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To the Management and  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Rockingham, Vermont  
Bellows Falls, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont for the year ended June 30, 2013. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 20, 2012. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## Significant Audit Findings

### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. In July of 2012, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position* and the application of other existing policies were not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Town's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the depreciation is based on estimated useful lives of the assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used and determined that the estimate is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimate of the allowance of uncollectible accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used and determined that the estimate used is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The uncorrected misstatement of the financial statements was due to a missed accounts payable.

Management has determined that the effect is immaterial to the financial statements as a whole, which we agree.

We proposed seven (7) adjustments to your financial statements which were accepted and recorded by management. None were material adjustments.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 5, 2013.

#### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

FDIC Coverage

During the prior year's audit we discovered the Town had one bank account that exceeded the FDIC coverage limits and was not collateralized, leaving uninsured funds of almost \$2.2 million. We recommended this account be added to the accounts collateralized. At June 30, 2013, all funds were insured or collateralized.

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements, or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Selectboard and management of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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