Council of Vermont Elders (COVE). SASH program staff members Kenneth Russell and Boo Smith, RN are onsite in Evergreen Place on Tuesdays and provide free exercise programs, games, educational talks, and blood pressure checks. Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice provides nursing support for monthly foot clinics and seasonal flu clinics.

In 2014, we were able to finance two popular field trips for seniors with help from a grant from the Planseon Trust, administered by the Warren Church. We look forward to planning another trip soon, and to partnering with area senior centers to offer more field trips and travel opportunities. 2014 also saw some staff changes, as we welcomed two new cooks, Austin Ricketts and Walter Brink. We employ a part-time site coordinator, Dara Torre, to manage reporting, outreach, and planning. The Central Vermont Council on Aging and the Vermont Foodbank provide us with ongoing support and trainings. We receive wonderful support from the staff at Bookkeeping, Etc. Our sincere thanks to Lorraine Wimble for her twelve years of service, and to outgoing board treasurer, Val Hale, for all her guidance over the past nine years. We welcomed three new talented board members this year, Sue Stoehr, Nancy Emory, and Vickie Walluck.

Our goal is to provide high quality meals and a safe, friendly community space for Mad River Valley seniors, and your feedback is important to us. If you have suggestions or questions for us, please contact the MRVSC board at [mrvsc@gmavt.net](mailto:mrvsc@gmavt.net).

Respectfully Submitted: MRVSC Board of Directors - Fran Plewak, President; Vince Gauthier, Vice-President; Vickie Walluck, Treasurer; Susan Stoehr, Secretary; Marise Lane; Nancy Emory; Alice Tenbeau, MOW Co-Coordinator; Gene Fialkoff, MOW Co-Coordinator



Mad River Valley seniors taking the bus.

Photo: D. Torre

## MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER 2014 Report



The Mad River Valley Health Center (MRVHC) is committed to promoting and facilitating access to health services to the local community. We wish to thank the Valley towns for their financial contributions to MRVHC in the past, and look forward to your continued support of our mission.

Our key accomplishments for this year:

- Organized and ran the “Chez Henri Cup Challenge” ski race with a record amount raised by the event.
- Co-ordinated the “Kids Fun Run” at the “Mad Dash”.
- Worked with “Safe Routes to School” by granting easements to the Town of Waitsfield and Green Mountain Power so that Old County Rd. can intersect with Rt. 100 at 90°.
- Held the fifth annual “Bike and Trike Sale”.
- Stored and distributed bike racks throughout the Valley.
- Connected to the municipal water system.

In addition to our own fund-raising efforts and rental income, the Health Center relies heavily on contributions from the Valley Towns in order to cover operating expenses. These contributions allow MRVHC to offer quality space to healthcare providers at a competitive rate. We respectfully request the same contribution as last year as determined by the number of residents using the facility.

Fayston	\$5,000
Waitsfield	\$5,000
Warren	\$5,000

Financial support from the Valley Towns enables the MRVHC to achieve its mission and best serve the community. Specifically, the Health Center is:

- A modern, community owned, health center in keeping with the character of the Valley.
- A custom designed medical office space leased to a variety of healthcare providers including Family Practice, Mental Health, Alternative Medicine and Physical Therapy. The building provides improved privacy and confidentiality and is fully accessible by the disabled and Mad River Valley Ambulance.

- An active and growing resource for a wide variety of community Health Education services and workshops.

Together, MRVHC and the Valley Towns will continue our partnership to provide the Mad River Valley Community with excellent healthcare for all residents and visitors.

Thank you,

The MRVHC Board of Directors

Jack Miner (Warren) - President  
Laura Carleau (Fayston) - Vice President  
Duncan Brines (Waitsfield) - Treasurer  
Susan Marks (Moretown) - Secretary  
Maxine Grad (Moretown)  
Betty Mccaffrey (Fayston)  
Gene Scarpato (Waitsfield)  
John Hale (Warren)

## **MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE 2014 Annual Report**

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service takes great pride striving to provide the highest quality of EMS and Rescue service for the four Valley communities.

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service (MRVAS) has been your local, volunteer ambulance service since 1970.

MRVAS provides 24-hour Emergency Medical Service to anyone in the Mad River Valley. We keep pace with the ever-evolving needs of the community and advances in medical care through ongoing training, high-quality equipment and technological upgrades. This year MRVAS responded to a record number of emergency calls, 440.

A highly dedicated group of 60+ volunteers, many with advanced certification, perform emergency response, advanced life support and timely transportation services.

MRVAS volunteers contribute an average of 60 hours per month with no financial compensation.

MRVAS operates with four departments and many members volunteer in multiple disciplines:

- EMTs undergo state-certified, ongoing training in classroom and clinic at basic or advanced levels. They attend to the medical needs of patients during transport to the hospital and operate under the control of the Central Vermont Medical Center Emergency Department. Every crew includes advanced-care EMTs who provide pharmacological, advanced airway and circulation interventions, while non-MRVAS Paramedics are available on-call.
- Drivers operate three type-II ambulances (two are four-wheel drive) and a type-I four-wheel-drive rescue vehicle. DHART helicopter service provides time-sensitive transport of critically injured patients.
- Dispatchers answer ‘the call’ and dispatch crew and vehicles. As the first contact for a patient, they ensure that the appropriate

MRVAS services get to the right place ASAP. They do this from their home or business with calm, efficient communication.

- Rescue includes EMTs, drivers, local firefighters and other volunteers. This team extracts patients from motor vehicle accidents or other complex situations requiring specialized equipment and techniques, including snowmobile, off-road and water rescues.

Mad River Valley Ambulance is always looking for new volunteers; please call 496-8888 or visit our web site at [www.mrvas.org](http://www.mrvas.org) for more information. Also, we use the E-911 system and look for E-911 numbers when responding to every emergency location. Is your location marked so we could find you in an emergency? Please help and make sure your numbers are in place and clearly visible from both directions when approaching your driveway.

We wish to thank our Valley residents, second home owners and visitors who support our dedicated staff of volunteers. It is with your generous donations and subscriptions for service that allow us to function as a well-trained team of professionals. Unlike many services in our neighboring communities we continue to provide our services without receiving any municipal funding. It is our pleasure to serve you.

Please consider a donation or consider volunteering! We need your support.

If you have any question please contact our office at 496-8888 or visit our website listed above.

Sara Van Schaick, EMT  
President, MRVAS

## MRVTV- MAD RIVER VALLEY TELEVISION 2014 Town Report

MRV TV HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR: Municipal meetings and statewide programming galore.....

Mad River Valley Television is the Valley's public access television station dedicated to giving community members access to the airwaves. MRV TV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) are part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. MRV TV broadcasts local programs with a focus on public, educational and governmental (PEG) programming such as town meetings, candidate forums, and community events. In 2014 Mad River Valley Television covered nearly every meeting of the Waitsfield Selectboard, as well as most meetings of the Waitsfield Elementary and Harwood Union School Boards. All meetings are up on the MRV TV website, [www.mrvtv.com](http://www.mrvtv.com), within a few days of their airing on the cable channel.

In 2014 MRV TV made much wider use of the great mix of statewide programming available on the Vermont Media Exchange (VMX). We showed over 200 VMX programs produced by other public access centers around the state, with many timely governmental programs coming from the VT Statehouse.

Mad River TV received a grant in 2014 from the Vermont Community Foundation to produce a video to inspire our citizens in looking at the Mad River watershed, and what it means to the Valley. We began working with the HUB (Harwood Unlimited Boundaries) program at HUHS and other community members, and plan a premiere of "It's Our River, and Yours" sometime in the late spring.

Mad River Television has continued focusing on partnering with area non-profits that serve the Valley to provide coverage of the valuable programs they sponsor. In 2014 MRV TV had a wide range of shows from these community nonprofit producers. Our regulars, Vermont Dog Rescue, Green Mountain Global Forum, and Hannah's House, all produced many programs and talks aimed at the interested public. We also get community volunteers to produce the many local school concerts and plays that show to a delighted audience. The station encourages nonprofits to identify someone in their own organization who would become the "media person" for coverage, or potentially include MRV

TV in budgets or grants to support our coverage as a way of providing outreach and visibility for the nonprofits' programs.

From the first show aired in 2000, detailing the planned Lareau swim hole, to the full 2 channel line-up that is now offered, MRV TV continues to be available to the community with training



MRVTV at solar array ribbon cutting.

Photo: Jeff Knight

on equipment so the public can produce shows and access “their” airwaves. MRV TV also has a full studio available for taping shows and accepts prepared programs for broadcast. MRV TV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Additionally, each year the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren have granted MRV TV sponsorships funds, which help to defray the cost of municipal meeting coverage.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRV TV, please contact Alex Maclay, our Station Manager, or Tony Italiano, our Technical Director/Media Manager, at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email at [tv@mrvtv.com](mailto:tv@mrvtv.com). You also can just stop by studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, selected programs, our schedules, and lots of affiliated information on the web at [www.mrvtv.com](http://www.mrvtv.com).

Members of the MRV TV board are: John Daniell, Dan Eckstein, Deborah Feldman, Michael Hock, Lisa Italiano, Liz Levey, Lisa Loomis, Brian Shupe, and Rob Williams. We meet quarterly and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member. You can find staff and board contact information on our website. Please stop by to see what community access can do for you!



## 2014 Annual Report to Mad River Watershed Towns

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*Friends of the Mad River (FMR) is a community-supported, non-profit organization committed to protecting and enhancing the valued ecological, recreational, and community resources of the Mad River and its watershed. More info is available at: [www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org](http://www.FriendsoftheMadRiver.org).*

Resilience is the capacity of a system to change and adapt, to recover health after a stressor. Resilience is about being smarter, not necessarily stronger. Efforts to build resilient Mad River ecosystems and communities are a focus at FMR in response to predictions of a changing climate and our own local experiences with increasing flooding and flood intensity. FMR uses several key strategies to help build ecological and community resilience that safeguard our quality of life in the MRV into the future. Highlights from FMR's 2014 work are below.

“Slow, spread, and sink” stormwater runoff from buildings, roads and farms since fast moving stormwater exacerbates flooding and the pollutants it carries diminish water quality:

- Researched Mad River Glen's parking area and designed renovations that stabilize its drainage path and prevent sedimentation to Mill Brook. We are currently working with MRG to secure construction funds.
- Acquired funding for “stormwater master planning” at Harwood Union Middle/High School. An engineer will design a suite of stormwater retrofits to dramatically reduce pollution and sedimentation from the school buildings and parking lots into Dowsville Brook. A school and community committee will guide progress.

Restore riparian buffers to slow and filter stormwater runoff, moderate flooding and provide wildlife habitat:

- Collaborated with UVM LANDS Program to inventory five years of FMR riparian buffer planting sites and outline recommendations for long-term stewardship at these sites.
- Provided technical assistance to the Town of Warren as the Selectboard and Conservation Commission consider management of three town-owned properties along the Mad River. Management aims to maximize floodplain function for downstream landowners and recreational value

for all. With US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) assistance and our own Riparian Buffer Restoration Fund, we'll plant trees and shrubs that strengthen the riparian buffer at Riverside Park in 2015.

Improve transportation infrastructure (roads, culverts, bridges) to reduce long-term maintenance costs and environmental impacts:

- Partnered with the Town of Fayston, FWS, and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department to replace a high priority culvert on Lockwood Brook. The new, larger culvert provides brook trout access to upstream cold water habitat and allows flood waters to pass without damage to public and private property.

Monitor water quality and ecosystem health and share information with the community:

- Collected 432 water samples from 36 sites across the watershed throughout the summer with the help of ten dedicated volunteers. We analyzed samples from all sites for *E. coli* presence and samples from 18 sites for phosphorus and turbidity levels. We published results in the Valley Reporter, on FMR's website and Facebook page, on signs at nine swimming holes, and have submitted results to the State for further analysis.
- Published the *State of the Watershed Report* that serves as a "checkup" for the watershed, recording its vitals and celebrating the steps we've taken with our members, volunteers, and the larger community towards its good health. The Report is available in PDF form on our website or in publication form in our office.
- Worked with five local school classes to investigate the river ecosystem, connect students with the place they live, and enhance hands-on inquiry in the curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrie Miller  
Executive Director

**Board of Directors:**

Kinny Perot, President  
Jack Byrne, Vice-President  
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Ned Kelley  
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## MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION 2014 Town Report

The vision of the Mad River Path Association (MRPA) is for a network of public pathways throughout the Mad River Valley. The organization is governed by a 12-member board of directors and employs a full-time Executive Director.

In 2014, the MRPA had an operating budget of approximately \$85,000, 9.6% of which came from the Mad River Valley Recreation District, which is, in turn, funded by the towns of Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston. The remainder is funded through events, donations, membership dues and grants.

A few highlights of 2014 include:

- Completion of the organization's first-ever purchase project which involved the purchase of 4 acres of land behind Waitsfield Elementary School. The land was, in turn, donated to the school for future school uses. As part of the deal, the Path Association acquired a ½ mile long trail easement. A 6 foot wide crushed stone surfaced path will be built in June, 2015. Over \$88,000 was privately raised to fund the purchase of the land and the construction of the new trail.
- Convening of stakeholder organizations to plan and design new trails on Fayston's Tenney Property (the top of Marble Hill Road).
- Co-authoring, with the MRV Planning District, a grant application for a Valley-wide Active Transportation (trails) Plan.
- Working with the Waitsfield Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission on technical amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which will make permitting for future trail construction easier.
- Collaboration with neighbors and the Town of Warren to craft a roadmap for exploring the developing a path along the Sugarbush Access Road.
- Providing assistance and comments to the Waitsfield and Warren Conservation Commissions on various land management matters.
- Hosting StoryWalk® on the Warren Path and, for the first time, at Fayston's Chase Brook Town Forest;
- Hosting a successful Sugarbush Mad Dash, with nearly 350 registered runners and 83 kids fun run participants.

The MRPA extends its deep appreciation to its partners, including Friends of the Mad River, Vermont Land Trust, Mad River Valley Planning District, Catamount Trail Association, Mad River Riders,

Waitsfield Elementary School, Mad River Valley Recreation District, Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Valley Rotary Club, the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren, approximately 65 local business supporters, 400 individual members, volunteers, friends, and supporters.

To learn more about the Path, or to subscribe to our periodic newsletter, visit [www.madriverpath.com](http://www.madriverpath.com).

Respectfully submitted by:  
William E. Flender, Executive Director



Sunny Greenway

Photo: Will Flender

## THE MAD RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

2014 Annual Report

The Mad River Conservation Partnership (MRWCP), a coalition of the Mad River Valley Planning District, Friends of the Mad River and the Vermont Land Trust, formed in 2001 to coordinate and strengthen efforts to protect the Valley's working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, ecological resources and recreational lands. More than 44 conservation projects have been completed, resulting in the conservation of 9,754 acres of land in the Mad River watershed.

In 2014, the MRWCP worked closely with local conservation commissions, landowners and partner organizations to advance the conservation of farms and forestland with natural resources and community values. Through participation in the Hill Farm Research Project spearheaded by the Mad River Valley Planning District and the MRV Rural Resource Commission, the MRWCP also sought to celebrate the continuing contributions of the Valley's historic farms to our local food system and economy.

This year, the MRWCP has focused on the conservation and transition of another historic hill farm in Fayston, the 283 acre Tenney property on Marble Hill Road in Fayston. Skip and Peggy Tenney generously donated their land to the Vermont Land Trust to enable its perpetual conservation and the renewal of an agricultural enterprise on the property.

This spectacular property is a significant scenic, agricultural, natural recreational resource for the Mad River Valley. The property adjoins the Chase Brook Forest in Fayston and is traversed by the Catamount Trail and trails used and managed by the Mad River Riders and the Mad River Path Association. Additional resources on the land include a productive sugar bush, a vernal pool, wetlands, streams and talus slopes providing wildlife habitat and protecting biological diversity.

In the fall of 2014, the Vermont Land Trust initiated a rigorous search for new farm owners. With the MRWCP, VLT selected Sebastian and Heather von Trapp and Georgia von Trapp and Joey Nagy to purchase the farm subject to permanent conservation and trail easements. The von Trapp and Nagy families will restore the agricultural productivity of the farm, pasturing heifers for von Trapp Farmstead cheese production, as

well as raising poultry and produce for the Mad Taco restaurants in Waitsfield and Montpelier. In addition to increasingly agricultural production in the MRV and supporting existing local food, the conservation of the Tenney Farm will enable expansion of non-motorized recreation opportunities along new and rerouted trails for skiers, hikers and bikers.

In 2015, the Conservation Partnership will continue to advance efforts to protect land that is important to the health and vitality of the Mad River watershed. A special focus in 2015 will include: support for trail and recreation planning; assistance to farms in transition and farmers seeking land; and continuing engagement with private landowners for the protection of wildlife habitat, productive forestland, sugarbushes and unique ecological resources.

Please contact Liza Walker at 496-3690, or stop by the Conservation Partnership's office in the General Wait House to learn how to conserve the land you care about and participate in land conservation in the Mad River Valley.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Liza Walker**, *Mad River Valley Director, Vermont Land Trust*

**Kinny Perot**, *President, Friends of the Mad River*

**Corrie Miller**, *Executive Director, Friends of the Mad River*

**Jared Cadwell**, *Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee*

**Joshua Schwartz**, *Executive Director, Mad River Valley Planning District*



**Tenney Farm, Fayston**

**(Photo: L. Walker)**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
**2012 Report for Waitsfield Activities**  
**July 01, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

The Washington County Sheriff's Department is very involved in both local and State wide issues. We partner with other agencies to foster positive change for the State of Vermont. One of the many involvements is with legislature, supporting legislative initiatives, and testifying before legislature when requested.

The 2014 Legislative Session was a very busy one, as we all are aware. Several bills were passed that are considered "Law Enforcement" Bills, that I feel I should pass on, as they affect us all. Here is a summary of a few of the "Law Enforcement" Bills:

**Senate Bills**

S.184: Requires that all Law Enforcement agencies, including Constables, adopt a "Fair and Impartial" policing policy and begin collection of race data during roadside stops, by September 2015, and adopt an Eye Witness Identification policy, by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

S.314: Requires hands free cell phone use as of October 1, 2014.

**House Bills**

H.225: Requires that all Law Enforcement agencies, including Constables, adopt an "Electronic Controls Devices" policy (commonly referred to as "Taser policies", by January 15, 2016, whether or not the department issues/uses a Taser device.

H.501: Defines operating "under the influence of a drug" as operation where a person's ability to operate safely is diminished or impaired in the slightest degree.

H. 735: Established a provision for storage facilities for storage of firearms and dangerous weapons, for those charged with and convicted of crimes where continuing violence or harm is an issue and in cases of Relief from Abuse Orders.

H.765: Establish new definitions of part-time and full-time certification of Law Enforcement Officers. Officers/Deputies/Troopers will now be certified as a Level 1, 2 or 3 certification, with Level 3 being what we know commonly as full-time certified Law Enforcement Officers.

Level's 1 and 2 will be lower levels of Law Enforcement Certifications, with allowable duties (scope of practice) and responsibilities attached to each. This will effect what we now consider part-time certified officer (including constables who are currently part-time certified) as to what authority they will have and what duties they will be allowed to perform. The Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council must report to Legislature by January 15, 2015, with recommendations and the changes are set to go into effect on July 1, 2014.

These bills show Law Enforcements commitment to better serve and protect the citizens of our State.

On a more local note, the Sheriff's Department currently contracts with 9 towns for varying amounts of motor vehicle patrol, as well as preforming our statutory requirements of transporting prisoners, juveniles and mental health patients and serving civil process. We transport between 550 and 700 persons annually and receive over 2,700 requests to service civil process. During FY 14 the Department wrote 906 Vermont Traffic Citations and documented involvement in 391 incidents.

The Department has a full time staff of 10 deputies and two office staff and a part time roster of 28 deputies. With this staffing the Department transports prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles; provides court security; provides construction and security details and serves civil process. We also make a valid effort in keeping our highways and roadways a safer place. The Sheriff's Department is able to assist in highway safety through the ten (10) patrol contracts with towns within the County and though Grant Funding from The Governor's Highway Safety Program for DUI and SHARP (Safe Highway Accident Reduction Patrol). The Department is also involved in START patrols, to curb teen alcohol use. We also have an active Snowmobile Patrol program, with the Department having two marked patrol sleds and trailer. We continue to offer Hunter Ed programs, hosting classes in both East Montpelier and Worcester.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Waitsfield, many vehicles were stopped and at times warnings were given. The following Vermont Traffic Complaints were written by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town (does not include warnings):

Violation	Description	Total
23V1007A	LOCAL SPEED TOWN HIGHWAY	47
23V1035	LIMITATIONS ON PASSING	1
23V1048	STOP/YIELD INTERSECTIONS	4
23V1050	FAILURE TO YIELD TO EMERG VEH	1
23V1081A	BASIC RULE	1
23V1081B	BASIC RULE >50 MPH	1
23V1130	PERMIT UNLICENSED PERS TO OPER	1
23V1216	DUI-UNDER 21, .02 OR MORE	1
23V1221	CONDITION OF VEHICLE	1
23V1222	INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEH	21
23V1223	PROHIBITIONS (UNAUTHORIZED)	2
23V203#1	SELF MFD INSPECTION STICKER	1
23V301	NO REGISTRATION	13
23V307	FAILURE TO CARRY REGISTR CERT	1
23V513	MISUSE OF PLATES	2
23V601	OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE	8
23V6014A	JUNIOR OPERATOR VIOLATION	1
23V674	DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED	1
23V676AB	DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED	21
23V800A	INSURANCE CERTIFICATE	6
	Report Totals	135

The Sheriff's Department also dealt with or assisted several incidents in Waitsfield.

Observed Offense	Total Incidents
450 ASSAULT SIMPLE, NOT AGGRAVATED	1
2050 DOMESTIC ABUSE ORDER VIOLATION	1
2100 Driving Under the Influence	2
2200 LIQUOR VIOLATION	1
2607 Condition of Release Violation	1
2621 TRESPASSING VIOLATION	2
3200 Accident-Damage - DMV Report	3
3607 MOTOR VEHICLE, DISTURBANCES	3
3619 DLS Criminal	2

3691	Littering	1
ALAR	Alarm	1
ANPR	Animal Problem	1
ASST	Agency Assist	6
ATL	Attempt to Locate	2
BRGA	Burglary Alarm	1
CDIS	Citizen Dispute	1
CITA	Citizen Assist	4
E911	E911 Hangup	1
FPAT	Foot Patrol	16
FR	Accident - Written Reports	1
INTP	Intoxicated Person	2
MAST	Motorist Assistance	7
PSC	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	10
TCNR	Traffic Crash Non-Reportable	5
THAZ	Traffic Hazard	2
TOFF	Traffic Offense	1
UNSP	Unsecure Premises	2
VIN	Vehicle Serial # Inspection	7
WELF	Welfare Check	1
X240	OTHER LIQUOR LAW VIOL (OLD)	1
Total Incidents for This Agency:		89

We at the Sheriff's Department are proud of the work we do and hope to continue serving the Town of Waitsfield.

Professionally,

W. Samuel Hill  
Sheriff

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## WAITSFIELD INFORMATION DIRECTORY

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE	911
CONSTABLE	(802) 522-6111
FIRE (TO REPORT A FIRE ONLY)	911 or 496-2400
AMBULANCE (FOR EMERGENCY ONLY)	911 or 496-3600
MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER	496-3838

### OTHER NUMBERS

Ambulance Information	MRVAS	496-8888
Dogs - Lost & Found	Dog Warden	496-7036
Education - Schools	Supt. of Schools	496-2272
	Elementary School	496-3643
	Harwood Union H.S.	244-5186
Evergreen Place		496-2020
Fire Chief	Bub Burbank	279-2846
Fire Station (non-emergency)		496-2403
Fire Warden	Adam Cook	496-6956
Game Warden (hunting/fishing)	c/o State Police Dispatch	496-2262
Green Mountain Power Corp.		223-5235
Highway/Roads	Town Garage	496-8897
Hospital (Central Vermont Hospital (CVH) - Berlin)		229-9121
Hospital (Fletcher Allen - Burlington)		658-3456
Library	Librarian	496-4205
M.R.V. Senior Citizens		496-2543
Planning & Zoning	Zoning Administrator	496-2218
Poison Control (Burlington)		658-3456
Selectboard	Town Administrator	496-2218
Sheriff	Washington County Sheriff	223-3001
State Highway	District 6	828-2687
State Highway	District 5 (802)	655-1580
State Police	Dispatch	229-9191
Town Clerk & Treasurer		496-2218
* State Representative	Adam Greshin	583-3223
	Maxine Grad	496-6104
* Washington County Senators	Ann Cummings	828-2241
	William Doyle	828-2231
	Anthony Pollina	828-2241

\* The Legislative session usually runs from early January through April.

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