

**ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015**



Notice:

Rockingham Town & Town School District

**Business Meeting: Monday, February 29, 2016
Bellows Falls Opera House - 7:00 p.m.**

**Balloting: Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Masonic Temple - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



Doreen Aldrich

Ellen Howard

The Town of Rockingham 2014-2015 Annual Report is hereby dedicated to two very deserving women, Doreen Aldrich & Ellen Howard. Doreen retired this past June and Ellen followed in July.

Doreen began her service to this community in March 1988 as Assistant Town Clerk and was appointed as Town Clerk in November 1995, a position she held until her retirement in June. Doreen devoted much of her life to serving this community and she is missed, although we do see her from time to time. She has joined her husband, Jim, in retirement and says that she is busier now than when she was working full time.

Ellen began her career in municipal government with the Town of Rockingham in August 1979 and served as Zoning Administrator and Health Officer for the Town until her retirement in July. Ellen takes with her a vast amount of knowledge and history. Ellen also served on many committees, and was instrumental in the locating of the Bellows Falls Waypoint Center here in Bellows Falls. Ellen and her husband Peter are enjoying their retirement and the summer months will most likely find them wherever the fish are biting.

The knowledge and historical information that both these women take with them can never be replaced. The Town of Rockingham, as well as the Villages of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River, were fortunate and privileged to have had these two incredible ladies for so many years.

We wish you both the happiest of retirement!

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
March 2015 – March 2016

	<u>DATE ELECTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>Moderator:</u>		
Michael P. Harty	March 2015	March 2016
<u>Town Clerk:</u>		
Doreen B. Aldrich (retired 6/2015)	March 2013	March 2016
Kathleen Neathawk – appointed	July 2015	March 2016
<u>Selectboard:</u>		
Ann DiBernardo	March 2013	March 2016
Peter Golec	March 2014	March 2017
Susan Hammond	March 2015	March 2016
Joshua Hearne	March 2015	March 2018
Thomas MacPhee	March 2015	March 2016
<u>Town Treasurer/Tax Collector:</u>		
Doreen B. Aldrich	March 2013	March 2016
<u>Listers:</u>		
Michael Harty	March 2015	March 2018
Paul Noble	March 2014	March 2017
Camilla Roberts	March 2013	March 2016
<u>Trustees of Public Funds:</u>		
Doreen B. Aldrich	March 2014	March 2017
Matthew Guild	March 2015	March 2018
Sally A. MacPhee	March 2013	March 2016
<u>Town Agent:</u>		
L. Raymond Massucco	March 2015	March 2016
<u>Town Grand Juror:</u>		
George Kuusela	March 2015	March 2016
<u>Rockingham School Moderator:</u>		
Michael P. Harty	March 2015	March 2016
<u>Rockingham School Directors:</u>		
Sherri Arvin	March 2015	March 2017
Kate Coburn	March 2015	March 2018
Margo Ghia	March 2015	March 2017
Rick Holloway	March 2014	March 2016
James “Jiggs” McAuliffe	March 2013	March 2016

Town Officers – continued

	<u>DATE ELECTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>BFUHS #27 School Directors:</u>		
Colin James	March 2015	March 2018
James “Jiggs” McAuliffe	March 2014	March 2016
Margaret Perry	March 2013	March 2016
Cindy Santorelli	March 2014	March 2016
Kristin Swartout	March 2015	March 2018
 <u>Trustees of Public Library:</u>		
Doreen Aldrich	March 2014	March 2017
Carol Blackwood	March 2014	March 2017
John Bohannon	March 2015	March 2018
Karin Fischer	March 2015	March 2016
Patricia Fowler	March 2013	March 2016
David Gould (resigned)	March 2014	March 2016
Leslie Lassetter	March 2015	March 2018
L. Raymond Massucco	March 2014	March 2017
Martha Rowley	March 2015	March 2018
Ellen Taetzsch (appointed)	July 2015	March 2016
 <u>Trustees of the Campbell Fund:</u>		
Kathleen Neathawk	March 2015	March 2018
Kate Aldrich	March 2013	March 2016
Brenda Doherty	March 2014	March 2017
 <u>Custodian of the Campbell Fund:</u>		
Jennifer Aldrich	March 2015	March 2018
 <u>Justices of the Peace/BCA:</u>		
Lamont Barnett - appointed	Sanford Martin	
Steve Crofter	L. Raymond Massucco	
Ann C. DiBernardo	Paul Obuchowski	
Patricia Fowler	Dorothy Read	
Laurel Green	Patricia Soboleski	
Dennis P. Harty	Heather Harty Waryas	
Sally MacPhee		

Justices of the Peace are elected biennially in November in the even year. However, term begins the following February of the odd year. The above justices were elected November 4, 2014, their term will begin February 1, 2015 and their term expires January 31, 2017.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager

Willis D. Stearns, II

Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Alan LaCombe, Chair	July 28, 2014	July 28, 2018
Vincent Cherico	April 16, 2014	April 15, 2018
Kath Martin	May 18, 2013	May 18, 2017
Patrick Moyna	July 29, 2014	July 28, 2018
Renee Vondle	March 18, 2013	March 18, 2017

Planning/Zoning Administrator

Charles Wise, Jr.	August 30, 2015	August 30, 2018
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Rockingham Conservation Commission

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Guy Payne	March 2013	March 2017
Mike Ghia	March 2014	March 2018
Tom Hernon	March 2014	March 2018
Alan Fowler	March 2012	March 2016
Paul Wilson	April 2012	March 2016
Fred Bennet	March 2013	March 2017
Peter Bergstrom	March 2014	March 2018
Devin Smith	April 2015	March 2019
Amy Howlet	December 2015	March 2019

Town Health Officer

Charles Wise, Jr.

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood

Raymond Perry

Town Service Officer

Christine Bullard

Weigher of Coal

Peter Golec
Joshua Hearne
Robert Wheeler

Town Fire Chief

Denis Jeffrey

Tree Warden

Raymond Perry

Town Fire Warden

John Cenate

Windham Regional Commission

Jane Morano Purdy
Alan LaCombe

Delinquent Tax Collector

Willis D. Stearns, II

Fence Viewers

Joshua Hearne
Peter Golec
Susan Hammond

Constables

1st Constable – Ronald Lake
2nd Constable – Shane Harris

Poundkeeper

Windham County Humane Society

WARNING
ANNUAL ROCKINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
February 29 and March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Rockingham Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Falls Cinema) in said Town on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted upon by Australian Ballot, and then adjourn to the Masonic Temple in said Town at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to vote by Australian Ballot on Article No. 4.

The polls will be open at 9:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1: To hear the reports of the Rockingham Town School District Officers for the last year and to take action thereon.

Article 2: Shall the Rockingham Town School District authorize its Board of School Directors and Treasurer to borrow money for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of money due from state aid?

Article 3: Shall the Rockingham Town School District apply the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the fiscal year 2015 fund balance to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in fiscal year 2018 in order to reduce taxes?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Rockingham Town School District approve the school board to expend ten million, nine hundred eighty eight thousand, eight hundred thirty dollars (\$10,988,830.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of fourteen thousand, six hundred eighty seven dollars and twenty four cents (\$14,687.24) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.26% higher than spending for the current year. (By Australian Ballot)

Article 5: Shall the Rockingham Town School District will vote to pay its District Officers compensation in the amounts of: Chair- \$700; Board Members- \$600, and; Treasurer- \$400?

Article 6: To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District Meeting.

ROCKINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: January 20, 2016

 James McAuliffe, Chair



 Richard Holloway



 Margo Ghia



 Kathryn Coburn



 Sherri Arvin, Clerk

WARNING**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING****FEBRUARY 29 & MARCH 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Bellows Falls Opera House) in said Town on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted upon by Australian Ballot, and then to adjourn to the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to vote by Australian Ballot on Article 1 and Article 2.

- ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers as required by law. (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the town of Rockingham allow placement of a detention center within the legal boundaries of Bellows Falls? (By Australian Ballot) (Non-binding)
- ARTICLE 3: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.
- ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from Federal funds?
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input?
- ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$5,142,414.00) to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways, and pay all other general and regular expenses of the Town beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, with Four Million Three Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$4,359,519.00) to be raised by taxes?
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$392,900) in operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library, with Three Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$347,070.00) to be raised by taxes?
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for demolition of the TLR buildings, excess funds to be returned to the general fund if not spent?

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- ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for a period of Ten (10) years with yearly payments of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) plus interest to make necessary repairs to the Rockingham Town Hall to include elevator upgrade, repair and painting of windows, electric service upgrade and removal of the underground fuel storage tank in the alley between the Town Hall and People's United Bank to include reconstruction of the alley as required by the Human Rights Commission, and repairs to the Rockingham Recreation Building?
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for replacement of fire apparatus housed at the Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department and Saxtons River Volunteer Fire Department for a term of ten (10) years?
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$21,384.00) for the support of the Bellows Falls Senior Center to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the support of Meeting Waters YMCA to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,350.00) for the support of Vermont Adult Learning to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Twenty Four Dollars (\$26,024.00) for the support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for the support of Youth Services to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of Springfield Supported Housing to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the support of Parks Place Community Resource Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

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ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$4,770.00) for the support of Southeastern Vermont Community Action to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$3,825.00) for the support of The Current, operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (formerly Connecticut River Transit) to provide services to the residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) for the support of Green Mountain RSVP, to provide services to the residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters designate the Town of Rockingham as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, which would be a municipal assessment on that property owner's property as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.) and authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, d/b/a Efficiency Vermont, to operate the PACE program, including the processing of all applications and regular billing?

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham duly called, noticed and held on January 14, 2016.

Kathleen Neathawk
Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

Thomas MacPhee
Thomas MacPhee, Chairperson

Susan Hammond, Vice-Chair

Ann DiBernardo
Ann DiBernardo

Peter Golee
Peter Golee

Joshua Hearne
Joshua Hearne

RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD
ROCKINGHAM TOWN CLERK'S
OFFICE January 14, 2016
At 11:00 Am
Recorded in Book 313, Page 597

ATTEST: Kathleen Neathawk
KATHLEEN NEATHAWK, TOWN CLERK

WARNING

**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Green Mountain Union High School District, Black River Union High School District and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in Room B118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a Clerk for a term of two years
- ARTICLE 2: To elect a Treasurer for a term of two years
- ARTICLE 3: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
- ARTICLE 4: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.
- ARTICLE 6: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
- ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 1, 2016, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of **two million, seven hundred seventy-seven thousand, eight hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$2,777,827)** to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 25, 2016, in Room B118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2016-17 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair
Alison Deslauriers
Randy Bixby
Jeanice Garfield
Gabriel St. Pierre

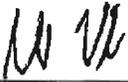
David Clark, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Clerk
James Rumrill
Susan Tomberg
Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

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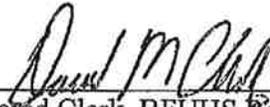
**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
And
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
MARCH 1, 2016**

Dated at Springfield, Vermont, in the County of Windsor, on this 20 th day of January 2016.

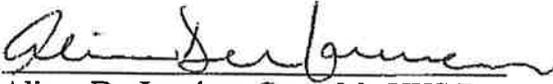
River Valley Technical Center Board of Directors



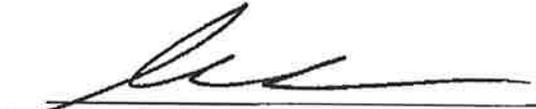
Robert Flint, At-Large Member
Board Chair



David Clark, BFUHS Representative
Vice Chair



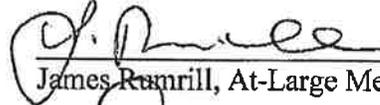
Alison DesLauriers, Green Mt. UHS Representative



Andrew Pennell, At-Large Member
Secretary/Clerk



Randy Bixby, BRUHS Representative



James Rumrill, At-Large Member



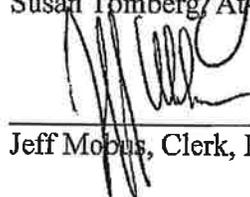
Jeanice Garfield, Springfield S.D. Representative



Susan Tomberg, At-Large Member



Gabriel St. Pierre, At-large Member, Fall Mtn. RSD



Jeff Mobus, Clerk, RVTC School District

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**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016**

Voting Locations and Hours

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27

Athens	Athens Elementary School	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Grafton	Grafton Elementary School	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Westminster	Westminster Institute	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Black River Union High School District #39

Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mount Holly	Mt. Holly Town Office	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Green Mountain Union High School District #35

Andover	Andover Town Hall	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Chester	Chester Town Hall	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cavendish	Cavendish Elementary School	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Springfield School District

Springfield	Riverside Middle School	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Rockingham, VT 05101

Received Jan 20, 2016

at 8:13 AM

Recorded in Book Town Meeting

Attest: Kathleen Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS**BEFORE ELECTION DAY****CHECKLIST POSTED:**

By Sunday, January 31, 2016 (or 30 days before town meeting) the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections or from your town clerk.)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's office no later than **5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2016** (or the first Wednesday before meeting), or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 4:30 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, **February 29, 2016**.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office. Or, you can pick up your ballot at the Town Clerk's office and take it home to vote. **(You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)**

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the polling place, no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of justices of the peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: February 20, 2016 (at least 10 days before election).

ON ELECTION DAY:

1. If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.
2. If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
3. If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a superior court judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information.
4. If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
5. If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:

1. Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Do not mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
3. Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place; however, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
4. Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
5. Do not interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE
(-8683) (Accessible by TDD)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Here is some basic information for you, the voter. If you have any questions after reading this, or at any time during the voting process, ask your town clerk or another election official.

CHECK-IN

1. At the entrance checklist table, state your name, and if asked, your residence, in a clear, audible voice.
2. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

ENTER

1. Enter within the guardrail, and an election official will hand you a ballot(s).
2. Take your ballot(s) to a vacant booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT

1. **HOW TO MARK:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."
2. If you are voting in a town that uses voting machines, follow the instructions on the ballot to connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate(s)
3. If you are unclear about the instructions, ask an election official to assist you.
4. **WRITE-IN:** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and write the name, then fill in the oval.
5. **MISTAKES or SPOILED BALLOTS:** If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may give your spoiled ballot to an election official and receive another ballot to mark. You may request up to three new ballots.

VOTE

1. In a town using voting machines, do not fold or bend your ballot. Simply insert your ballot into the slot on the voting machine.

LEAVE

1. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.
2. Continue outside the polling place before beginning socializing or conversations that could disrupt other voters.

Posted in conformance with 17 V.S.A. § 2521 by the Town Clerk.

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Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 2 & 3, 2015**

Present: Michael Harty, Moderator; Doreen Aldrich, Clerk; Ann C. DiBernardo, Peter Golec, Susan Hammond, Joshua Hearne & Thomas MacPhee, Selectboard Members; Willis D. Stearns, II, Municipal Manager

Press: FACT8, Wendy M. Levy, The Commons; Dominic Poli, Brattleboro Reformer; Becca Balint, Carolyn Partridge and Matthew Trieber, State Representatives

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and immediately turned it over to Selectboard Chair MacPhee, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. MacPhee then presented a small plaque to Dennis Knight honoring him for his length of service and his work ethic. The Moderator then gave a brief overview of Roberts Rules.

WARNING: The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Bellows Falls Opera House) in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted upon by Australian ballot, and then to adjourn to the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 to vote by Australian ballot on Article 1.

Article 1: To elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers as required by law. (By Australian ballot)

Article 2: Motion by Hearne and seconded by Golec to approve the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 3: Motion by Golec and seconded by DiBernardo that the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from federal funds. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 4: Motion by Hammond that the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input; seconded by Golec. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 5: MacPhee spoke to the article. One cent will raise approximately \$50,000. If everything passes this evening, it will amount to an anticipated tax rate of 4.95 cents. MacPhee then moved that the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Twelve Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$5,012,355) with Four Million, Two Hundred Forty-One Thousand, One Hundred Forty (\$4,241,140) to be raised by taxes; seconded by Hearne. James McAuliffe asked Stearns, as a point of clarification, does the Five Million Dollar number appear anywhere in the report. It looked to him that we would have to add up a bunch of different numbers. If so, it leaves a lot to be desired. MacPhee responded, "yes, and you bring up a good point". McAuliffe then asked, on the general fund, how much of an increase is that? MacPhee said about 4.4% above the current year budget. McAuliffe asked what the key drivers are. Stearns responded recycling (pg. 24); it went from \$25,000 to \$100,000 in anticipation of Westminster who last Saturday put back curbside pick-up. McAuliffe asked if we shouldn't take it out now. Stearns responded that if you look at the revenue stream, there's a \$100,000

revenue stream that matches that number so the net result is no taxes in relation. McAuliffe felt it should be revised. Stearns said his question this afternoon was could we reduce by \$75,000 the expense and reduce by \$42,000 the income. He would have to adjust both sides. McAuliffe also noticed on page 24 that the wages for recycling have doubled. Stearns said, again in anticipation of Westminster and Rockingham having to be open more hours. Neither one of those events need to take place which they, literally, learned about Sunday morning in the newspapers. McAuliffe said he realized it was short notice; but in terms of raising taxes, his goal is to see fewer dollars raised and less of a cushion. McAuliffe said the general fund is \$2,513,000; that's up 4.4%. If you took out the close to \$80,000-\$85,000 that would be the amount to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. Stearns said it has gone up \$105,000 in total from last year's budget. They went on to explain what else goes into the five million. Cemeteries & parks, \$73,626, that is identical to last year. The highway fund adds \$2,836,657 which is actually down \$134,000 because we eliminated paving. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$2,531,317 and that's up about 7%. McAuliffe asked what the key drivers are there. Stearns responded, Averill's bridge \$200,000 with a 5% match to the State of Vermont. MacPhee added that they eliminated paving because the state will pave from the north end of Town all the way to Westminster. *McAuliffe moved to amend Article 5; that the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,983,675 with \$4,194,640 to be raised by taxes. Joel Love seconded the motion. The amendment to the motion passed.* Article 5 now reads: That the voters of the Town of Rockingham will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,983,675 to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways and pay all other general and regular expenses of the Town beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30 2016 with \$4,194,640 to be raised by taxes.

The motion passed.

Article 6: Motion by DiBernardo and seconded by Hammond to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars (\$381,906) in operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library with Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$338,364) to be raised by taxes. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 7: Moved by Hammond and seconded by Hearne that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purchase of a Rockingham Fire Department 1 Ton Rescue Vehicle with Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be raised by taxes and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be taken from the Fire Equipment Fund. Greg Noble asked how much is in the fund now and Stearns said \$18,419.91 as of today. He also explained why the need for replacement of the existing truck. **The motion passed.**

Article 8: Moved by Hearne and seconded by Hammond that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) as matching funds for a grant to purchase equipment for the Recreation Department. Ryan Stoodley spoke to the article and asked to amend this motion to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). Colin James seconded the amended motion. When asked what is being replaced, he explained that all the new equipment will be handicapped accessible and more expensive. There will be matching funds. Noble cautioned that Stoodley needed to be sure the grant will allow matching funds up to \$20,000 and not just \$10,000. Stoodley said the more money we put up, the better the match. **The amended motion passed.** Moderator explained that we were on the motion to appropriate \$20,000. **The motion for \$20,000 passed.**

Article 9: Moved by Golec and seconded by DiBernardo that the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$73,103) to be allocated to the social service agencies. American Red Cross \$2,000, Bellows Falls Senior Center \$21,384, Connecticut River Transit (The Current) \$3,825, Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center \$1,450, Meeting Waters YMCA \$5,000, Our Place \$5,000, Southeastern Vermont Community Action \$4,770, Vermont Adult Learning \$1,350, Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH \$26,024 and Youth

Services \$2,300. Golec advised that the appropriation is an increase from last year; up about \$5,700. Falko Schilling spoke to the appropriation for VNA which is level funded. **The motion to appropriate \$73,103 passed.**

Article 10: Moved by DiBernardo and seconded by MacPhee that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) for the support of outpatient mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to residents of the Town. Robin Story said it is a worthy cause. However, HCRS just gave their outgoing CEO a \$650,000 severance package. MacPhee explained that this took place three years ago and there is visibility on this now. The new CEO isn't making anywhere near what the outgoing CEO made. **The motion failed.**

Article 11: Moved by DiBernardo and seconded by Hammond that the voters of the Town of Rockingham appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in-home case management services for six months to two years after placement. Don Tretler, a director spoke to the article. **The motion passed.**

Article 12: Moved by Hammond and seconded by DiBernardo that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the support of Parks Place Community Resource Center to provide services to residents of the Town. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 13: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles. McAuliffe said he'd like to make an observation for the board. If you look on page 25 of the Town Report, now that we have the Affordable Care Act, employees' health insurance budget is \$59,000. The item for insurance incentives, \$29,500 and he is focusing more on the insurance incentive line. On page 41 under the library budget, the health insurance has dropped from \$22,000 last year to \$7,900 this year and the incentives have gone from \$6,800 to \$16,200. Looking at these numbers, there is something going on and needs to be reviewed and looked at closely. MacPhee responded that the insurance incentive saves the Town money in the end. The Town pays out 35% of the plan cost for the employees who do not take the health insurance so we save 65% of that value; but they have to prove they have insurance to get it. The library employees are seen through the insurance program as Town employees and the reason for a shift is we had an employee leave while the budget process was going on. When an employee leaves who had a family plan and someone comes in and is covered by their spouse, those costs shift because they are entitled to take the incentive instead. Many employees changed during the year and we had a few get married. We have a few get divorced. The numbers and values change constantly. Camilla Roberts said she is very interested in the Merger Committee report. She would like an overview of the process. MacPhee responded that right now, the BF Trustees and Rockingham Selectboard are working their way through to see if they can come up with a plan of merger to put to the voters. We just got underway. He is hopeful they can come up with a fair plan to put to the voters and let the voters decide.

The Town portion adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

I certify that these are true minutes of the Town of Rockingham's Annual Meeting.

Attest: *Doreen Aldrich* Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 2 & 3, 2015
MINUTES**

Present: Michael Harty, Moderator; Doreen Aldrich, Clerk; Chris Kibbe, Supt. Rockingham School Dist.; Sherri Arvin, Kate Coburn, Margo Ghia, Rick Holloway and James McAuliffe, School Board Members

Press: FACT8, The Commons and the Brattleboro Reformer

The Moderator called the school portion of the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Article 1: Moved by Arvin and seconded by Ghia to accept the reports of the Town School District Officers for the last year as presented. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 2: Moved by Coburn and seconded by Arvin to authorize the Town School Directors and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, on the credit of the Town School District for its current expenses in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of money due from state aid. There was no discussion and **the motion passed.**

Article 3: Shall the Rockingham Town School District appropriate the sum of Ten Million, Six Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$10,676,595.00) to operate and maintain its public schools for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (By Australian ballot). McAuliffe spoke to the expense side of the budget and Kibbe spoke to the revenue side. McAuliffe explained that the budget is practically level funded; it's up \$38,000.

Article 4: Moved by McAuliffe and seconded by Arvin that the Town School District vote to release \$2,039.00 currently held in a 22 George Street reserve fund to the general fund to be used to offset expenses in the proposed FY16 school budget. **The motion passed.**

Article 5: Arvin moved and seconded by McAuliffe that the Town School District vote to release \$6,760 currently held in a BFMS Safety Street Signs reserve fund, to the general fund to be used to offset expenses in the proposed FY16 school budget. **There was no discussion and the motion passed.**

Article 6: Moved by Holloway and seconded by Ghia that the Town School District vote to release \$1,930.50 currently held in a CES Sewer Disposal System reserve fund to the general fund to be used to offset expenses in the proposed FY16 school budget. **There was no discussion and the motion passed.**

Article 7: Moved by Ghia and seconded by Holloway to authorize the Town School District to pay its District Officers compensation in the amount of: Board Chair \$700, Board Members \$600 and Treasurer \$400. **There was no discussion and the motion passed.**

Article 8 Other Business: There was no other business.

At 9:10 p.m. McAuliffe moved to adjourn, seconded by Jill James.

I certify that these are true minutes of the Annual Town and Town School Meeting.

Attest: Doreen S. Aldrich Town Clerk



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Town of Rockingham, Vermont
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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The financial statements and our reports thereon are available for inspection at the Town Office and on your website.

Sincerely,

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BUDGETS AND WARNED ARTICLES NOTATIONS

The items below are those which we believe the Selectboard and the public need to be aware of in order to better understand how the FY2017 budget and tax rate estimate was arrived at.

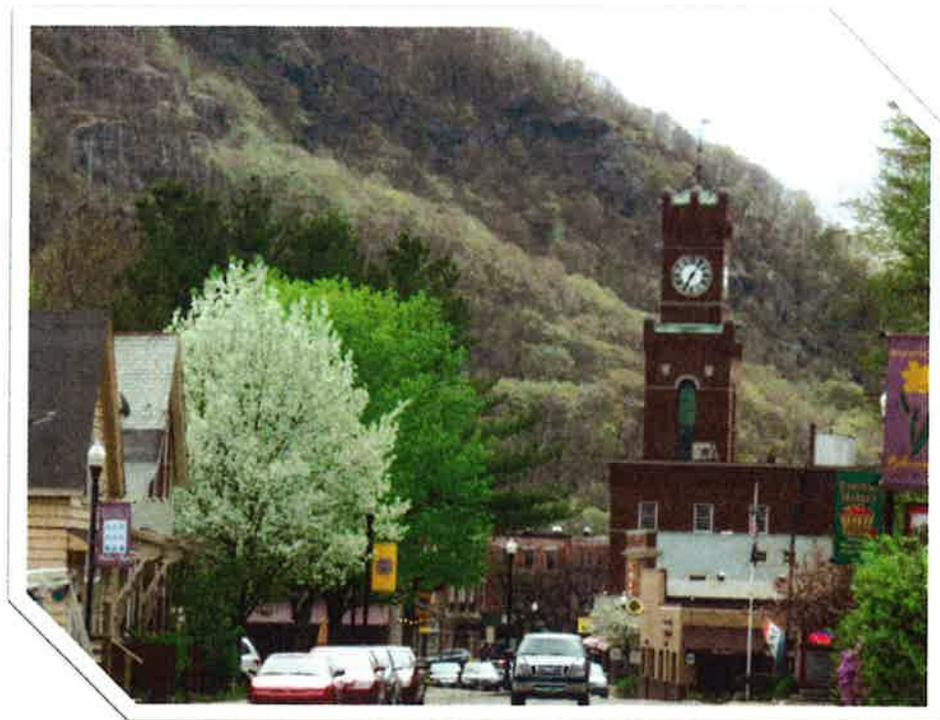
- The Grand List is not anticipated to change by any significant amount from FY2016.
- Payroll and benefits costs were adjusted based on contracts and from benefit cost analysis.
- The Listers want to add a public terminal and appraisal software access to assist in the grievance process from re-appraisal.
- Technology to digitize historical records was added to office operations.
- Property Appeals was increased anticipating the completion of the re-appraisal.
- Union negotiations are anticipated in the proposed budget.
- Solid Waste disposal cost have been adjusted to closer match FY2015 actuals.
- Windham County Tax was adjusted as a reflection of FY2016 billing.
- The highway budget includes anticipated highway structures grants for the Cherry Hill retaining wall project and a revised cost to complete the project.
- Highway engineering services was adjusted for anticipated project cost.
- Sand & Gravel were adjusted based on FY2016 costs.
- The highway budget includes \$252,000 for pavement maintenance for chip sealing Brockway Mills and Parker Hill to save them from deterioration.
- The highway budget includes continued payments on equipment replacement notes.
- The Finance Director position remains unfilled and unbudgeted for in the finance office.
- The estimated amount required for local agreements is \$20,547 which is not a budget item but a function required by statute when setting the tax rate - .0042 in the estimated rate needed.

The total amount of taxes needed to be raised, not including warned articles, is \$4,366,519. This is an estimated tax rate of .8797. The amount for FY2016 was \$4,241,140 before separate petitioned articles.

- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$347,070 for the Rockingham Free Public Library, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0700 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$100,000 for removal of the TLR Buildings, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0202 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of financing \$500,000 for capital improvements to Town Hall and the Recreation Center, the impact on the tax rate would be realized in the FY2018 budget
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of financing \$1,000,000 for replacement of fire apparatus in Saxtons River and Rockingham, the impact on the tax rate would be realized in the FY2018 or later budgets.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$21,384 for BF Senior Center, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0044 increase.

- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$5,000 for Meeting Waters YMCA, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0011 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$1,350 in support of Vermont Adult Learning, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0003 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$26,024 in support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0051 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$2,300 in support of Youth Services, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0005 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$2,500 in support of Springfield Supported Housing, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0005 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$4,000 in support of Parks Place Community Resource Center, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0008 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$4,770 in support of SEVCA, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0009 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$3,825 in support of The Current, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0008 increase.
- Should the voters pass the article in favor of funding \$1,450 in support of Green Mountain RSVP, the impact on the tax rate would be an estimated additional .0003 increase.

Therefore, should these articles pass the total tax rate is estimated to be .9888, for a total increase over last year's rate of .0392.



ARTICLE 8 INFORMATION

The Town has owned the TLR properties since 1991. Multiple grants have been spent studying how to revitalize these structures. They simply have remained a town-owned blighted piece of property. This remains an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) site to be further cleaned up. The request is to establish funding for removal of the remains of the two building on the site. Additional funding for cleanup would be sought from the Windham Regional Commission and the EPA to add to the local source.



The concept is to remove the building and create a corrective action plan on the contamination. The end result would be to expose a section of the first canal built in the United States. As a tourist attraction, one could view this wall and one of the original eye bolts used for barge tie-up. There is delicate work to be done to not disturb the original walls of the canal. This would return a section of the canal to a time in which only the Adam's Grist Mill was on the canal as seen in "A View From Table Rock." This should enhance the Adam's Grist Mill and the river trail and provide additional parking for both.



ARTICLE 9 INFORMATION

Various aspects of Town Hall are behind in maintenance. The primary item, which is cause for remedial action, is a result of an agreement to settle a Human Rights Commission complaint and



must be completed by July 15, 2016. This involves the condition of the handicap access from the sidewalk to the access door of the elevator vestibule. This is being coordinated with removal of an underground 10,000 gallon

fuel oil tank between People's United Bank and the Town Hall. This will involve engineer designing, environmental engineer consulting, cleaning and removing the tank, reconstruction of the parking lot and access from the sidewalk. Easements are being coordinated with People's United to work on this effort jointly.

The main elevator in Town Hall is nearly 30 years old. The control system is based on electromagnet solenoids to calling, sensing floors and sensing doors. All of these controls are outdated and failing. The hydraulics and pump remain useable. The passenger box remains useable. A proposal was provided for control upgrade to digital from Bay State Elevator for \$100,000. This will be researched further.

We are not sure when the windows of Town Hall were last painted and it is believed that this would require lead paint abatement. The windows need re-glazing and repainting. This is an historic building and requires a review process.



The main doors and alley doors do not close air tight. Various repairs have taken place over the years. It is time to replace these with efficient, low E, commercial use doors. There is a constant airflow through the doors.



Article 9 Information – cont'd

The use of more electronic devices has brought to light that the buildings offices do not have proper capacities in location where need. Safety guidelines indicate additional electrical conduits should be laid out for these locations to remove excessive use of extension cords.



Water has penetrated from the roof which has cause damage to various ceilings on the third floor. Some locations of the roof have been replaced but more repairs are needed. The ceiling areas should be cleaned up and resurfaced.

The Recreation Building has water infiltration problems. Most of the perimeter of the building and 18 to 24 inches up the exterior walls has been compromised by the wicking of water. Termites have infested parts of the building's external layer.



The structure of the walls as designed has been compromised. We are presently working on options to remediate the issue and address how this occurred.

The request for Article 9 is to begin to address these items as they are prioritized.

ARTICLE 10 INFORMATION

Article 10: The below listing shows the fire apparatus for each location – Rockingham, Bellows Falls and Saxtons River.

Rockingham Volunteer Fire is requesting that the 66 Tanker 1 be replaced with a 3,000 gallon tanker and 1,500 gallon per minute on-board pump.

Saxtons River Volunteer Fire is requesting replacement of the 62 ENG4 and 62T1 with a single truck with a 1,800 gallon tank and a 1,000 gallon per minute pump.

Costs per truck are expected to be \$350,000.00 to \$500,000.00. The average life expectancy for a major piece of fire apparatus is 25 years.

	Vehicle	Year	Make	Capacity	Condition	Replacement Due
ROCKINGHAM	66 Engine 1	1999	Freightliner FL80	1500 gal/1500 gpm	Good	2024
	66 Tanker 1	1989	Freightliner FL112	3000 gal/1250 gpm	Good	2015
	66 Rescue 1	1989	Chevrolet 3500	Rescue/Cascade	Fair	On Order
	66 Brush 1	1987	Ford F-350	250 gal/250 gpm	Good	2020
	66 Boat 1	1945	GMC – Dykw	Amphibious	Fair	Unreplaceable
	52 Engine 1	2001	E-One FL 80	1250 gal/1000 gpm	Good	2023
BELLOWS FALLS	52 Engine 2	1989	Ford/E-One C800	1000 gal/750 gpm	Good	2019
	52 Ladder 1	2008	Emergency One 75 HP	75' ladder/1250 gpm	Very Good	2035
	52 Rescue 1	1997	3D FL 70	Walk In Rescue	Good	2027
	62 ENG4	1980	Am LaFrance-Century	1250 gal/500 gpm	Poor	Overdue
SAXTONS RIVER	62 T1	1976	Int-Middlesex-Tanker	1000 gal/1300 gpm	Poor	Overdue
	62 S1	1992	Ford Ambulance	Rescue	Poor	Replaced
	62 ENG2	2007	HME/V-Tec P2e	1250 gal/1200 gpm	Good	2032

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
REVENUES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
TAXES				
Current Taxes Received	1,996,647.00	2,070,317.29	2,013,764.00	2,134,938.00
Tax Sale Rev	0.00	7,340.82	0.00	0.00
Railroad Land Taxes	3,000.00	880.10	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	1,999,647.00	2,078,538.21	2,014,764.00	2,135,938.00
ABATEMENTS				
Tax Abatements	-5,000.00	-693.45	-5,000.00	-5,000.00
Penalty & Interest Abated	-5,000.00	-9,117.12	-5,000.00	-5,000.00
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	-10,000.00	-9,810.57	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
PENALTIES & INTEREST				
Interest Current Taxes	30,000.00	32,332.05	30,000.00	30,000.00
Interest Delinquent Taxes	13,000.00	20,685.10	20,000.00	20,000.00
Penalty 8%	28,000.00	32,964.28	28,000.00	28,000.00
Bank Interest Earned	2,000.00	1,823.49	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	73,000.00	87,804.92	80,000.00	80,000.00
GRANTS, RENTS, REIMBURSE				
TOWN/VILLAGE/SCHOOL FUNDS				
Treasurer School Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
School Share Town Expense	14,000.00	16,471.11	14,000.00	14,000.00
School Share Town Mtg.	1,000.00	1,179.62	1,000.00	1,000.00
Waypoint Center Rentals	1,200.00	1,545.65	1,200.00	1,200.00
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	16,700.00	19,696.38	16,700.00	16,700.00
STATE FUNDS				
CLG Grants	6,000.00	15,637.90	6,000.00	6,000.00
Land Use (State)	108,000.00	115,620.00	108,000.00	108,000.00
State PILOT Program	8,500.00	10,089.92	8,500.00	8,500.00
State Civil Fines	3,500.00	1,129.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
Planning Grant	500.00	7,813.00	500.00	500.00
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	126,500.00	150,290.32	126,500.00	126,500.00
TOWN HALL RENTS				
South Storefront	6,600.00	7,276.60	6,600.00	7,280.00
North Storefront	6,600.00	5,775.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
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	13,200.00	13,051.60	13,200.00	13,880.00
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	156,400.00	183,038.30	156,400.00	157,080.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
REVENUES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
FEES				
Town Clerk Fees	40,000.00	36,009.88	38,000.00	38,000.00
Vault Usage	400.00	364.00	400.00	400.00
Photo-copying Fees Clerk	100.00	30.15	100.00	100.00
Photo-copying Fees Zoning	25.00	19.90	25.00	25.00
Rockingham Meeting House	1,000.00	1,996.69	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Department Charges	0.00	2,940.00	0.00	0.00
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	41,525.00	41,360.62	39,525.00	39,525.00
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING				
Westminster Tax Rebate	2,326.00	1,553.70	1,600.00	1,600.00
Tires	1,600.00	2,132.50	1,600.00	1,600.00
Soda Cans	4,700.00	5,551.70	4,700.00	4,700.00
White Goods	1,300.00	1,820.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Brown Goods	22,000.00	27,248.76	22,000.00	22,000.00
Scrap Metals	4,500.00	3,695.81	4,500.00	4,500.00
Electronics	1,000.00	2,966.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer Station User Fee	58,000.00	54,100.20	58,000.00	58,000.00
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	95,426.00	99,068.97	94,700.00	94,700.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Local Fines	100.00	6.16	100.00	100.00
RECREATION				
Recreation Center Rental	1,000.00	1,927.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
Daily Pool Admission	2,200.00	1,578.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Season Swim Pass	6,500.00	6,491.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Swim Lessons	1,000.00	734.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Saxton's River Day Camp	5,000.00	9,720.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Bellows Falls Day Camp	1,000.00	225.00	500.00	500.00
Non-Capital Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ski Tow Daily Pass	225.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Ski Tow Season Pass	225.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Youth Basketball	1,400.00	1,390.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Youth Softball	700.00	560.00	600.00	600.00
Field Hockey	1,000.00	960.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Adult Volleyball	600.00	535.00	900.00	900.00
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	20,850.00	24,120.30	20,700.00	20,700.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
REVENUES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
LISTERS				
Listers Income	500.00	514.76	500.00	500.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	158,401.00	165,070.81	155,525.00	155,525.00
LICENSES/PERMITS				
Entertainment Licenses	1,200.00	1,800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Alcoholic Beverages	2,110.00	2,495.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Dog Licenses	1,350.00	1,043.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Animal Control Fees	2,000.00	1,830.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Zoning Fees	9,000.00	17,094.15	9,000.00	9,000.00
Technical Consulting	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Permit Report & Fees	1,800.00	900.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Parking Permits	1,500.00	1,945.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
	20,960.00	27,107.15	20,850.00	18,850.00
OTHER INCOME				
CRT Payment	8,000.00	8,830.29	8,000.00	8,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00	100,083.66	2,000.00	2,000.00
	10,000.00	108,913.95	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	2,408,408.00	2,640,662.77	2,427,539.00	2,547,393.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
SELECTBOARD				
Selectboard Wages	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
Selectboard Expenses	2,500.00	2,659.90	3,000.00	3,000.00
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	8,800.00	8,959.90	9,300.00	9,300.00
TOWN MANAGER				
Manager's Salary	43,500.00	49,698.58	50,000.00	50,000.00
Executive Assistant to Manager	26,600.00	28,857.88	27,200.00	28,300.00
Managers Advertising	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Managers Telephone	1,000.00	760.83	1,100.00	1,100.00
Manager's Development	1,500.00	145.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Auto Expense	1,200.00	535.60	1,200.00	1,200.00
Manager's Miscellaneous	1,000.00	824.61	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	76,050.00	80,822.50	83,250.00	84,350.00
FEES & REIMBURSEMENTS				
Memorial Day Celebration	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Old Home Days Fireworks	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Green Up Vermont	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
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	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
ELECTIONS				
Ballot Clerks	2,700.00	1,747.14	1,400.00	2,700.00
Election Expenses	4,000.00	4,431.22	3,200.00	4,500.00
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	6,700.00	6,178.36	4,600.00	7,200.00
FINANCE OFFICE				
Treasurer's Salary	1,251.00	1,250.08	1,251.00	1,251.00
Finance Staff	43,675.00	46,279.60	44,000.00	44,700.00
Finance Assistant to Manager	24,450.00	24,670.20	25,000.00	25,400.00
Other Office Help	480.00	331.74	495.00	400.00
Office Staff Training	1,000.00	506.63	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	70,856.00	73,038.25	71,746.00	72,751.00
AUDITING				
Town Report	2,500.00	3,062.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
Auditors/Single Audit	22,400.00	23,635.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
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	24,900.00	26,697.00	23,500.00	24,500.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
LISTERS				
Listers Wages	31,800.00	27,117.39	36,000.00	37,800.00
Administrative Assistant	20,160.00	20,418.25	21,300.00	21,800.00
Mapping Maintenance	2,000.00	2,226.25	2,000.00	3,000.00
Software & Support	6,500.00	6,058.86	6,500.00	13,200.00
Training Expense	800.00	1,322.94	600.00	1,800.00
Listers Auto Expense	800.00	1,007.82	800.00	1,200.00
Tax Appeal Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	63,060.00	58,151.51	68,200.00	79,800.00
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE				
Town Clerk's Salary	45,100.00	46,283.71	46,000.00	39,700.00
Office Assistant	41,350.00	34,789.27	35,500.00	37,000.00
Supplies Clerk	1,000.00	1,782.31	1,000.00	1,800.00
Meetings & Dues	800.00	787.92	1,000.00	1,000.00
Land Records System	12,000.00	11,940.00	12,540.00	12,540.00
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	100,250.00	95,583.21	96,040.00	92,040.00
OFFICE OPERATIONS				
Materials & Supplies	10,850.00	8,635.10	10,850.00	10,850.00
Software	1,500.00	376.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone Expense	4,500.00	6,113.40	6,500.00	6,500.00
Postage	6,900.00	5,237.88	6,900.00	6,900.00
Software Support	1,200.00	1,193.58	1,200.00	2,900.00
Web Site Support	2,500.00	816.67	2,500.00	2,500.00
Training/Consulting	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
IT Outside Support	16,000.00	11,437.08	16,000.00	16,000.00
Computer Hardware/Service	2,500.00	3,058.44	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office Equipment/Service	6,000.00	5,301.83	6,500.00	13,100.00
Finance Off. Copy/Post le	6,000.00	5,657.53	6,000.00	6,000.00
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	58,450.00	47,827.51	60,950.00	69,250.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
PLANNING & ZONING				
Administrator's Salary	59,400.00	58,682.03	60,500.00	57,100.00
Wages - Board Stipend	5,200.00	4,092.00	5,150.00	5,150.00
Administrative Assistant	20,160.00	20,361.79	21,300.00	21,800.00
Administrator's Expense	1,400.00	708.81	1,400.00	1,000.00
Advertising	600.00	1,712.98	600.00	600.00
Booklets	250.00	135.00	250.00	0.00
Mapping	550.00	375.00	550.00	250.00
Windham Regional Planning	9,617.00	9,617.00	9,693.00	9,984.00
Technical Consulting	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Legal	4,250.00	0.00	4,250.00	4,250.00
Zoning-Recording Fees	900.00	690.00	900.00	900.00
Board Expenses	2,000.00	195.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Planning Studies	6,300.00	7,812.74	6,300.00	0.00
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	112,627.00	104,382.35	114,893.00	103,034.00
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
Board of Civil Authority	1,000.00	910.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
Tax Sale Expense	5,000.00	54,463.84	10,000.00	50,000.00
Town Attorney	10,000.00	42,560.15	10,000.00	10,000.00
Property Appeals Legal	15,000.00	29,255.57	20,000.00	30,000.00
Other Professional Srvcs	1,000.00	1,865.07	1,500.00	2,000.00
Union Negotiations Legal	5,000.00	4,556.12	0.00	5,000.00
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	36,000.00	132,700.75	41,500.00	97,000.00
TOWN HALL				
Custodial Supplies	3,000.00	3,987.71	5,000.00	5,000.00
Custodial Services	15,500.00	14,504.00	15,500.00	15,500.00
Rubbish Removal	3,000.00	2,473.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	35,000.00	28,427.75	35,000.00	35,000.00
Electricity	18,000.00	16,269.42	18,000.00	18,000.00
Fuel	31,000.00	15,731.78	35,000.00	35,000.00
Water & Sewer	4,000.00	3,762.22	4,000.00	4,000.00
Town Hall Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
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	110,000.00	85,155.88	116,000.00	116,000.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
TOWN OWNED PROPERTY				
Maintenance TLR Bldg	500.00	80.00	500.00	0.00
Maintenance Stable Bldg	100.00	895.00	500.00	0.00
Maintenance Waypoint	20,000.00	19,775.62	15,000.00	15,000.00
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	20,600.00	20,750.62	16,000.00	15,000.00
ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE				
Meeting House Wages	7,500.00	7,520.85	7,780.00	8,200.00
Materials & Supplies	500.00	64.99	500.00	500.00
Meeting House Utilities	1,500.00	1,578.76	2,000.00	2,000.00
Meeting House Maintenance	26,000.00	10,419.90	4,000.00	6,600.00
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	35,500.00	19,584.50	14,280.00	17,300.00
SANITATION				
SWWCSWMD Representative	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
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	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
RECYCLING EXPENSES				
Wages-Recycling	16,500.00	14,026.85	16,500.00	16,800.00
Materials & Supplies	2,000.00	1,137.75	2,000.00	2,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,600.00	1,418.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Brush Chipping	4,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Taxes-Westminster	2,500.00	1,553.70	1,600.00	1,600.00
Recycling Telephone	1,300.00	517.67	1,300.00	1,300.00
CFC Removal Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Constr & Demo Disposal	40,000.00	36,749.46	45,000.00	45,000.00
Tires	1,500.00	2,392.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	1,000.00	805.56	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fuel	600.00	69.77	600.00	600.00
Public Education	100.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Container Transport	21,000.00	16,800.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
MRF Processing	10,000.00	10,307.25	10,000.00	10,000.00
Electronics Disposal	3,000.00	150.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	106,100.00	89,428.51	117,300.00	117,600.00
TRANSFER STATION EXPENSE				
Mun. Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00	27,958.60	25,000.00	30,000.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Director of Development	59,300.00	58,682.03	60,500.00	63,000.00
CLG Administration	9,100.00	11,290.72	9,375.00	11,000.00
Advertising & Promotion	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Development Telephone	1,000.00	760.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
CLG Projects	5,000.00	2,128.48	5,000.00	5,000.00
Director's Expenses	1,000.00	195.05	1,000.00	1,000.00
BFDDA	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SeVEDS	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
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	96,500.00	93,657.11	97,975.00	102,100.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
FICA	46,800.00	44,622.00	48,200.00	48,200.00
Health Insurance	47,165.00	40,710.03	59,000.00	84,400.00
Dental Insurance	3,150.00	3,143.64	3,250.00	3,100.00
Employee's Pension	54,114.00	13,257.00	20,000.00	25,500.00
Life/Disability Insurance	3,710.00	2,868.16	3,000.00	3,000.00
Insurance Incentive	31,000.00	20,456.40	29,500.00	22,300.00
Unemployment	3,525.00	5,071.72	3,500.00	3,000.00
VMERS	21,300.00	21,988.41	22,300.00	22,000.00
Accrued Payroll Adjustmen	0.00	5,347.13	0.00	0.00
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	210,764.00	157,464.49	188,750.00	211,500.00
TAXES				
County Tax	25,000.00	25,957.00	26,000.00	34,000.00
Town Forest Taxes	300.00	265.88	300.00	300.00
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	25,300.00	26,222.88	26,300.00	34,300.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES				
Veterinary Services	800.00	1,569.25	800.00	800.00
Damage/Miscellaneous	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
WCSD/Animal Control	8,000.00	322.50	8,000.00	8,000.00
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	9,300.00	1,891.75	9,300.00	9,300.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
SERVICE AGENCIES				
Meeting Waters YMCA	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
BF Senior Center	21,384.00	21,384.00	21,384.00	21,384.00
Green Mountain RSVP	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
Youth Services	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Women's Freedom Center	1,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Visiting Nurses Assoc	26,024.00	26,053.37	26,024.00	26,024.00
Our Place Drop-In Center	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
American Red Cross	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Parks Place Com Ctr	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
VT Adult Learning	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Connecticut River Transit	3,825.00	3,825.00	3,825.00	3,825.00
SEVCA	4,770.00	4,770.00	4,770.00	4,770.00
Springfield Supported Hou	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
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	77,228.00	74,782.37	75,603.00	72,603.00
INSURANCE				
Worker's Compensation	9,900.00	8,798.39	11,300.00	10,600.00
General Liability	8,500.00	7,832.49	8,500.00	11,000.00
Buildings and Contents	19,500.00	49,274.96	39,000.00	45,000.00
Public Officials Liability	14,500.00	14,041.50	14,500.00	23,100.00
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	52,400.00	79,947.34	73,300.00	89,700.00
DUES				
VLCT Dues	6,900.00	6,443.00	6,900.00	6,900.00
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,341,335.00	1,325,588.39	1,348,737.00	1,471,578.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
AMBULANCE/CIVIL DEFENSE				
Ambulance	72,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00
Speed Signs Electric	1,000.00	1,527.34	1,000.00	1,000.00
Emergency Preparedness	2,050.00	2,075.97	2,050.00	2,050.00
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	75,050.00	75,603.31	75,050.00	75,050.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Insurance	3,500.00	2,047.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
Materials & Supplies	1,500.00	1,094.40	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment	7,500.00	3,333.65	7,500.00	7,500.00
Telephone	550.00	415.47	550.00	550.00
Mutual Aid Tone Contract	17,000.00	16,983.00	17,000.00	17,500.00
Seminars & Training	1,000.00	65.00	1,000.00	500.00
Gas, Oil ,Maintenance	4,000.00	8,823.42	4,000.00	6,000.00
Hepititas B Shots	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
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	35,150.00	32,762.44	35,150.00	37,150.00
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	110,200.00	108,365.75	110,200.00	112,200.00
 HEW				
HEW - Materials & Supplie	350.00	342.24	350.00	350.00
Health Order Expenses	1,500.00	46,787.23	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Recording Fees	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Administrator's Expense	600.00	107.35	600.00	600.00
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	2,550.00	47,236.82	2,550.00	2,550.00
 SERVICE OFFICER				
Service Officer Expense	1,500.00	891.11	1,500.00	1,500.00
 RECREATION				
Recreation Director	28,100.00	27,789.57	28,700.00	29,100.00
Wages - Playground	33,000.00	27,397.29	32,000.00	32,000.00
Wages - Pools	33,000.00	33,978.12	35,000.00	35,000.00
Wages-Recreation Center	12,750.00	9,024.54	14,000.00	13,100.00
Ski Tow Wages	1,000.00	72.00	600.00	600.00
Wages - Maint	5,000.00	5,352.50	4,900.00	4,900.00
Cultural Arts Supplies	4,000.00	1,767.71	4,000.00	4,000.00
Recreation Office Supplie	1,500.00	598.75	1,800.00	1,800.00
Playground Supplies/Equip	5,500.00	4,862.35	5,500.00	5,500.00
Pool Maintenance/Supplies	5,500.00	6,250.21	6,000.00	6,000.00
Ski Tow Maint/Supplies	2,000.00	3,527.34	2,000.00	2,000.00
Training & Certification	1,000.00	420.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Advertising & Website	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone & Internet	2,800.00	2,197.76	2,800.00	2,800.00
Cultural Entertainment	2,500.00	2,010.29	2,500.00	2,500.00
Rubbish Removal	2,500.00	3,052.00	2,500.00	2,500.00

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
RECREATION - CONTINUED				
Bldgs & Grounds Maint	5,000.00	3,697.88	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mileage	400.00	152.88	400.00	400.00
Propane	3,000.00	1,849.61	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	7,500.00	6,461.23	8,000.00	8,000.00
Rec Bldg Water	1,000.00	464.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
SRRA Lease	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	160,550.00	142,926.33	162,700.00	162,200.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Computer Hardware	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
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	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
RESERVES				
Gravel Pit Redevelopment	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Sewer Line Ext Principal	14,880.00	14,879.75	15,465.00	16,072.00
Sewer Line Ext Interest	4,692.00	4,692.10	4,096.00	3,476.00
Library Bond Prin	147,750.00	147,750.00	147,750.00	147,750.00
Library Bond Int	81,851.00	81,850.54	79,822.00	77,527.00
Town Hall Renov Interest	70,300.00	70,227.75	64,355.00	58,470.00
Town Hall Renov Principal	145,000.00	145,000.00	145,000.00	140,000.00
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	464,473.00	464,400.14	456,488.00	443,295.00
LIBRARY				
Library Operating Costs	320,800.00	320,800.00	338,364.00	347,070.00
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	2,408,408.00	2,417,208.54	2,427,539.00	2,547,393.00
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NET GENERAL FUND	0.00	223,454.23	0.00	0.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
CEMETERY PARKS
REVENUES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Transfer from Fiduciary	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Oak Hill	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00
Rockingham	100.00	250.00	100.00	100.00
Saxtons River	200.00	500.00	200.00	200.00
Cambridgeport	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Markers/Posts	1,000.00	1,600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Vault Fees	500.00	3.00	500.00	500.00
Opening Graves	3,000.00	1,350.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Property Taxes	63,526.00	63,526.00	63,526.00	63,526.00
TOTAL CEMETERY & PARKS REVENUE	73,626.00	72,379.00	73,626.00	73,626.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
CEMETERY PARKS
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
CEMETERY OPERATIONS				
Wages-Sexton	6,500.00	6,300.06	6,300.00	6,300.00
Cemetary FICA	500.00	481.78	500.00	500.00
Materials & Supplies	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Corner Markers	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Outside Service/Equipment	8,000.00	6,268.99	8,000.00	8,000.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous/Surveying	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	23,500.00	13,050.83	23,300.00	23,300.00
CONTRACT WORK				
Cambridgeport	2,275.00	1,775.00	2,275.00	2,275.00
Oak Hill	14,800.00	13,450.00	14,800.00	14,800.00
Restland	3,920.00	3,080.00	3,920.00	3,920.00
Rockingham	6,570.00	5,430.00	6,570.00	6,570.00
Saxtons River	9,450.00	10,750.00	9,450.00	9,450.00
Capital Improvements	5,000.00	2,225.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
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	42,015.00	36,710.00	42,015.00	42,015.00
PARKS EXPENSE				
Wages-Tree Warden	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
FICA	10.00	0.00	10.00	10.00
Materials & Supplies	1,000.00	118.16	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rubbish Removal	1,500.00	1,010.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Lawn Maint Contracting	3,000.00	8,835.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Parking Lot Lease	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Tree Maint	2,300.00	62.96	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tree Program	200.00	50.00	200.00	200.00
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	8,111.00	10,077.12	8,311.00	8,311.00
TOTAL CEMETERY & PARKS EXPENSES				
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	73,626.00	59,837.95	73,626.00	73,626.00
NET CEMETERY & PARKS				
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	0.00	12,541.05	0.00	0.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
HIGHWAY FUND
REVENUES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
STATE AID & TAX INCOME				
Class 1 Road	16,700.00	16,741.35	16,700.00	16,700.00
Class II Road	63,900.00	63,808.78	63,900.00	63,900.00
Class III Road	93,300.00	93,366.35	93,300.00	93,300.00
Lane Mileage	1,240.00	1,240.82	1,240.00	1,240.00
VTrans Structures Grant	240,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	175,000.00
Property Taxes	2,369,850.00	2,369,850.00	2,531,317.00	2,580,728.00
Highway Access Permit Fee	500.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Hiway Fees	400.00	270.00	100.00	100.00
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	2,785,890.00	2,545,377.30	2,826,657.00	2,931,068.00
 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Town Highway Miscellaneous	10,000.00	85,799.10	10,000.00	10,000.00
 GRANT REVENUE				
Class II Paving Grant	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00	0.00
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 TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	 2,970,890.00	 2,806,176.40	 2,836,657.00	 2,941,068.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
HIGHWAY FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
HIGHWAY PERSONNEL				
Salary-Highway Supervisor	63,250.00	75,813.11	70,000.00	70,000.00
Mechanic's Wages	48,100.00	49,981.77	49,000.00	50,000.00
Wages-Road Crew	475,000.00	458,305.29	488,000.00	488,000.00
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	586,350.00	584,100.17	607,000.00	608,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
FICA	45,600.00	44,089.41	46,425.00	47,500.00
Health Insurance	157,200.00	128,022.80	185,500.00	185,700.00
Dental Insurance	5,050.00	4,855.27	5,200.00	5,000.00
Life/Disability Insurance	5,200.00	4,007.46	4,275.00	4,400.00
Insurance Incentive	13,760.00	9,608.22	7,370.00	14,200.00
Unemployment Insurance	3,000.00	2,278.73	3,000.00	2,600.00
VMERS	29,125.00	31,275.82	30,600.00	32,700.00
Accrued Payroll Adjustmen	0.00	3,160.24	0.00	0.00
Uniforms	17,000.00	18,594.32	17,000.00	16,000.00
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	275,935.00	245,892.27	299,370.00	308,100.00
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION				
Material/Supplies	1,500.00	1,575.86	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer Hardware Softwar	1,000.00	952.99	500.00	500.00
H-Way Access Permit Fees	300.00	190.00	300.00	300.00
Gravel Pit Operating Fees	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Advertising	1,500.00	363.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone & Pagers	3,500.00	2,298.73	3,500.00	3,500.00
Training	2,000.00	182.52	2,000.00	2,000.00
Safety Equipment	4,000.00	2,843.88	4,000.00	4,000.00
Engineering Services	18,000.00	29,608.78	18,000.00	24,000.00
Misc'l Admin Expense	150.00	164.54	150.00	200.00
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	31,950.00	38,180.80	31,750.00	37,800.00
ROAD MAINTAINENCE				
Material/Supplies	60,000.00	35,791.87	60,000.00	75,000.00
Cold Patch	2,000.00	3,430.45	2,000.00	3,500.00
Salt/Chloride	95,000.00	152,245.67	118,000.00	118,000.00
Sand & Gravel	100,000.00	77,367.09	80,000.00	85,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	145,000.00	229,907.19	0.00	252,000.00
Grant Funded Paving	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00	0.00
Outside Services	60,000.00	92,697.98	100,000.00	100,000.00
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	637,000.00	766,440.25	360,000.00	633,500.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
HIGHWAY FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
BRIDGES				
Materials/Supplies	1,500.00	1,349.11	1,500.00	15,000.00
Outside Services/Equip	3,000.00	1,130.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Averil's Bridge 11R	80,000.00	75,164.87	200,000.00	0.00
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	84,500.00	77,643.98	204,500.00	18,000.00
STREET SIGNS/LIGHTING				
Street Lights-Maintenance	10,000.00	53,904.42	10,000.00	10,000.00
Street Lights-Usage	72,000.00	58,343.79	72,000.00	72,000.00
Street Signs	10,000.00	5,192.58	10,000.00	10,000.00
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	92,000.00	117,440.79	92,000.00	92,000.00
SIDEWALKS				
Materials/Supplies	20,000.00	4,346.36	20,000.00	20,000.00
Crosswalks/Striping	4,000.00	5,986.02	4,000.00	4,000.00
SR Sidewalk Paving	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Contract Services	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	225,000.00
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	184,000.00	10,332.38	184,000.00	259,000.00
INSURANCE				
Worker's Compensation	37,375.00	41,260.56	52,000.00	51,000.00
General Liability	8,500.00	9,881.51	8,500.00	13,000.00
Building and Contents	19,500.00	19,611.65	19,500.00	24,400.00
Vehicle Insurance	18,500.00	17,517.40	18,500.00	20,700.00
Insurance Deductible	0.00	2,631.60	3,000.00	3,000.00
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	83,875.00	90,902.72	101,500.00	112,100.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES				
Vehicle Parts & Supplies	125,000.00	25,928.81	100,000.00	100,000.00
2002 Dodge 3/4 Ton	0.00	661.03	0.00	0.00
2003 GMC 3/4 HD	0.00	794.05	0.00	0.00
2004 Chevy 1 Ton	0.00	1,871.64	0.00	0.00
2011 Ford F350	0.00	1,710.93	0.00	0.00
2013 GMC 1-Ton	0.00	3,396.67	0.00	0.00
2004 International 2 Ton	0.00	3,959.54	0.00	0.00
2006 GMC 4500	0.00	6,658.40	0.00	0.00
2008 Freightliner 6 Whlr	0.00	13,530.68	0.00	0.00
2014 Freightliner 6 Whlr	0.00	1,530.26	0.00	0.00
2015 Freightliner 6 Whlr	0.00	2,701.34	0.00	0.00
1996 International 6 Whlr	0.00	625.41	0.00	0.00
2001 International 10 Whl	0.00	5.76	0.00	0.00
2011 Frieghtliner 10 Whlr	0.00	12,186.88	0.00	0.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
HIGHWAY FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE - CONT'D				
2013 WesternStar 10 Whlr	0.00	4,418.48	0.00	0.00
2014 WesternStar 10 Whlr	0.00	2,790.87	0.00	0.00
2000 John Deere Loader	0.00	6,442.33	0.00	0.00
2002 Case 621D Loader	0.00	2,308.96	0.00	0.00
2006 CAT 928 Loader	0.00	3,097.48	0.00	0.00
2015 Deere 544K Loader	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005 CAT 140H Grader	0.00	8,826.95	0.00	0.00
2015 Deere 672G Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2007 CAT Backhoe	0.00	7,120.21	0.00	0.00
1994 CAT 311 Excavator	0.00	40.44	0.00	0.00
2005 Tenco Sweeper	0.00	1,403.67	0.00	0.00
2006 Elgin Sweeper	0.00	1,686.04	0.00	0.00
2001 Trackless Sidewalk P	0.00	3,713.67	0.00	0.00
2003 Case 120 Tractor	0.00	2,167.77	0.00	0.00
05 SNO-GO Blower	0.00	7,122.30	0.00	0.00
2011 Trackless Sidewalk P	0.00	5,150.11	0.00	0.00
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	16,781.93	0.00	0.00
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	125,000.00	148,632.61	100,000.00	100,000.00
EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS				
Misc. Equipment Purchases	15,000.00	16,363.94	10,000.00	10,000.00
Other Small Tools/Repairs	8,000.00	4,477.67	8,000.00	8,000.00
Radios	5,000.00	120.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Diesel Fuel	95,000.00	94,598.33	100,000.00	100,000.00
Grease & Oil	12,000.00	8,382.82	12,000.00	10,000.00
Gasoline	28,000.00	8,726.28	20,000.00	10,000.00
Tire Chains	25,000.00	11,807.90	25,000.00	25,000.00
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	188,000.00	144,476.94	180,000.00	168,000.00
TOWN/VILLAGE GARAGES				
Material/Supplies	2,000.00	3,475.59	2,000.00	4,000.00
Telephone	1,100.00	938.31	1,100.00	1,100.00
Rubbish Removal	3,000.00	1,701.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Building/Maint/Repairs	4,000.00	9,199.92	15,000.00	15,000.00
Electricity	13,000.00	12,887.09	16,000.00	16,000.00
Heating Fuel Town Garage	13,000.00	16,612.36	13,000.00	13,000.00
Heating Fuel Blake St.	12,000.00	9,668.10	12,000.00	12,000.00
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	48,100.00	54,482.37	62,100.00	64,100.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
HIGHWAY FUND
EXPENDITURES**

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
TRANSFERS				
Transfer to Equip Fund	221,500.00	231,963.00	225,000.00	275,000.00
FEMA Fund 116 FY15	0.00	18,064.15	0.00	0.00
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	221,500.00	250,027.15	225,000.00	275,000.00
PROJECT EXPENDITURES				
Asphalt & Gravel Crushing	0.00	54.67	120,000.00	0.00
Gravel Pit Closure	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Pre-Cast Box Projects	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	150,000.00	54.67	130,000.00	10,000.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Brockways Mills Principal	220,000.00	220,000.00	220,000.00	220,000.00
Brockways Mills Interest	42,680.00	42,679.74	39,437.00	35,468.00
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	262,680.00	262,679.74	259,437.00	255,468.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES				
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	2,970,890.00	2,791,286.84	2,836,657.00	2,941,068.00
NET HIGHWAY				
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	0.00	14,889.56	0.00	0.00
NET GENERAL/CEMETERY/HIGHWAY				
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	0.00	250,884.84	0.00	0.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
EQUIPMENT FUND**

REVENUES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
INCOME				
Transfer Highway Fund	221,500.00	231,963.00	225,000.00	275,000.00
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	221,500.00	231,963.00	225,000.00	275,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Equipment Note Proceeds	0.00	350,000.00	350,000.00	165,000.00
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	221,500.00	581,963.00	575,000.00	440,000.00

EXPENDITURES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Equipment Purchases	0.00	360,463.00	350,000.00	165,000.00
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	0.00	360,463.00	350,000.00	165,000.00
DEBT SERVICE				
2012 10 Wheeler Principal	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
2012 10 Wheeler Interest	2,000.00	1,712.98	0.00	0.00
2013 6 Wheeler Principal	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
2013 6 Wheeler Interest	4,500.00	3,520.60	3,000.00	0.00
PUB 2015 Note 6 & 10 Whlr	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
PUB 2015 note Interest	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	7,500.00
2015 Grader/Loader Prin	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
2015 Grader/Loader Int	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,500.00
3 2016 Pickups Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
3 Pickups Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
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	156,500.00	155,233.58	213,000.00	273,500.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES				
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	156,500.00	515,696.58	563,000.00	438,500.00
NET EQUIPMENT				
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	65,000.00	66,266.42	12,000.00	1,500.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE**

EQUIPMENT	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1998 6-wheeler replaced with 2013 6-wheeler	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00								
2000 6-wheeler replaced with 2014 10-wheeler		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00							
1997 & 1999 6-wheeler replaced with 2015 6&10-wheeler			\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00				
2005 CAT Grader & Loader replaced with 2016 grader & loader				\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			
2001 & 2002 Pickups & 2005 GMC 4500 replaced with 3 2016 3/4 ton pickups				\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00				
2008 6-wheeler replace with 2017 6-wheeler					\$ 15,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		
2004 6-wheeler replace with 2018 6-wheeler						\$ 15,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
2011 10-wheeler replace with 2019 10-wheeler							\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		
2000 JD 544 Loader replace with 2020 loader								\$ 50,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	
2003 Case 621 Loader replace with 2021 loader									\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00

Debt Payment starts in the years following purchase.

This is a work in progress highway equipment replacement plan on principal debt to carry.

The Town of Rockingham is 41.9 square miles.

The Town has 101.73 miles (including Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3) of roads to be maintained (45 miles of this are blacktop)

The Village of Saxtons River has 3.45 miles of road and approximately 2 miles of sidewalk, maintained by agreement with the Town.
The Bellows Falls Village has 15.739 miles of road and approximately 21 miles of sidewalk, maintained by agreement with the Town.

There are 615+ culverts town-wide presently being inventoried.

The Town is responsible for 18 bridges that get inspected by VTrans engineers.

The complete road evaluation will be performed during the spring of 2016. This is required for grant funding eligibility.

TOWN OF ROCKIGHAM FY2017 BUDGET

THEATER FUND

REVENUES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
CINEMA INCOME				
Box Office	130,000.00	140,566.50	139,000.00	139,000.00
Bargain Night	0.00	0.00	16,750.00	0.00
Concessions	92,000.00	80,976.02	92,000.00	85,000.00
Contribution	500.00	659.00	500.00	500.00
Gift Certificates	3,100.00	2,558.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
Bank Interest Earned	50.00	-197.21	50.00	50.00
Classic Film Series	20,000.00	7,301.25	20,000.00	10,000.00
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	245,650.00	231,863.56	271,400.00	237,650.00
THEATER INCOME				
Theater Rental	5,000.00	4,484.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
BFOH Friends Membership	100.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Donations & Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertisements	2,000.00	1,650.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	7,100.00	6,134.00	7,500.00	7,000.00
TRANSFERS				
Transfer - General Fund	137,746.00	137,745.76	133,987.00	127,050.00
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TOTAL THEATER REVENUES	390,496.00	375,743.32	412,887.00	371,700.00

TOWN OF ROCKIGHAM FY2017 BUDGET

THEATER FUND

EXPENDITURES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
CINEMA EXPENSE				
Cinema Staff	64,000.00	71,394.90	70,600.00	77,000.00
FICA	5,900.00	6,117.50	6,475.00	6,700.00
Health Insurance	15,720.00	8,176.62	16,850.00	18,600.00
Dental Insurance	420.00	419.16	435.00	420.00
Workmen's Compensation	3,900.00	3,243.78	4,280.00	4,500.00
Life Insurance	390.00	297.84	320.00	320.00
Unemployment Insurance	785.00	601.21	880.00	700.00
VMERS	1,790.00	2,122.13	1,920.00	3,000.00
Accrued Payroll Adjustmen	0.00	1,563.03	0.00	0.00
Material/Supplies	4,800.00	4,515.19	4,800.00	4,800.00
Advertising	6,000.00	4,479.57	6,000.00	6,000.00
Film Carrier	4,000.00	2,004.39	4,000.00	2,500.00
Film Rental	70,000.00	69,191.05	75,000.00	75,000.00
Classic Film Series	20,000.00	7,879.67	20,000.00	10,000.00
Concession	38,000.00	36,473.12	38,000.00	38,000.00
Rubbish Removal	600.00	475.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Custodial Services	10,000.00	9,764.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Booker	4,700.00	3,900.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
WEB Development	2,000.00	316.66	2,000.00	500.00
Repairs & Maint. Equip	7,000.00	9,153.75	7,000.00	7,000.00
Repairs & Maint. Facility	1,000.00	2,055.54	1,000.00	3,000.00
Electricity	11,000.00	7,280.54	11,000.00	11,000.00
Fuel	21,000.00	9,239.40	21,000.00	10,000.00
Interest Expense	44,946.00	44,663.76	41,187.00	37,426.00
	<u>337,951.00</u>	<u>305,327.81</u>	<u>348,447.00</u>	<u>332,166.00</u>
THEATER EXPENSE				
Theater Events	16,500.00	9,282.45	17,000.00	10,000.00
Theater Supplies	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
Theater Equipment	6,500.00	599.90	6,500.00	1,000.00
Theater Advertising	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	500.00
Talent Expense	0.00	330.00	0.00	350.00
Theater Maintenance	5,000.00	5,934.53	5,000.00	5,000.00
	<u>33,000.00</u>	<u>16,146.88</u>	<u>34,200.00</u>	<u>16,850.00</u>
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE				
Depreciation	66,000.00	65,213.95	66,000.00	66,000.00
	<u>66,000.00</u>	<u>65,213.95</u>	<u>66,000.00</u>	<u>66,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>436,951.00</u>	<u>386,688.64</u>	<u>448,647.00</u>	<u>415,016.00</u>
NET BFOH FUND	<u>-46,455.00</u>	<u>-10,945.32</u>	<u>-35,760.00</u>	<u>-43,316.00</u>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
LIBRARY FUND**

REVENUES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
TRANSFERS				
Transfers In - from General Fund	320,800.00	320,800.00	338,364.00	347,070.00
INVEST, TRUST, INTEREST				
TD Bank Interest	1.00	6.74	1.00	5.00
Merchants CD Interest	21.00	40.05	0.00	0.00
AXA Annuity Chittenden	1,080.00	1,092.11	1,470.00	1,120.00
Barker Trust Interest	8,700.00	10,388.16	8,500.00	10,400.00
Tidd Trust Interest	6,100.00	6,391.79	6,400.00	6,400.00
People's Securities Inter	0.00	0.00	1.00	5.00
Securefor 5 Int	3,828.00	3,064.90	2,875.00	3,100.00
RVCU MMkt Int	0.00	151.38	140.00	150.00
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	19,730.00	21,135.13	19,387.00	21,180.00
GRANTS				
Miscellaneous Grants	100.00	1,500.00	100.00	100.00
Inter-Library Loan	300.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
NEH Grant	0.00	5,262.47	0.00	0.00
E-Rate Grant	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	1,900.00	6,762.47	650.00	100.00
DONATIONS				
Miscellaneous Donations	1,500.00	7,789.03	1,500.00	3,800.00
Miscellaneous Designation	500.00	1,491.97	500.00	1,000.00
Historical	300.00	25.00	300.00	300.00
Memorial	500.00	200.00	500.00	500.00
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	2,800.00	9,506.00	2,800.00	5,600.00
FUNDRAISING				
Miscellaneous Fundraising	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	500.00
Adopt-a-Book	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Book Fair	0.00	0.00	15.00	50.00
Book Sale	3,100.00	2,440.70	3,100.00	3,100.00
Direct Appeal	4,200.00	3,255.00	4,200.00	6,000.00
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	10,800.00	5,695.70	10,815.00	9,650.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET
LIBRARY FUND**

REVENUES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
FEES				
Fines	3,500.00	2,250.23	3,500.00	2,500.00
Non-Resident	2,200.00	1,730.00	2,200.00	2,500.00
Printing	1,550.00	2,919.04	3,200.00	3,200.00
Lost/Replaced	350.00	292.56	350.00	350.00
Supplies	340.00	476.95	340.00	450.00
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	7,940.00	7,668.78	9,590.00	9,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Income	300.00	3,275.00	300.00	300.00
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TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	364,270.00	374,843.08	381,906.00	392,900.00

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET

LIBRARY FUND

EXPENDITURES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
SALARIES & BENEFITS				
SALARIES				
Library Director Wages	40,000.00	42,993.60	44,297.00	45,600.00
Full-Time Wages	73,677.00	65,374.06	75,901.00	74,100.00
Part-time Wages	79,866.00	80,013.73	82,429.00	84,100.00
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	193,543.00	188,381.39	202,627.00	203,800.00
BENEFITS				
FICA	15,332.00	15,256.96	16,742.00	17,100.00
Health Insurance	22,057.00	4,337.05	7,900.00	2,000.00
Dental Insurance	1,350.00	1,152.69	1,300.00	1,250.00
Pension/VMERS	17,200.00	9,520.05	17,617.00	11,600.00
Workers Compensation	800.00	628.30	920.00	900.00
Life/Disability Insurance	1,310.00	940.97	1,080.00	1,050.00
Insurance Incentive	6,880.00	13,549.73	16,220.00	19,650.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,450.00	1,413.34	1,830.00	1,700.00
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	66,379.00	46,799.09	63,609.00	55,250.00
Accrued Payroll Adjustmen	0.00	75.63	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	259,922.00	235,256.11	266,236.00	259,050.00
OTHER EMPLOYEE EXPENSE				
Dues & Workshops	600.00	1,003.00	750.00	1,000.00
Travel	600.00	607.75	750.00	750.00
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	1,200.00	1,610.75	1,500.00	1,750.00
LIBRARY MATERIALS				
BOOKS				
Adult Fiction Books	4,500.00	4,431.75	4,800.00	5,000.00
Adult Non-Fiction Books	6,200.00	5,093.28	6,500.00	5,000.00
Youth Books	3,800.00	3,807.90	4,000.00	4,200.00
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	14,500.00	13,332.93	15,300.00	14,200.00
AUDIO/VISUAL				
Adult Audio Books	1,020.00	1,069.42	1,200.00	1,400.00
Youth Audio Books	600.00	585.80	600.00	600.00
Electronic Resources	4,600.00	5,407.15	4,900.00	5,400.00
Adult Visual/Music	1,000.00	1,518.15	1,200.00	1,700.00
Youth Visual/Music	400.00	400.35	500.00	600.00
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	7,620.00	8,980.87	8,400.00	9,700.00

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET

LIBRARY FUND

EXPENDITURES

Account	Budget FY2015	Actual FY2015	Budget FY2016	Budget FY2017
PERIODICALS				
Periodicals	3,200.00	3,452.79	3,600.00	3,900.00
TOTAL LIBRARY MATERIALS	25,320.00	25,766.59	27,300.00	27,800.00
PROGRAMMING				
Adult Library Programs	200.00	186.47	200.00	200.00
Youth Library Programs	700.00	708.68	700.00	700.00
	900.00	895.15	900.00	900.00
SUPPLIES				
Office Supplies	3,800.00	3,598.43	4,000.00	4,000.00
Printing Supplies	1,500.00	3,232.01	2,400.00	3,200.00
Custodial Supplies	1,500.00	1,399.95	1,900.00	1,600.00
Archival	100.00	119.85	500.00	300.00
Postage	2,800.00	2,570.14	2,600.00	2,200.00
	9,700.00	10,920.38	11,400.00	11,300.00
FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT				
Fixtures	450.00	2,410.52	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tech Equipment	3,800.00	3,729.46	4,000.00	5,900.00
Tech Software	706.00	234.60	500.00	500.00
Telephone Equipment	150.00	730.00	750.00	300.00
Tools	50.00	49.11	100.00	100.00
	5,156.00	7,153.69	6,850.00	8,300.00
SERVICES				
Auditor	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Legal Expenses	500.00	0.00	1,200.00	500.00
Computer/Technology	925.00	337.35	1,300.00	1,800.00
Automated Library System	1,300.00	1,263.99	1,300.00	1,300.00
Public Relations	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Custodial	2,400.00	4,805.00	2,400.00	12,800.00
Security	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Repairs & Maintenance	9,800.00	11,654.81	11,700.00	12,500.00
	16,625.00	19,661.15	19,600.00	30,600.00
UTILITIES				
Electricity	21,676.00	24,641.89	23,200.00	25,700.00
Telephone	3,900.00	2,006.98	2,550.00	4,000.00
Water & Sewer	800.00	409.39	600.00	450.00
	26,376.00	27,058.26	26,350.00	30,150.00

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM FY2017 BUDGET

LIBRARY FUND

EXPENDITURES

<u>Account</u>	<u>Budget FY2015</u>	<u>Actual FY2015</u>	<u>Budget FY2016</u>	<u>Budget FY2017</u>
INSURANCE				
Property/Liability Insuran	17,000.00	23,317.96	19,600.00	20,300.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Expense	410.00	239.97	500.00	500.00
GRANT EXPENSE				
Miscellaneous Grants	100.00	1,120.11	100.00	100.00
NEH Grant	0.00	5,262.47	0.00	0.00
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	100.00	6,382.58	100.00	100.00
DONATIONS EXPENSE				
Designated Donation Expen	500.00	1,241.98	500.00	1,000.00
Historical	300.00	25.00	300.00	300.00
Memorial	500.00	200.00	500.00	500.00
Whitcomb Donation Exp	0.00	4,134.32	0.00	0.00
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	1,300.00	5,601.30	1,300.00	1,800.00
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE				
Fundraising Miscellaneous	261.00	343.00	270.00	350.00
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TOTAL LIBRARY EXPENDITURES	364,270.00	364,206.89	381,906.00	392,900.00
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NET LIBRARY	0.00	10,636.19	0.00	0.00

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Account/	Balance
RECEIVABLES	
BF Housing Partnership	19,250.22
Adams Trucking & Excavati	64,908.45
C&K Foods RLF	38,352.47
Leslie's The Tavern RLF	11,086.79
G.R.A.S. RLF	129,721.79
Barrett Saltzman RLF	10,248.98
Cider Magazine RLF	6,029.69
K. Bovill RLF	14,583.99
Valley Cafe LLC RLF	22,461.69
GFCBC RLF	23,562.09
Flat Iron Exchange	11,798.43
Alex Lawrence DDB Mnt Tat	2,540.57
Loan Exner Block	419,000.00
Howard Block Res. VCDP	51,322.00
Howard Block Com'l VCDP	423,678.00
Town Loan Howard Block	100,000.00
BF Housing Partnership	150,000.00
Loan Smallest City	38,500.00
Armstrong Loan	11,250.00
BFACD Loan	90,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	1,638,295.16
Due From/To Other Funds	369,149.70
RESERVES	
Allowance BF Housing	-150,000.00
Allowance Smallest City	-38,500.00
Allowance Howard Block	-575,000.00
Allowance for Armstrong L	-11,250.00
Allowance for Exner Block	-419,000.00
TOTAL RESERVES	-1,193,750.00
TOTAL ASSETS	813,694.86
LIABILITIES	
Deferred Revenue	402,601.20
Unspent Grant RMO Waypoin	3,744.52
Unspent Grant CT River Pt	847.00
Fund Balance	304,431.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES	711,623.74
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	102,071.12
TOTAL RESERVES, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	813,694.86

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM TAX ADMINISTRATION
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT AS OF JANUARY 20, 2016**

Parcel ID	Owner	Description	Balance as of 1/20/2016
160970014	5 Henry Street LLC	Dry house & Land	1,415.56
100020374	Aldrich, Carol Ann	Land and trailer	549.08
110510236	Amidon, Floyd	Land and buildings	1,429.50
263880010	Amidon, Rickey	Buildings and lot	2,693.53
020800130	Anderson, Wayne	Land and mobile home	3,833.40
880000196	Athens Pizza House	Pizzeria Equipment	152.20
060020980	Bacon, Jennifer	House and lot	762.97
233280010	Barber, Albert	House and lot	740.92
101210997	Barrett, Robert	Land and buildings	1,325.00
060020961	Batchelder, Roy	Land and mobile home	2,555.50
880000361	Bellows Falls Chiropractic	Personal property/equipment	35.90
880000047	Bob Averill & Bob	Kitchen equipment/furniture	671.91
160030037-005	Boczkowski, Beverly	Mobile home	471.66
060041703	Bussino, Diane A	Land and buildings	476.65
045050784	Carpentino, Kurt R	Buildings and land	4,216.64
020800119	Chernouski, Judith	House and land	504.21
070990075	Childs, Edward C	Land Rockingham	125.10
234380023	Chiu, Phil	Buildings and lot	4,039.84
205010212-001	Clark, Wayne	Mobile home	1,096.28
205010212-005	Crapo, Hazel L.	Mobile home	176.82
141210875	Critchfield, James	House and land	860.98
170170003	Dolloph, Margaret	Buildings and lot	1,917.01
060020696	Dolloph, Roger	Mobile home and land	1,922.88
233560010	Elsesser, James & Sharon	Buildings and land	3,028.36
233560008	Elsessor, James & Sharon	House and lot	3,753.73
235010090	Father's Ink Corp.	Diner	511.71
110720012	Foster, David L.	Land, building, mobile home	896.66
110720006	Foster, Edward	Buildings and land	74.38
233320053	Foster, Edward L	Block and lot	95.79
100020449	Furgat, Frank A	Land and buildings	583.04
100590003	Furgat, Michael B	Land and mobile home	1,293.53
274200023	Graham, Richard	Buildings and lot	762.91
880000193	Green Mountain Specialties	Personal property/equipment	4,288.76
070060299	Griffin, Christian	Land	1,352.85
160410015	Halberg, Deborah L	House and lot	2,310.57
030200144	Harris, Ralph	Building and land	5,049.64
233720015	Hatfield, William	Buildings and lot	1,408.01
234010057	Higgins, Peter & Sharon	Buildings and lot	5,036.40
060140001	Higgins, Peter & Sharon	Buildings and land	4,012.14

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM TAX ADMINISTRATION
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT AS OF JANUARY 21, 2015**

Parcel ID	Owner	Description	Balance as of 1/21/2015
030200126	Hill, Barbara	Building and land	4,069.12
234460025	Island Holdings, LLC	Buildings and land	4,599.90
263860031	Kaja Holdings 2, LLC	House and lot	442.03
263840004	Kawaky, John	Buildings and lot	1,082.22
115000464	Lafayette, Barbara	Building and land	1,077.97
235020055-1	Lawrence, Alexander	Block	1,356.36
265030110	Madden, Christopher	Land and buildings	8,888.78
129940046-001	Modspace	MH Office Unit GMRR	648.52
223500052	Mueller, Brian & Laura	Building and land	2,140.92
223460003	Neurock, Mark	House and lot	4,681.72
233760003	Noe, John	House and lot	3,391.02
264040025	Noe, John	House and lot	4,953.86
263940012	Orvis, Janet	House and lot	1,788.42
125050127-016	Parent, Scott	Mobile home	202.46
234010075	Parrott, Steve	House and lot	888.50
110750079	Putnam, Carol M	Land and mobile home	1,603.94
233760017	Randall, William	Buildings and lot	2,241.08
070240607	Riverbend Associates	Land Rockingham	794.81
060820120	Robinson, William	Land	534.92
234400038	Safer, Julia	Buildings and lot	5,523.10
075001153	Saunders, Brannan	Building and land	2,034.54
020100839	Schuld, V George	Land and buildings	10,320.64
080220012	Serenity Enterprises	Building and land	4,093.94
070220070	Shaw, John E III	Land, trailer, garage	3,656.58
025002099	Shibley, John	Land and buildings	2,712.68
080280009	Shibley, John	Land and buildings	7,017.98
120750009	Shibley, John N	Land	3,656.58
110460010	St. Pierre, Gilles	Land and trailer	1,063.49
150510085	Stamm, Peter	Land	908.18
159950011	Stamm, Peter	Land	730.16
160010026-3	Stamm, Peter	House and lot	4,750.28
261210044	Webster, Joi M	Building and land	1,503.72
205010240	Zdunek, Maria	Hetty Green Motel	28,615.46

Delinquent tax amounts reflected above are as of 1/20/2016.

This report does not reflect payments made after that date.

This report does not reflect accounts with balances less than \$20.00

Some overdue taxpayers have reached agreements with the Town.

Some overdue accounts are in bankruptcy and cannot be collected at the present time.

Some delinquent accounts have been forwarded to the Town Agent for tax sale.

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

The Rockingham Selectboard continues to strive to provide the residents of the Town of Rockingham with a sound community while facing the ongoing challenge of being fiscally responsible to its residents.

Several FY2016/2017 budget discussions were held over the past few months and the Board is confident that it is presenting a fair budget to the community. The Selectboard thanks the Municipal Manager and the Department Heads for their input and expertise throughout this process.

The New Year – January 2015 – saw the formation of the Merger Committee consisting of the members of the Rockingham Selectboard and the Bellows Falls Village Trustees. Kristi Morris, Springfield Selectboard Chair, agreed to facilitate. It is anticipated that an agreement will be approved by the Committee and forwarded on to the individual Boards for public hearings sometime in 2016.

The Town finally received reimbursement from FEMA and the State of Vermont due to Tropical Storm Irene which occurred in August 2011. These funds were put back into the Town's General Fund to replenish the fund balance that was used to cover expenses incurred from Irene.

The Rockingham Library renovation project continues to be in litigation with Architect SMP and it is anticipated that the Town will be compensated for the over expenditures of the project.

The State of Vermont began the construction project on Route 5 (Atkinson Street/Rockingham Street). This project was done in collaboration with the Bellows Falls Water Project and improvements were made to Henry Street & School Street. The State still has some finish work to do in the Spring and signage to install.

This past June & July two long-term employees retired from the Town. Town Clerk/Treasurer Doreen Aldrich retired in June after 27 years with the Town. Ellen Howard, Zoning Administrator/Health Officer, retired in July after 32 years of employment. Both of these individuals take with them a vast amount of knowledge and history and will be missed.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the Municipal Manager, the Department Heads and the staff of the Town of Rockingham for their continued dedication and ongoing support.

Thomas MacPhee, Chair
Susan Hammond, Vice-Chair
Peter Golec
Ann DiBernardo
Joshua Hearne

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

The summer of 2015 saw a lot of construction activities throughout the Town. Saxtons River Bridge 11R, (Averill's Bridge) construction was completed. Route 5 from the Westminster line to Pond Road in Bellows Falls was milled, paved and striped as part of a multi-town VTrans project with no local share cost. There is still signage and a Safe School Zone work to be completed in the spring. A Bellows Falls Water project performed complete overlays of the streets in Morgan's Field, School and Henry (also reconstructed with highway) in the Village. The Highway Department reconstructed Rice Road in Saxtons River, overlaid Meadow Lane in Bellows Falls and built up several roads with the gravel crushed in the Route 103 Pit last summer. New playground equipment was installed at the Recreation Center in Bellows Falls which has met a need for families with younger children.

The summer of 2016 has projects planned as well. Saxtons River will see a Safe Routes to School sidewalk project from Main Street up School Street to Grove Street to be completed which is 100% Federal/State funded. The Bellows Falls Water project will perform complete overlays on Hadley, Chase, Oak and part of Burt Streets. Additionally Pleasant, Lockwood and King Streets will see the same project activities. There is a high probability that Route 5 north of Bellows Falls will see the Bellows Falls Water project performing pipe bursting. The Highway Department will be working on projects throughout the Town as well. Present budget plans include chip sealing Brockway Mills Road and Parker Hill Road to preserve these as long as possible. Required road and culvert inventory evaluations will be updated during this summer.

Two long term employees, Town Clerk Doreen Aldrich and Zoning Administrator/Health Officer Ellen Howard, made the decision to retire at the end of fiscal year 2015. The local history, knowledge in their fields and willingness to serve the community is highly commendable. They deserve to have time to enjoy life having provided countless hours in public service. They remain dedicated to the Town even in their retirement.

My door remains open to all seeking to spend some time with me. We have many challenges to address which requires establishing priorities. It must be understood that 100% of the people are not going to be happy 100% of the time. I remain committed to being a facilitator, collaborator, sounding board and congratulator for activities both internal and external to local government.

Thank you to the Town of Rockingham Selectboard for their confidence in my work. Thank you to all the employees, volunteers, committee members and community for the service they provide to me and for the community at large. Active participation does create a stronger community.

Finally, my abilities to perform as your Municipal Manager are directly related to the support of my wife, Wendy and son, Willis III. Their tolerance for my long hours and constant work ethic is remarkable. The support of Town employees makes my job a little easier. I am enjoying this position and hope to retire after years of service to my hometown.

Willis D. "Chip" Stearns, II
Municipal Manager

BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE

2015 was a banner year for the Opera House in terms of first-run movies. With hits like “Jurassic World”, “Minions” and “Inside Out” during the spring and summer and “Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2” and “Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens” in the fall and winter we saw an increase to our customer base totally new to me. Frequent movie-going comments lauding the reasonable ticket price and the comfortable cost of concessions continue to convince we are filling a void in the entertainment options for the region.

Live performances remain an important part of the Opera House’s menu of entertainment. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Nimble Arts, Sankofa Drummers and Dancers all booked repeat performances in the Opera House to enthusiastic audiences. Steel Wheels returned to our stage in the spring and Judy Collins headlined a terrific winter season.

Wednesday Classic Movies ran again this year under a modified schedule and continue to be a successful entertainment option. Running monthly, every second and fourth Wednesday, with the licensing fees underwritten by individuals and businesses in the area, our attendance has increased. Fans of the WCM series were also treated to a marriage proposal (and acceptance) prior to the screening of “The Princess Bride” in early September. The Rotary hosted their annual free holiday movie in December to a rollicking near capacity. Local DJ Fish of radio station WKVT, spearheaded the annual “Overflow the Opera House” to benefit the local food bank.

The Bellows Falls Opera House is proud of its tradition of providing reasonably priced, family friendly entertainment. We strive to serve the area by remaining true to our Opera House roots and by presenting movies as they were intended to be seen; in a comfortable theater, with the largest screen in the area, in surround sound, with an audience that loves the movies as much as we do.

Submitted by
Rick Angers, Opera House Manager

CEMETERY REPORT

The Town of Rockingham owns and maintains five cemeteries within the Town. These include Oak Hill Cemetery, Restland Cemetery, Saxtons River Cemetery, Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery and Cambridgeport Cemetery.

Oak Hill Cemetery, located on the Bellows Falls/Westminster town line, is the largest cemetery based on the number of lots. All mapped lots are sold at this time, but roadways are still being filled in. A considerable amount of time was spent in this cemetery clearing brush around the perimeter and around the tomb.

Restland Cemetery is located at the corner of Oak Hill Terrace and West Street in Bellows Falls, currently has no lots available for sale and is considered inactive.

Saxtons River Cemetery, located in the Village of Saxtons River, currently has mapped lots available, which are being sold at a relatively steady rate. Plans are ongoing to continue the repair of stones.

Cambridgeport Cemetery has some mapped lots available and has a considerable amount of room for expansion.

Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery is located behind the Rockingham Meeting House located just off Route 103 in Rockingham. All lots in the original lot are sold at this time. However, a new section was opened several years ago and it is anticipated that lots will be available for several years. Also available is a large lot adjacent to the Meeting House Cemetery which can be developed if necessary.

Based on the past 250 years or so it appears that cemetery space in the Town of Rockingham will be sufficient for the next 200 years.

If you have questions related to the town-owned cemeteries or any information relevant to town cemeteries, please call the cemetery sexton at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, VT at 463-4111.

J. Malcolm Potter, Cemetery Sexton

CONSTABLE REPORT

In our capacity as Constables for the Town of Rockingham, in excess of 10 civil services have been handled at a cost of \$75.00 per service. Animal complaints were also handled, to include dog bites, unregistered dogs and barking dog complaints. Other animal complaints were also addressed at the direction of the Municipal Manager. As with last years' report, the Constables were not required at any board meeting in FY2015.

We would like to thank the municipality for the opportunity to serve the community.

Submitted by:

Ronald Lake, 1st Constable

Shane Harris, 2nd Constable

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Rockingham Development Office is charged with the mission of working to foster an environment conducive to sustainable, long-term, quality economic and community development that will result in investment in this community. The Town of Rockingham is a key partner in the regional economy and the overall marketing of economic development activities for southern Vermont. The Development Director is a member of the Regional Economic Development organization, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, a member of the Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategies group, "SeVEDS" and a committee member of the Regional Brownfields Committee. These affiliations allow for ongoing communication, marketing efforts, and redevelopment opportunities, as well as involvement in workforce development issues for our employers.

Over this past year, the Development Office has worked closely with VerMed, Inc. to facilitate the necessary communication with state and local entities in providing an incentive package to keep the company in Rockingham during the purchase by an out-of-state company. The Development Office continued conversations with a second company related to their plans for growth in the town.

The Development Office has continued the planning associated with the preliminary development of several new industrial sites on currently industrial zoned property. The Development Office also fields inquiries on a regular basis from individuals and companies looking for suitable locations to expand or start-up their business. This "business development" occurs on a regular basis and is not restricted to manufacturing businesses alone. During this past year, the office worked to assist with the expansion of a food processor that located in Rockingham in 2014.

This office receives and follows up on inquiries for downtown locations for relocating businesses, as well as expanding and start-up businesses. This work accounts for 5-8 inquiries a month.

Related to business/prospect development, and the redevelopment of "underutilized" sites or buildings, is the work of the Development Director as Executive Director of the Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation (BFADC). The BFADC was established in 1965 as a non-profit Local Development Corporation which signed an agreement in 1984 to work in concert with the Town of Rockingham with the mission of "*Promoting the general welfare of the inhabitants of Windham County by unifying and coordinating public and private efforts towards attracting, financing, and developing private industry, retail stores, the recreation industry, and increasing and stabilizing opportunities for employment.*" The BFADC Board is comprised of local business people nominated and elected by the Board of the BFADC. The Development Director for the Town of Rockingham has always served as the Executive Director of this organization. As a non-profit development entity, the BFADC is able to assist local businesses with expansion planning and financing and as a conduit for appropriate grants and financing programs available to non-profit development organizations. The BFADC works very closely with the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Affairs, Economic Development Department, as well as the regional development organization; Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation.

A major project that has continued this year involving the BFADC has been the redevelopment and environmental clean-up of 21 Island Street, also known as the Robertson Paper Mill. This has been a complicated clean-up involving hazardous waste, as well as hazardous building materials. Soil and groundwater contamination are on-going issues for remediation of this site before it can be used for redevelopment.

The Rockingham Revolving Loan Fund is administered through the Development Office. The Loan Fund is available for small business expansions, capital for start-up businesses, or to assist with equipment purchases. Over the past year, the Development Office had 8 inquiries and met with 4 individuals interested in applying for funding. Two loans were approved this year. A total of twelve loans are being administered by the Development and Finance Offices. A full accounting of the loans and the balances can be found under Revolving Loan Fund at the end of the Budget section of the Annual Report.

The Development Office also oversees the Certified Local Government Historic Commission for the Town. Christy Hotaling works as the coordinator for the CLG on a part time basis. Funded by a state grant to work on projects such as the Rockingham Meeting House renovations, marketing and signage, as well as other projects related to historic preservation throughout the town, the CLG also sponsors 2-3 speakers throughout the year related to downtown development and historic preservation activities.

The Development Office divides its time between the following activities throughout the year:

- Prospects:(includes site analysis, financial analysis and regulatory issues) 7%
- Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation: 27%
- Grant Administration: 8%
- Existing Business Visitation/Consultation: 17%
- Southeastern Vermont Economic Development: 12%
- Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance: 10%
- Great Falls Chamber of Commerce: 1.5 hours /month
- Revolving Loan Fund: 5%
- Business Plans for RLF: 3%
- CLG: 6%
- Meetings: 5%

Questions regarding the Development Office can be directed to the Development Director at 463-3964 extension 110 or email development@rockbf.org.

Submitted by:
Francis Walsh, Development Director

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Town of Rockingham was again fortunate in the area of emergency management issues in FY2015. While there were no emergency management issues requiring activation of the Emergency Operation Center, we have been tracking any and all issues and or/ events that could potentially impact our community. Communication between me, other department heads, service providers and the Municipal Manager ensures that any potential emergency situation is identified and dealt with in an efficient and diligent manner.

I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Rockingham for their continued support and look forward to another calm year.

Ron Lake, Emergency Management Director

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The 2015 spring fire season was a busy one especially in the Southern half of the state which included the First Statewide Burn Ban in 10 years. The burn ban was implemented on May 5, 2015 and was in effect until May 12, 2015 with the exception of Bennington and Windham Counties which was lifted on May 12, 2015. A second burn ban was implemented for Bennington and Windham Counties on May 13, 2015 and continued until finally lifted on May 19, 2015.

Although the Town of Rockingham did not experience any significant brush or forest fires, crews from the Town Departments did respond to our neighboring communities for mutual aid.

Chief William Weston retired in August 2015 and Bellows Falls Fire Department Deputy Chief Cenate was appointed to the remainder of Chief Weston's term as the Town of Rockingham Forest Fire Warden.

There were 219 burn permits issued to kindle open fire in the Town of Rockingham in 2015. The Town of Rockingham requires burn permits year round and may be obtained by calling or stopping by the Bellows Falls Fire Station. Permits over the phone may be obtained by calling 463-4343. If you have never obtained a permit or have changed the location of the burn site a site visit must be scheduled prior to issuing a permit.

Regulations concerning open burning may be obtained by stopping at the fire station or online at www.rockbf.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Town of Rockingham for their cooperation in following State and Local open burning regulations.

Submitted by:
Deputy Chief John S. Cenate
Rockingham Forest Fire Warden

HEALTH OFFICERS' REPORT

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

What is a health officer?

Health officers are town staff who are granted legal authority by the State of Vermont to investigate and address any potential or existing public health hazard in their town. Health officers perform building and property inspections to detect violations and address those public health risks.

What is a public health hazard?

Health hazards are easily identified as conditions having the potential to harm a person's health. The public piece generally means that the health hazard is, or has the potential to, impact a greater number of people. Sometimes a health hazard, while undesirable, is wholly confined to one private property and fails to meet a public standard. In those instances, the Health Officer cannot get involved and only a private remedy between private citizens may address the situation.

Health officers enforce rental housing health codes

Any rented building or structure that is partially or wholly used as a primary residence must follow Vermont's Rental Housing Health Codes. The landlord must provide the tenant with minimum habitability and living standards that protect the health and well-being of the occupants. The most common rental housing deficiencies in Rockingham are lead paint exposure, property trash accumulation, pest infestations, and building code deficiencies. Health officers typically receive a specific tenant complaint and are then required to evaluate the entire building to ensure it meets all current rental housing health codes.

Public Health Inquiries

The Health Officers field 1-2 public health inquiries every week. If requested, inquiries are treated with confidentiality to protect person(s) making the public health complaint. The great majority of public health inquiries are legitimate and are related to rental housing code violations with the Town's older housing stock. Public health investigations require property inspections, communications with impacted persons, and follow-up assessments. Most health investigations take weeks, sometimes months, between identifying and then remediating a public health hazard. This is made even more difficult when owners are in bankruptcy proceedings, properties are in foreclosure, and/or the owner has limited financial means.

Investigate-Cooperate-Mandate

Despite weekly inquiries, the Town only processed two health orders in 2015. Health Officers work cooperatively with landowners and tenants to address a public health deficiency before any official action is considered. In almost all cases, a public health hazard can be addressed voluntarily before more costly legal action is required. This saves time and money for the Town and property owner.

Parks Place partnership

Public health hazards disproportionately impact at-risk populations. Public health orders can shut down rental housing units and dislocate people, families. The Parks Place Lead Safe &

Healthy Homes program ensures that some of those impacted can be successfully relocated and get the services they need to improve their lives. They have been the Town's invaluable partner and together we are tackling increasingly complicated and nuanced public health issues. As Health Officers, we have learned to depend on their unique skillsets. We are deeply indebted to the Parks Place Lead Safe & Healthy Homes program and commend them for their faithful service to our community.

Submitted by:
Charles Wise, Jr. & Willis D. Stearns, II
Rockingham Health Officers

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I welcome this opportunity to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Rockingham along with the Selectboard and Municipal Manager for their support of the Highway Department. Thank you to the Town Hall Staff and to the other departments within the municipality for their assistance as well.

The Northeast had one of the coldest, snowiest winters in some time, not to mention one of the longest. I am pleased to say the Highway Department was able to stay within budget on salt and sand supplies and still maintain the level of safety on the roads that is expected by the residents of Rockingham.

30,000+/- yards of various size gravel was processed this year in the town pit. This will be used to maintain the gravel roads and for future projects in the Town of Rockingham. Unfortunately we have exhausted the gravel resources to be processed in our pit.

The Highway Department along with general maintenance duties again replaced several aging or failing culverts and numerous replacements/repairs to manholes and storm drain structures.

Thank you to my family. Thank you to all my co-workers for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Rockingham. Thank you to their families for their understanding and support of the early morning phone calls and the long hours away from their home.

Submitted by:
Michael B. Hindes, Highway Superintendent

BOARD OF LISTERS

Grand List

The 2015-16 Rockingham Grand List is based on 2,193 parcels with a municipal total taxable value of \$496,368,531 of which \$10,779,231 is business personal property. While the actual Grand List is at 1% of full value for tax calculation purposes, the values for this report are at 100%.

Current Projects

A town wide reappraisal is underway, to be completed in spring of 2017. Residential inspections will be completed during the summer of 2016 (in Saxtons River Village), followed by commercial and industrial property inspections. The Listers appreciate the cooperation of property owners during this project. Fair valuations are dependent on accurate data collected during these inspections.

GIS parcel maps are now available online to the public. To access, go to the Town website www.rockbf.org, click on municipal government/Listers for the map link.

Change of Appraisals and Grievance: Change of Appraisal Notices are sent out to property owners in late May where value adjustments are made. All property owners have the right to grieve the value of their property by sending their concerns in writing to the Board of Listers by Grievance Day, which is usually in the first week of June.

Equalization Study: Rockingham CLA 105.02% COD 16.88% effective 1/1/2015
Rockingham CLA 103.90% COD 19.48%. effective 1/1/2016

In late December of each year, the Vermont Department of Taxes conducts a study to compare the Town Grand List values with the real estate sales of the previous three years. The resulting statistics establish a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Co-efficient of Dispersion (COD).

The state applies the CLA percentage to the Town Grand List for the purposes of assessing state education taxes. By applying the CLA, the state is attempting to equalize all towns' contributions to the state education fund. If the CLA drops below 80% then a Town Wide Reappraisal is mandated.

The COD is a measure of fairness within the town. When a town COD rises above 20%, a town wide reappraisal is mandated by state law. The latest COD indicates that the town wide reappraisal currently underway is needed to re-establish equity..

Homestead Filing and Property Tax Adjustment for State Payment

The Homestead declaration is required annually, along with the property tax adjustment claim (optional). Forms and information can be found in the Vermont Income Tax booklet or online at Vermont Department of Taxes website. Forms can be ordered by email at formsrequest@state.vt.us or call 802-828-2515.

Business Personal Property Reporting

For business personal property Rockingham only taxes equipment used in producing income. Such property is taxable for municipal tax only, not the state education tax. In 2008 Rockingham voted to exempt the first \$5,000 of taxable business personal property value, but business owners must still file an inventory report with the Listers by April 20. A copy of this form is available from the Listers office.

Rockingham Board of Listers: 463-1229 extension 117

Camilla Roberts (Chair), Paul Noble, Michael Harty

Regularly available Monday-Friday, 9-11 am on the third floor of the Town Hall.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

The Planning & Zoning Department is comprised of a professional planner, an assistant planner, and five citizen planners who serve on the Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Adjustment. We also rely heavily upon the Development Officer, the Town Manager, the Windham Regional Commission, the Selectboard and Village Trustees, the Town's Attorney, and participating land owners/residents. These partnerships are essential as we approve land development and maintain the Town's land use regulations and municipal plans.

Development Review.

Residents and businesses have been able to contact our office and receive valuable feedback before they submit applications for development review. We strongly encourage all applicants to get involved with us early so we can work together proactively. This is especially true of businesses who have complicated engineering, planning, and permitting requirements and can benefit from early input.

The great majority of applications can be handled administratively which means the applicant works with planning staff who can directly issue the permit. We made every effort to issue approvals within a week of receiving the application and materials. Staff approved a total of 43 permits. No permits were denied.

Some applications are sophisticated enough that they can only be approved by the Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Adjustment. This process involves a public meeting, hearing testimony, and a written decision. The Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Adjustment approved a total of 27 permits. No permits were denied.

With a combined total of 80 applications permitted, the hard working residents and land owners of Rockingham have projects that will invest a projected \$4,653,400 into our Town.

Planning Goes Digital.

The Planning & Zoning Department now uses an electronic database to process all development applications. This database is connected to the Town's central database and will enhance our connectivity with other departments and financial services. Every permit since 2006 has been successfully recorded in this electronic database and we are working to add more historical data every month. We are also digitally scanning the original zoning applications with their written decisions and referencing those old documents to our electronic database. Every zoning application and decision since 2010 has been scanned, loaded onto the town's servers, and available for download by request. This new emphasis on electronic systems has allowed us to work more efficiently with residents, business owners, and land use attorneys.

Enforcement.

Zoning enforcement remains a hugely challenging task. We sometimes see violations firsthand, but more often depend on feedback from neighbors and interested community members. We seek voluntary cooperation first and will only issue a zoning violation after all other options to achieve compliance have been exhausted. Our goal when addressing a violation is to promote

positive, respectful and voluntary steps that achieve a timely and sustained compliance. If zoning violations exist, especially those that are negatively impacting neighbors, we strongly encourage you to contact Planning & Zoning. We process all zoning violation reports promptly and with confidentiality.

Windham Regional Commission.

The Windham Regional Commission did a remarkable job supporting the town this year. They are always available to answer questions on mapping, development review, flood hazard and emergency planning. They always take advantage of their regional scale to organize training forums, facilitate with grant writing, and sponsor meetings with towns who may benefit from shared services. Most importantly, they are our advocates with state agencies and elected officials. Town planning and zoning cannot operate efficiently without the sustained commitment of these hard-working regional planners.

Ms. Ellen Howard.

Ellen started as the Zoning Administrator in 1979 with an office in the old Women's Club Room (now the Lower Theater) at the Town Hall. She worked tirelessly to maintain an efficient, impartial, and professionalized planning and zoning office for our community. After 36 years of service, Ellen retired on July 10th and can now be seen visiting family and friends, fishing, smiling and laughing, and very occasionally visiting the planning & zoning office. Ellen may have retired, but not a day goes by that we don't use her work for guidance on current permitting and planning projects. We will always be indebted for her service to the Town. Thank you Ellen!

Please come by!

We have an open door policy and want to help all those interested in developing their property. We are available to give advice, help develop applications, and to provide everyone an efficient path to obtaining their permits. Please stop by, we want to work with you!

Copies of the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaw, Flood Hazard Area Bylaw, and the Subdivision Regulations are available at www.rockbf.org. Application forms for various permits are also available on the website or by contacting us directly at planning@rockbf.org.

Submitted by:

Charles Wise, Jr. & Joan Harlow



ROCKINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mission Statement: The Rockingham Conservation Commission is an official non-regulatory body of the Town of Rockingham with the mission of providing education and addressing issues pertaining to natural resource conservation and environmental protection, specifically as these topics relate to the Town of Rockingham, its land, its waters, and its citizens. The RCC also serves as the Energy Committee for the Town of Rockingham.

For more information or to join a committee or to be added to our email list contact:

Mike Ghia, Conservation Commission Chair, 869-1214 rockinghamconservation@gmail.com

Also, the Rockingham Conservation Commission now has a Facebook page where we periodically post news, events, and pictures, so please “like” us on Facebook.

Meeting Times and Location: Currently, the RCC generally meets the second Monday of the month at 7 pm, though we usually do not meet in August. We are now meeting in the Meeting Room on the Third Floor of Town Hall. The public is always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Current Official Appointees: Mike Ghia, Alan Fowler, Tom Hernon, Guy Payne, Paul Wilson, Peter Bergstrom, Fred Bennet, Devin Smith, and Amy Howlett. However, participation is not restricted to appointees and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Activities: The Rockingham Conservation Commission (RCC) is always very open to ideas for activities, programs and projects. We are also looking for people who would like to volunteer for a committee or project or to become a full appointee on the commission. So don't be shy.

The RCC has two standing committees: natural resources and energy. This year we had quite a few activities that fell under both categories. In doing so, we also continue to work with other area organizations to fulfill our mission. For instance, we worked with the Windham Regional Commission and representatives from adjacent towns to form the Saxtons River Watershed Collaborative (see attached report) which is working on various conservation and flood resiliency projects in the Saxtons River Watershed.

One significant project of the last year has been continuation of an effort lead by member Peter Bergstrom to get official names assigned to streams, coves, and waterfalls within the Town of Rockingham. Naming waterways promotes their stewardship—people are more aware of them and care more about them. This in turn makes people more aware of how what they do on land affects those waterways. Many people think most waterways have names already, but in some areas, few have recorded names on maps, even if they once had historical names. This project includes mapping the watersheds of the brooks and streams. This effort is being carried out with the approval of and coordination with the Town Select Board. Public input has been actively sought through a variety of forums including a public presentations and hearings. The final list will be submitted to the State Library Board for final approval in 2016.

The RCC has also begun to work more closely with Rockingham Planning Commission and is planning a joint meeting in 2016 to further improve collaboration and coordination. Currently,

the RCC is assisting the Planning in revising the Natural Resources Chapter of the Rockingham Town Plan. Members of the RCC also participated this last year in efforts for coordination amongst the other town conservation commissions in Windham County as well as activities of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC).

The RCC has been in discussions with Ed Dinnany, the current Town coordinator for Green Up Day, and will be taking over responsibility for coordination in Rockingham, with RCC members Guy Payne and Amy Howlett taking over the coordination of the responsibilities in 2016, pending approval of the Select Board. The RCC also plans to work with the Recycling Center on examining how Rockingham will comply with the State's new "universal recycling law", particularly as the organic waste requirements kick in. We expect to provide assistance on citizen education.

The RCC also has begun an ambitious project together with the Pinnacle Association to connect the trails of the Pinnacle Association in the Cambridgeport area with the Village of Saxtons River, and hopefully eventually to the Village of Bellows Falls via the Pinnacle's Bald Hill reserve. The RCC has been recruiting additional community members to participate in this project and more participation by any interested parties is welcomed and encouraged.

In January 2015, the RCC, together with the Rockingham Public Library, sponsored a snowshoe hike at Dorand State Forest located in the western part of Rockingham, led by Assistant State Forester Rick White, and attended by 24 snowshoers. In 2016, we are planning to lead a presentation at the Library on Vernal pools, and then a Wildflower and Vernal Pool hike come spring. We welcome any suggestions for other such activities.

The Energy Committee was equally as busy. There have been 2 primary areas of focus. The first is to identify options for the town to increase its utilization of renewable energy by investing in Group Net Metering. Potential options include either building our own solar array or establishing a power purchase service agreement from a developer whose arrays are located anywhere within Green Mountain Power's territory. The second area of focus is to investigate Rockingham partaking in VT's PACE (Property Accessed Clean Energy) program. With PACE, property owners can secure loans for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects where the financing continues with the property even when the property changes hands. The RCC has initiated and supported the inclusion of an Article on the 2016 Town Meeting Warning to implement PACE in Rockingham.

Announcements of renewable energy/energy efficiency regional programs appear on the Commission's Facebook page. [The Energy Committee is looking for volunteer to assist in our efforts.](#) Contact Guy Payne, Rockingham's Energy Coordinator and chair of the RCC's Energy Committee for further information at 869-2600 or email gpaynevt@gmail.com

There are a number of other projects that RCC would like to carry out, but we need more people to become involved. The RCC is very open to participation by any resident, and we encourage the participation of everyone at whatever level that you are able to contribute. If you have any interest at all, please sign up for our mailing list or feel free to contact us to learn more about the RCC and opportunities to become involved.

The Saxton River Watershed Collaborative

The Town of Rockingham is a participating member of the Saxtons River Watershed Collaborative (SRWC), whose mission is to ensure a healthy environment, safe communities, and strong quality of life in the Saxtons River Watershed. The SRWC works to proactively reduce the impacts of future flooding and improve the health of our land and water resources. Through a partnership of local and state partners, the Collaborative implements conservation projects, increases community awareness of the river, and strengthens town and state policies to help protect life and property, and thus increase economic and community resilience.

The SRWC formed in the spring of 2015 with a shared goal of addressing the real and significant threat of flooding. In July 2015, the Collaborative was awarded a \$32,000 grant from the High Meadows Fund to address flood resiliency in the Saxtons River Watershed through an integrated approach that includes conservation, education, and planning. In conjunction with High Meadows Fund grant, the Connecticut River Chapter (#450) of Trout Unlimited and the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (through the Trees for Streams Program) have also contributed funds to restore vegetation on three damaged riverfront sites in Grafton, Rockingham and Westminster by planting native trees and shrubs that will help stabilize river banks from erosion and improve water quality. In addition to riverbank restoration, the High Meadows Fund will support the SRWC in establishing an education center in Grafton to increase awareness about flooding and how to reduce flood damage, engaging with willing landowners to establish conservation easements on their properties, and working with interested towns to review planning documents and ordinances. In October 2015, the Collaborative held a free public workshop on land conservation and management methods. All of these activities will contribute to safer, healthier, and more resilient communities and lands in the Saxtons River Watershed.

Listed in alphabetical order, the participating towns include Grafton, Rockingham, Westminster and Windham and the following partner organizations: Connecticut River Chapter (#450) of Trout Unlimited, Connecticut River Watershed Council, Grafton Elementary School, Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont River Conservancy, Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, Windham Foundation, Windham Regional Commission. These entities form the core, but not the boundaries of this Collaborative. The SRWC will continue to build strong relationships with diverse local public and private entities.

Whether through attending public events or exploring land conservation opportunities, there are many options for citizens and groups in the Saxtons River Watershed to contribute to flood resiliency. To receive notices about events and opportunities to become involved or for additional information about the SRWC, please contact Kim Smith at ksmith@windhamregional.org or (802) 257-4547 ext 108. More information on the High Meadows Fund initiative can be found online at www.highmeadowsfund.org/watershed-resilience.

Submitted by:

Mike Ghia, Rockingham Conservation Commission Chair

ROCKINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015



ROCKINGHAM
FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

The Rockingham Free Public Library had a very fruitful year, with the Director, Staff and Board of Trustees, working together to meet the changing needs and challenges faced by the Library. The Board of Trustees revised the Board's By-Laws and established rules of procedure. Two new staff members joined the team of dedicated librarians, who worked together to improve library services by creating a stimulating and welcoming environment; providing a wide variety of books, audios, videos, online and technology resources, and reference services; and offering a wide array of cultural and educational programs.

Youth Services & Literacy - The Library was fortunate to receive a Children's Literacy Foundation grant which funded a program focused on generating excitement around books and reading, especially geared to youth who are reluctant readers. We also received a Vermont Early Literacy Initiative grant, which provided educational materials and training for the Youth Services Librarian, Samantha (Sam) Maskell, focusing on the social development of children. Sam then worked in partnership with the WNESU Early Education Center, to lead classes and distribute free books and materials to caregivers and parents. We set up and hosted the online Windham County Parent Resource Calendar, which lists programs and events for families. The *Friends of the Library* sponsored a new program called "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" with the goal of encouraging families to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help to strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary.



Presentation by Webster's House Animal Shelter in the Youth Program Room

The Summer Reading Program offered 27 events, with a total attendance of 1,135, which was a major increase compared to the previous year, proving we bounced back from the disruption caused by the renovation. Children's participation in reading challenges increased by 49%, and children's attendance at programs increased by 293%. Fall, winter and spring programs included a new program, the Beginning Readers' Book Club, weekly story times for babies and preschoolers, after school programs for middle schoolers, programs for teens, and Makerspace programs which highlighted inventive creativity and using robotics and STEM tools. Elementary School classes visited the Library to learn about the summer reading program, and we hosted information tables at community events such as Old Home Days and Herrick's Cove Festival, to promote our programs and resources.

Programming - In September Anne Dempsey was hired to fill the Programming and Community Relations Librarian position, which had been left vacant since Ed Graves resigned in May, 2013. Through the year, Anne revived our slate of programs. She organized and publicized over 100 programs, many of which were funded by the Friends of the Library. These included two Vermont Humanities Council programs: the documentary film “VT Movie: Freedom and Unity”, and “Vermont and the Civil War” presented by Howard Coffin. In conjunction with this program, a special genealogy program was offered on ‘Researching Your Civil War Ancestors’ and the Book Club was inspired to pick Howard Coffin’s ‘Nine Months to Gettysburg’ for discussion.

In addition to hosting the monthly genealogy workshops and book discussions, Spanish conversation classes, writing workshops, author events, and AARP tax assistance, we offered many other programs on a wide variety of subjects; notably, the Bellows Falls Historic Riverfront Trail/Park, a snowshoe hike, the Bio-energy Villages of Germany, a slide show about Central American Refugees, a program “Naming Our Streams & Trails”, a travel slideshow and live music “Bike Tour 350”, the documentary “Thinking Money”, the Better Business Bureau’s “Avoiding Scams”, the documentary “Alive Inside” about music and memory, and the documentary “Listening to Veterans”. In March, we hosted an art show by students from WNESU.

Meeting Rooms - When not in use for Library programs, the meeting rooms were used by a diverse range of community groups such as the Vermont Land Trust, and the Vermont Arts



Council, who held a workshop at which the Library’s renovation was highlighted to describe how the building was made handicap-accessible. During the summer, the School Lunch Program was provided in the Youth Program Room, and during the fall the Boys and Girls Club were very appreciative to have been able to meet after school in the Youth Program Room following the vandalism in their own building.

VT Humanities Council’s Civil War Presentation by Howard Coffin, Top Floor Meeting Room

Technology & Information Services - The Library continued to sustain quality technology services, while usage of our wireless network (Wi-Fi) and 12 public computers increased over the previous year, with more than 500 uses logged each week. Our website was refined to highlight our collections, resources and activities (www.rockinghamlibrary.org). Many people visited the website to use our resources, to view their library accounts and reserve materials, and to sign up to receive our weekly newsletter. Overall, the Library’s technology including the high-speed fiber optic connection, wireless network and reference databases were all heavily used, and many patrons relied on the librarians for help locating information and resources and for assistance with all kinds of technology.

In November, with the support of the Department of Libraries, we participated in the national EDGE Initiative, collecting IMPACT surveys to better understand how the community benefits from free access to the Library’s Internet and computers. Highlights of the survey include:

- 82% of the survey respondents had used a Library computer or Wi-Fi network
- 34% had used our computers to search for a job or fill out an online job application
- 23% had used our computers for educational activities
- 27% had used our computers to get information on health and wellness topics
- 46% had used our computers to stay in touch with family and friends
- 69% had received help from a librarian to use the Library's Internet or computers

One-on-One Assistance - We offered patrons one-on-one assistance with the Library's technology, as well as with their personal devices, such as smart phones, e-readers, laptops and tablets, to learn how to access the Internet and Email, download digital content, use digital photography, creative programs, word processing and Office programs, and much more. This service has become very important given that we provide online access to e-books and over 15,000 titles of downloadable audios from One-Click and ListenUp Vermont.

Renovated Building - Many projects were ongoing following the move back into the Library in 2013, including the reorganization of storage and shelving, installation of cabinets and display cases, and shelving for the historical collection. The historic toll bridge sign was hung on the wall high above the non-fiction collection on the Main Floor. The Friends of the Library donated new study tables for the Main Floor and furniture was purchased from the Whitcomb Fund for the Youth Department. Plans were made to complete the landscaping at the rear of the building and to install a new sign on the front lawn. Gravel was installed under the drip line to prevent erosion and backsplash on the walls. The Greater Falls Prevention Coalition donated No Smoking signs which were installed in front of the Library.

Historical Collection - In December Emily Zervas resigned from her position as Reference and Historical Collection Librarian, and moved on to become the Director of the Putney Library. Among her many accomplishments during her 8 years of service, Emily established a database of the Historical Collection and received several grants to help preserve the collection. The latest was a \$6,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to inventory and re-house the Library's collection of over 1,100 glass plate negatives. This year-long project got under way in March, 2015 when Nancy Tusinski was hired to fill the Reference and Historical Collection position. Since then, Nancy has been working with an intern on a weekly basis to finish the project, which should be completed in 2016.

Community Partnerships & Donor Generosity - It is thanks to the generosity of many community partners that we were able to provide superior services to Rockingham area residents. We're very grateful for the donations made to the Library in memory of loved ones, the generous bequest from Ryan Ostebo, and the many other donations and support received throughout the year from local individuals, schools, businesses, organizations, and from the town manager, town departments and representatives.

We also benefited from the advocacy efforts of the Vermont Department of Libraries and its Southeast Regional Consultant, Amy Howlett, as well as the Green Mountain Library Consortium, a volunteer run organization of libraries dedicated to bringing services to Vermont libraries, which includes KOHA, the Library's open source integrated library catalog system.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our long-time and new volunteers who contributed their time, talent and skills to the Library. This includes the *Friends of the Library*, a non-profit organization whose members work to enhance Library services by providing funding and volunteers. The Friends hosted the Holiday Open House, helped with our Annual Spring Book Sale, and raised funds by selling slate tiles painted by local artist Debbi Wetzel, raffle tickets, plants, and book bags, all of which resulted in donations for programs, book carts, meeting room equipment and furniture.

Fiscal Year 2015 has been busy and productive for the Library, and the future promises to be as exciting, as we strive to meet the community's growing needs.

Submitted by:
Céline Houlné, Director

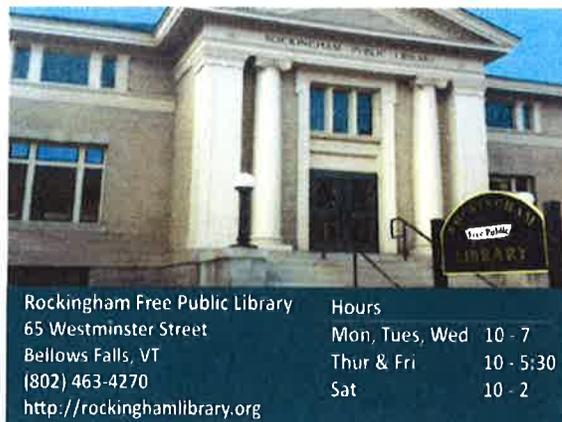
Library Facts At-A-Glance

Catalogued Collections

Books	39,163
Magazines & Newspaper Subscriptions	74
Audio & Visual Items	3,236
Online e-books, One Click, ListenUp VT	15,024
Online Databases	62

Services

Hours open annually	2,392
Number of Library visits	40,352
Number of Library card holders	5,361
Total items checked out	48,598
Inter-Library Loans with other libraries	1,048
Number of hours volunteered in Library	2,236
Number of adult programs	124
Attendance at adult programs	784
Number of children and teen programs	182
Attendance at children and teen programs	3,428
Number of times meeting rooms used	321
Number of <i>weekly</i> uses of library computers	262
Number of <i>weekly</i> uses of WiFi	250
Number of <i>weekly</i> reference transactions	360
Number of <i>weekly</i> remote uses of website	1,689



ROCKINGHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

I would first like to say thank you to the Town of Rockingham residents for allowing the Rock Rec to assemble the New Playground at the Recreation Center! Without your support it would have not happened, and for this we are very thankful. The new playground really compliments the Recreation Center along with the update of the building and pool several years ago. Many families now stop at the Rec and play more often, and it is great to see the Recreation Center being used more than it was before!



The spring time started with the Rec's annual Easter Egg hunt in April and very well attend with over a 100 children visiting the Easter Bunny and looking for the prized golden egg. The Rec stuffed over 1,800 eggs and plans on stuffing even more for this year! Girls softball in the spring for girls in grades 3-6 went very well. Two teams played ball through a very warm and yet sometimes cold spring.

The pool was well attended again this summer and many children had loads of fun in the building with all the inside activities going on. Many residents have found that the Rockingham Recreation is a great spot to bring their families to swim, play and just to have fun. There was a good deal of days with over 100 people swimming in the afternoon. All the programs that the recreation provides were very busy this year providing many different programs for all ages. All programs and resources are presented through the year both at the Bellows Falls Village Playground, the Saxtons River Recreation Area, and Bellows Falls Middle School.

The playground staff, along with the lifeguards, had a very hot summer and did a great job keeping all the children safe and entertained with field trips, clinics and activities. The Adventure Trips for kids in 4th grade to 8th grade to go fishing, hiking, and other outdoor activities was well attended! Our Saxtons River Day Camp, run by Emily Dufault, Karen Stoodley, Bethany Aumand and Corina Stack, did an outstanding job yet again and had an awesome turnout! Swim lesson, arts and crafts, afternoon activities, and many other programs were also well attended this summer at the Rec!



The Rock Rec had a great turnout for its Carnival Day at the Rec on the Friday of Old Home Days! There was a bounce house, dunk tank, sponge toss, ring toss, bottle toss and many more games for prizes that kids of all ages really enjoyed! We will be holding it again in the summer of 2016 with more games and prizes to be had!

The Rec held ghoulish games for all the kids who came up and visited the Rec Center on Halloween! The Rock Rec provided prizes, free food and drinks to all who came along with tons of candy. Over 75 children and their parents attended this year and we are looking forward to next year.

Winter recreation included 5 youth boys' and girls' basketball teams for grades 3-6 and co-ed basketball skill development for grades K-2. There were also 7 adult co-ed volleyball teams that played at the Middle School through the winter months. The sledding hill and night skiing at the ski tow was also well attended.

The Rec also provides week long activities during the winter vacations in December and February for the school children. Santa Claus' little helpers came this year and had a craft day for Christmas at the Rec Center for the first time. Small toys and candy were handed out to all the little ones who came out to see them! In all over 30 children played with Santa's little helpers!

Lastly, please visit our website, www.rockbf.org or Facebook us at Rockingham Recreation for updates or upcoming events or programs going on at the Rec Center. Remember that the Rec is open year round so feel free to stop up and check it out! We are open Monday – Friday 3:30-5:30 pm and Saturday 1:00-5:00 pm and closed on Sundays for our off-season hours. During school vacations we are open 10:00 am-5:00 pm and summer hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday-Friday and weekends 12:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Again, thank you to the residents, the Selectboard, Municipal Manager and all Departments, both Town and Village. A special thank you goes out to my family for their continued support.

Submitted by:
Ryan Stoodley, Recreations Director

ROCKINGHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department would once again like to thank the residents of the Town of Rockingham and surrounding towns for the support and donations over the past year. A special thanks to a local resident who donated for the purchase of a mega mover and a flexible stretcher, which was much needed. We would also like to thank all personnel and departments that have assisted us at fire and rescue calls over the past year. One member has completed the first responder class and is certified as an ECA. Two members have completed the fire fighter 1. We now have 7 certified firefighters and 1 member.

All fire and rescue personnel are continuing to train at local, State and Federal levels. A total of 327 hours was logged for training in 2015. All fire and rescue members have been recertified in CPR. Rescue members have also been recertified as first responder ECA's and EMT's. The new rescue truck has been ordered and should be delivered any time. Whelen has donated all red lights and installation for the new truck at no cost to the Town and have also donated a heavy duty winch and bumper to be installed.

Following is a list of fire and rescue calls for the year 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2015:

Type of Call	Number of Calls	Man Hours
Structure Fire	1	16.50
Chimney Fire	1	10.50
Brush Fires	0	0
Vehicle Fires	1	9.00
Power Lines & Trees Down	1	1.00
Smoke Investigation	7	12.75
Set up Landing Zone for DART	3	3.00
Fuel Spills	3	5.00
Fire Alarm Sounding	6	8.00
False Alarms	5	8.25
CO Alarm Investigation	1	6.00
Water Leak	1	3.75
Check Non Permit Burns	1	3.00
Propane Leak	2	7.50
Auto Accidents	51	290.75
Emergency Medical Calls	95	217.50
Service Calls	8	71.50
Mutual Aid Calls		
Chester	14	206.25
Grafton	1	12.50
Saxtons River/Athens	2	41.75
Springfield	3	46.50
Ascutney	1	16.25
South Londonderry	2	3.50
Brookline	1	50.00
TOTAL CALLS 2014	211	1050.75

Submitted by:
 Denis W. Jeffrey, Fire Chief

TOWN CLERK

I was appointed Town Clerk on July 15th, and the time since has been busy and rewarding. Barb Joy is the new Assistant Town Clerk; she is learning the job quickly, and I believe will be a great asset. Together, Barb and I have implemented some changes that have resulted in better work flow, which accommodates both our needs, and the needs of those coming to this office to do research. We are hoping to tackle a couple more projects we feel will save a significant amount of “search” time; again for us, and those coming to the office. We want the public to feel comfortable and welcome when they come to the Town Clerk’s office, and have made it a “team goal” to make our office more approachable and friendly, and have received very positive feedback on our efforts.

Our land records have now been digitized back to January 24, 1994. This is a slow and expensive process, but well worth it. Our goal is to go back forty years, making it possible for most title searches to be done on the computer.

We are also in the process of getting our survey maps on the land records system, making it possible to print off the computer as well. Although it was the opinion that we were out of room in the vault, we have spent some time reviewing its contents. We feel that with some concentrated effort and reorganization, we will be able to create some much-needed storage space, making it possible for us to delay the cost of any new storage/shelving systems, previously thought to be needed sooner rather than later. Our title searchers like our land records system very much, and frequently compliment us on the ease in searching records in the Town of Rockingham. I must, at this point, give credit where credit is due, and compliment both Doreen Aldrich and Brenda Doherty for establishing such an excellent system over the past thirty years.

We recently created an index of the tax maps, listing what streets can be found on each map, making it a much quicker process to locate the map needed. A second index was created of an alphabetical listing of each street/road, and the tax map that street is located on. This index is in the vault, next to the tax maps. Its use was implemented on 01-04-16, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Our second goal in creating this list, is to significantly decrease the "handling" of the maps (sorting, folding, tearing), which will reduce the risk of compromising their integrity throughout the year.

We currently have, in the vault, a number of records and files that must be kept, but are not stored in a way to keep out dust and dirt. We are hoping that we can, at least, begin the process of finding files and/or containers to allow these records to survive the years ahead.

Since zoning permits are a vital part of the town recordings, we will be setting up a time with zoning to discuss the possibility of scanning this information into our town recording system, with the hope of eliminating unnecessary storage of paper records.

Property transfers are still at a slow pace. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in liens and foreclosures due to the recession, and the overall sale of homes in the area is extremely slow as well.

We have seen a substantial increase in issuing certified copies of birth certificates, due to this being a requirement by the VT-DMV in order to renew your driver's license.

Overall, I feel the Town Clerk's Office is doing very well. Granted, it hasn't always been easy, as on many days, we are presented with challenges we have never faced before. However, Barb and I are both committed to becoming a strong team. We were fortunate to have inherited a well-maintained office, and we are determined to use that foundation as we move forward.

ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC AND DOG LICENSING

The Rockingham Vet Clinic will conduct our annual rabies clinic, which will be held Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Village Garage on Blake Street. The

rabies fee will once again be \$10.00. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Within 9 – 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations shall be valid for 3 years (Section 120 V.S.A. 3581 (e)A). The clerks will also be at the clinic to license dogs. All dogs and wolf-hybrids must be licensed by April 1st, annually and a current rabies vaccination certificate is needed before a dog license can be issued. On April 1st, a late fee will be assessed. The fee prior to April 1st is \$14.00 for a neutered or spayed animal. If the animal is not neutered or spayed, the fee is \$18.00. The fee, including the late fee after April 1, is \$16.00 for a neutered or spayed animal and \$22.00 if not neutered or spayed.

If you no longer have your dog, or are moving out of town, please call the Town Clerk's office @ 802-463-7336, to let us know, so we can delete the record from our system.

REVENUES/VITAL STATISTICS – 2015

LIQUOR LICENSES

Liquor Licenses – Town	\$2,520.00
Liquor Licenses – Clerk	\$ 140.00

DOG LICENSES

State Rabies	\$ 358.00
State Spay/Neuter	\$ 1,083.00
Clerk Fee – Dog	\$ 724.00
Town Fee – Dog	\$ 903.00
Late Fee – Dog	\$ 98.00
Animal Control	\$ 1,790.00
Special Licenses	None
Kennel Licenses	None

AUTO REGISTRATION RENEWALS

166 @ \$3.00/each	\$ 498.00
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***VITAL STATISTICS – 2015**

Births	38
Marriages	33
Deaths	59

*The Department of Health/Vital Statistics recommends that we not add names and dates due to the possibility of fraud.

We would like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank the taxpayers, the Selectboard, Municipal Manager, Board of Civil Authority and fellow employees here at the Town Hall for your support.

Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk & Barb Joy, Assistant Clerk

AMERICAN RED CROSS

As you know, disaster can strike at any time, and when it does the American Red Cross is committed to being there to help. The type of disaster we respond to most often is home fires. Here we provide the family affected with the things they need like clothing, food, shelter, transportation and other resources to help them get back on their feet. We also provide mass care to first responders in the form of water, food and hot beverages to help them maximize their time on-site. While Rockingham was fortunate enough not to experience a fire last year, we responded to 11 fires in Windham County as a whole, and supported 37 individuals in recovering from those disasters.

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

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

Claire Giroux-Williams, Development Specialist

BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER

It has been another exciting and busy year for the Center! We continued serving a daily average of 42 Meals-on-Wheels and 32 congregate meals were served which translates into 19,200+ meals for the year. Our dedicated volunteers donated 2900 hours of in-kind service.

The annual picnic was held at The Moose Family Center in Bellows Falls and was attended by over 85 seniors. Other activities and services remained constant with the addition of multiple driver safety courses with AARP, the annual AARP free tax preparation, VNA-sponsored flu clinic for our area residents, AARP Fraud Watch presentations, safe drug disposal presentation and collection, numerous nutritional presentations, special day trips, birthday celebrations, various musical and historical presentations and well attended holiday luncheon celebrations. This year we added 53 new members, and hope to increase that number next year. Major fundraising efforts included the Christmas Noel Bazaar, Annual Appeal Letter and Jamboree.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center would like to request level funding in the amount of \$21,384.00 from the Town of Rockingham.

We thank you the voters, and the Town of Rockingham for your continued support of our center and local area seniors.

Teagen Kosut, Executive Director

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

CRJC's mission is to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and sustainable working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley, and guide its growth and development through grassroots leadership. Five local river subcommittees carry out this work with a corps of over 100 volunteers.

Education and Engagement

The Connecticut River Joint Commissions have continued to educate and engage citizens about the River and the economic and environmental health of the entire region in Vermont and New Hampshire.

During FY 15 the CRJC meetings offered a series of educational presentations:

- Misha Cetner and Kevin Burke of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources briefed Commissioners and the public on the new Vermont Shoreland Protection Act.
- In February of 2015 Commissioners engaged in a day-long retreat facilitated by Michele Tremblay of Naturesource Communications to up-date the Joint Commissions Strategic Plan.
- Glenn English of the Connecticut River Byways Council presented that organizations new tourism brochure and website at <http://www.ctriverbyways.org>. The Byways Council and Joint Commissions explored opportunities for additional collaboration in the future.
- Ann Ingerson, Program Coordinator with Watersheds United Vermont (WUV) briefed Commissioners on the work of the WUV including water quality monitoring, river cleanup, and riparian buffer plantings in the watershed.
- The Commission held its annual meeting and elected the following officers to serve during the FY 16: *Jason Rasmussen, President (VT); Rick Walling, Vice President (NH); Mary Sloat, Treasurer (NH); Kurt Staudter, Secretary (VT).*

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT (CRT/THE CURRENT)

Connecticut River Transit (CRT/The Current) has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the communities we serve.

In 2015 CRT consolidated with Deerfield Valley Transit Association (DVTA), The MOOver, based in Wilmington and became Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (SEVT) and is now comprised of two divisions, The Current and The MOOver. The consolidation has strengthened both companies and built a stronger foundation to improve transit service in southeastern Vermont. The consolidation has leveraged the strengths of each organization to improve service delivery and customer service; reduced duplicate tasks; and produce a stronger, more financially sustainable regional system.

The Current operates fixed route, Elderly and Disabled, and non-emergency medical transportation services through its fleet of 35 buses and network of over 70 volunteer drivers. Last year The Current provided 161,539 rides, over the course of 45,475 hours and 3,736,428 miles.

Rockingham residents received 20,380 rides at a cost of \$353,800; this does not include the fixed route cost. **Rockingham** is served by a Dial-A-Ride service which includes medical rides for the elderly, disabled and /or children and families who receive Medicaid, and fixed route services connecting to Brattleboro, Putney, Bellows Falls, Springfield, Ludlow, Chester, Rutland, Walpole N.H., Hanover N.H. and Lebanon N.H.

We operate on a blend of federal, state, and local funding. **Rockingham's** \$3,825 contribution in 2015 was critical to providing the town our services because local funding allows us to draw down federal funds. We are asking **Rockingham** to please consider a \$3,825 contribution for 2016.

All existing Current services and routes will operate as they are now. There will be no change to **Rockingham's** service levels or the variety of transportation options The Current provides. **Rockingham's** contribution will stay local to support its residents and visitors. Guaranteed.

We thank the town for their previous support, and hope that you will support our 2016 funding request. Please contact us by email (rgagnon@crtransit.org); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community. “

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

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

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Windham County.

They address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors they include: supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. In our companionship & wellness programs we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windham County serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Bellows Falls and Rockingham have served hours that benefit local area nonprofits and benefit senior services. Our volunteers have supported the Bellows Falls Senior Center as drivers for Meals on Wheels. Others volunteer by leading Bone Builders classes and supported numerous other community priorities throughout Windham County. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers generously donated over 665 hours of service in Bellows Falls and Rockingham, and

over 12,300 hours in Windham County at 39 local nonprofits. Their service is valued at \$269,772 to the community. For every \$1 dollar invested by the Windham County community, RSVP volunteers give back \$3 in service. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windham County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

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

Sunny Leporati, Green Mountain RSVP Director

MEETING WATERS YMCA

120 years after over 100 volunteers from Rockingham and surrounding communities founded our organization Meeting Waters YMCA continues to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living, social responsibility and family strengthening.

We are grateful to the citizens of Rockingham for supporting us in this mission. Once again, this past year, dozens of Rockingham youth received scholarships to attend one or more of our Youth Development programs—Y-ASPIRE, Y Day Camp and Leaders-in-Training. The \$5,000 appropriation by the citizens of Rockingham was part of the more than \$65,000 local youth (and their parents) received in financial assistance. Last year, 64 of the 76 (84%) Rockingham youth that participated in one or more of our Youth Development programs were from families living in—or on the edge of—poverty.

Most of these young people were in our Youth Development programs after-school for all 180 school days as well as for full days on another 60 days—school vacations, holidays, teacher in-service days, and all summer long. In fact, nearly 20 Rockingham youth were in our programs nearly as many hours as they were in school last year.

The benefits of these programs—character development, self-discovery, developing positive health habits, and academic supports—extend beyond the child. Our year-round, out-of-school care supports their parents in being able to work, to contribute to the local economy, and to support their families. In this way, we help parents participate in community and reduce their reliance on other community, state and federal resources to provide food, clothing and shelter. Our monthly Family Strengthening events at each program provide skill-building experiences for parents to provide a healthy, enriching home environment.

We thank the citizens of Rockingham for providing vital financial assistance for their neighbors in need... for helping local youth and families learn, grow and thrive.

Steve Fortier, MS, Executive Director

PARKS PLACE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Activities

Parks Place Community Resource Center provides access to a wide variety of health and human service programs for families and individuals in the Greater Falls area. Parks Place offers a convenient, welcoming space for programs and services that would be otherwise inaccessible. The Center fosters collaboration among agencies, schools, organizations and individuals. It serves roughly 3,000 persons annually who are seeking to find what they need to move their lives forward. In Fiscal Year 2015 Parks Place served **1,649** individuals from Rockingham.

Outcomes

Over thirty-five different agencies and non-profits provide services at Parks Place. We use a survey questionnaire for clients that use Parks Place, and an organizational survey for providers. The surveys assess quantitative and qualitative outputs which measure progress and success, as well as identify need.

Survey Results

During a 2-4 week period, surveys were completed. The results for the client surveys were as follows:

- 58 surveys were completed
- 81% reported excellent (36) or good (11) regarding the variety of programs/services available
- 77% reported that Parks Place is very effective 21% somewhat effective in improving their quality of life.
- 86% reported that Parks Place is very effective at improving the quality of life for the local community.

Some of the responses to, "How was your life improved as a result of the services received?" were: "I was able to get into college." "Parks Place helped me stay out of jail." "I wouldn't be helping me or my family." "Because of Parks Place I have 7 years sobriety."

The results of the provider surveys were as follows:

- 19 surveys completed
- FY2015, 2,854 clients served-unduplicated
- 90% reported a welcoming atmosphere
- 100% reported Parks Place very (95) or somewhat effective (5) at both serving and improving the quality of life for the local community.

Some specific reasons providers gave as to why Parks Place is effective: "Simply being able to meet my consumers around their work schedule which is a great benefit to them." "It provides access to services in a local setting that is easier to get to for the rural communities it serves." "Those who are struggling the most can come here, become empowered, and go on to improve their own lives and the lives of others."

In addition to these results, the following offers a more detailed account of services:

- 71 people counseled about educational pursuits
- 383 children and young adults gained access to supportive services
- 229 referred to employment and training opportunities
- 105 connected with housing/shelter assistance
- 216 provided technical assistance and direct service by Lead Safe and Healthy Homes
- 712 benefited from mental health counseling
- 310 benefited from substance abuse related services
- 350 gained access to a phone, fax or computer
- 244 counseled around income assistance
- 52 volunteered at the reception desk, with office support and in the gardens
- 113 received protection-related services
- 8 referred for medical and dental care
- 41 participated in community development

List of programs that proudly operate out of Parks Place:

Education

- Vermont Adult Learning (VAL)
- Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC)
- Windham Northeast Supervisory Union

Employment

- Economic Services/Reach Up
- Vermont Department of Labor
- Vocational Rehabilitation + VABIR

Youth & Family

- SEVCA-Family Services
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Youth Services, Inc.
- Parenting Classes
- Supervised Visitation
- Promise Community
- Ready By 21

PATCH Team

Health

- Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)
- Helping Hand Counseling Center
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Greater Falls Connections
- Lead Safe and Healthy Homes
- The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont
- Private Therapists

Housing

- Springfield Supported Housing

Community Justice

- Greater Falls Community Justice Center
- Windham County Court Diversion Board
- Phoenix House/CRASH

Christine Bourne Bullard, Executive Director



ROCKINGHAM ARTS AND MUSEM PROJECT (RAMP)

The Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) founded in 1995 continues to fulfill its mission: *Develop public awareness of the arts, Create vitality in the community with the arts and Demonstrate that the arts favorably impact the local economy.* In this fiscal year, partners included:

- The Town of Rockingham
- The Vermont Arts Council (VAC)
- The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance
- The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
- Housing Vermont
- Preservation Trust of Vermont
- Rockingham Free Public Library
- The Windham Reg. Commission
- Stone Church Arts
- Main Street Arts
- Fact TV
- Chroma Technology
- Sovernet
- New England Fdn for the Arts
- CT River National Byway Council
- Vermont Performance Lab
- Stewart Property Management
- Vermont Council on Rural Development
- Windham Foundation

All of the programming and projects produced by these collaborations on the local, state and national levels reflect the vital and beneficial socio-economic impact that the arts bring to our community. www.ramp-vt.org

RAMP is proud to be a member of this community and is motivated to fulfill its mission. For more information or suggestions please contact RAMP at (802) 463-3252 or by e-mail at ramp@sover.net, and visit our website: www.ramp-vt.org.

Robert McBride, Founding Director



SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

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

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

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

- **Weatherization:** 8 homes (14 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$53,914
- **Emergency Heating Systems:** 5 homes (11 people) received repairs or replacements at a cost of \$7,707
- **Micro Business Development:** 6 households (17 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$12,569
- **Individual Development Accounts:** 1 household (2 people) earned \$3,000 in matched savings, received \$3,000 in matched savings, and received financial literacy education services valued at \$1,360
- **Tax Preparation:** 40 households (68 people) received services and tax credits totaling \$49,221
- **Thrift Store Vouchers:** 34 households (111 people) received goods & services valued at \$2,507
- **VT Health Connect:** 40 households (132 people) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$6,453
- **Emergency Services:** 272 households (638 people) received 3,300 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$14,496
- **Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 213 households (548 people) received services valued at \$128,286
- **Housing & Other Support Services:** 18 households (52 people) received housing and other support services valued at \$25,834
- **Emergency Home Repair:** 3 households (5 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$7,980

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director

SOUTHERN WINDSOR/WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Rockingham's representative is Gary DeRosia; Chip Stearns is the alternate.

In 2015, District-wide, we sold 50 food scrap kitchen pails (\$5 each) and 44 backyard compost bins (\$50 each); we will have another sale in spring 2016.

Fourteen Rockingham residents attended the household hazardous waste (HHW) collection in September 2014 and twenty-three attended the May 2015 collection. The HHW events in 2016 will be held on Saturdays, May 14 and September 10 in Springfield. We will have two other collections but those dates and locations have yet to be determined.

Two retailers in Springfield will accept unwanted paint year-round. You can bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free. LaValley's in Ludlow also accepts unwanted paint. For more information, www.paintcare.org.

As of January 2016, Vermonters have been able to recycle alkaline batteries for free at participating locations; visit www.call2recycle.org for details.

The Universal Recycling law continues to be phased in. Beginning July 1, 2016, leaf, yard, and clean wood debris will be banned from the landfill, and haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection – for a fee. Many residents of Rockingham have never sent leaves and twigs to the landfill but instead compost them or rake them over a bank. So that part of the law will not affect them.

Ham Gillett has been visiting schools, businesses, and town offices to give group presentations regarding the Universal Recycling law. If anyone in your town would like to schedule a presentation, or has a question about recycling or composting, please contact Ham at 674-4474.

Please continue to “Bag and Bring” your clean and dry textiles (and shoes) to the Transfer Station.

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator



SPRINGFIELD SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM

The Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP) is a private, non profit agency that helps families and individuals who are homeless or potentially homeless locate and secure permanent, affordable housing, and then provides program participants with up to two years of at home case management to address any issues that led to the housing crisis and to pursue positive life goals. Case managers provide help with budgeting, landlord-tenant mediation, assistance pursuing employment, education, child care, substance abuse treatment and other services that lead to healthy, productive living. Home visits are made one to three times weekly.

SSHP covers the Springfield Agency of Human Services district and places participants in housing from Windsor to Saxtons River. Each year since its inception in 2006, SSHP has placed families 32 with a total of 53 and 9 individuals from Rockingham in permanent housing with ongoing support services. SSHP has five, two bedroom apartments, a three-bedroom apartment, eight one-bedroom units that provide transitional housing to homeless families and individuals. Stays are typically limited to 90 days and approximately 85% of participants have transitioned into permanent housing.

SSHP also administers a Housing Opportunity Program (HOP) that provides financial assistance for 1st month's rent, security deposit, or back rent. The focus of the HOP program is preventing homelessness, and a case manager assists people who are literally homeless to move into either transitional or permanent housing and then provides ongoing support.

Richard MacInerney, Director

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Greater Falls Connections was awarded \$45,000 to address tobacco use prevention and cessation. Greater Falls Connections is also part of a larger regional group addressing the continuum of opiate addiction, from prevention and education to treatment and recovery.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support and access to nutritious foods. In Rockingham, 239 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. In 2015, WIC stopped home delivery and families were able to shop for a wider variety of healthy foods themselves at local stores.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 223 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases such as pertussis, measles and chicken pox was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$839,254 of which was in your district's area.

Conducted Food and Lodging Inspections: Public Health Sanitarians inspect food service establishments to decrease the risks of food borne disease outbreaks. They evaluate food storage, preparation and handling practices. The most recent inspection scores can be found at http://healthvermont.gov/apps/restaurant_scores/RestaurantScores.aspx

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprising municipal officials from across the state, elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 136 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services – including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water – on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to help them provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information, and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their roles and responsibilities. In 2015, attorneys and staff responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries from municipal officials about their statutory duties and about best practices in municipal governance. More than 1,300 people attended 16 workshops on topics ranging from municipal budgeting to solid waste management, and training for selectboard members, auditors, and land use officials. Additionally, MAC conducted 10 on-site workshops at municipal offices covering Open Meeting Law compliance, financial fraud prevention, effective property tax appeal hearings, as well as other topics. Attorneys provided 28 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. Many municipalities have received technical assistance on water quality and stormwater management related to the recent passage of Vermont's Clean Water Act. All handbooks, technical papers, model documents, and past newsletter articles – more than 1,000 documents – are available on VLCT's website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont's lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2016 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also publishes a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free of charge on the VLCT website.

- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, and casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The **VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continued to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and, where appropriate, to secure health insurance through the marketplace. When substantial municipal damages occur as a result of weather events, the value to our members of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The two Trusts are responsible for \$24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2015.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website, www.vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

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

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

Between July 1, 201 and June 30, 2015, VNH made 24 homecare visits to Rockingham residents. We provided approximately \$1,670 in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Rockingham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 24 home visits to 2 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

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

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

Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO

THE WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We assisted 25 towns at their request with plans, zoning and zoning administration, flood hazard area regulation updates, and community revitalization. Staff and the WRC's Project Review Committee received and reviewed 35 Act 250 (land use) applications and 19 Section 248 (energy generation/transmission) applications. We've convened towns to explore opportunities for shared services to reduce costs or make the most of taxpayer dollars spent. We assisted all of our

towns with the development and submittal of Local Emergency Operations and have assisted 17 of our 27 towns with the development of local hazard mitigation plans. We continue to lead the region's response to the closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee, including understanding what the economic impacts will be and what the decommissioning process will entail. We completed a comprehensive Forest Stewardship Report and helped organize the Shedding Light on the Working Forest exhibit at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center to highlight the ecological, cultural and economic importance of forestry to the region and its households. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." You can also view a video about the WRC and its work at <https://vimeo.com/131311272>.

Funding for the Windham Regional Commission is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. While town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget – about 6 percent of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2016 – it is ostensibly the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the Commission's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources that enable us to serve you across the range of activities mentioned above. We are not asking for an increase in funding from towns this year. The \$1.88 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$9,693 from Rockingham for the new fiscal year. Rockingham may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2016, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

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

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

Homeownership Center

- The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 35 homeowners in 2015 with home repair projects.
- **One-to-one Counseling** helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training, credit counseling and delinquency counseling. In 2015, 55 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

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

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

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 667 rental apartments with over 1000 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our properties and paid \$64,514 to the Town of Rockingham in 2015.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

WINDMILL HILL PINNACLE ASSOCIATION **2015 Annual Report**

Our mission is to conserve and make accessible the lands along the Windmill Ridge and nearby areas.

The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association (WHPA) was formed in 1992 with the immediate goal of regaining access to and protecting the highest peak in Westminster, Vermont. Today that vision has expanded to encompass the entire Windmill Ridge from Cambridgeport in the north to Putney in the south, to Grafton in the west, as well as a separate parcel known as Bald Hill to the east in close proximity to Bellows Falls, across the town line in Westminster.

The Association, an all-volunteer non-profit 501C3 organization with over 1450 members, protects 1852 acres, maintains over 24 miles of public trails, provides an education program for local children, guided walks for the public, and actively pursues coalitions with like-minded organizations in southeastern Vermont. *Hunting is allowed with the exception of the Martin Sanctuary on Bemis Hill Road and the Bald Hill Reserve.* The organization is committed to making the reserves available as a recreational, educational and inspirational resource to individuals and the many public and private institutions in the area.

The lands we hold are protected in perpetuity through conservation easements, almost all held jointly by the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. WHPA holds its property in current use and *pays property taxes in 5 towns.*

2015 Accomplishments

Stewarded our land

- Continued the removal of invasive plant species that crowd out native plants
- Cut two wildlife clearings to promote diversity in forest canopy and attract birds
- Improved trail signage on Bald Hill, Athens Dome and ridge line trails
- Hosted panel discussion on the challenge of balancing recreation and conservation

Strengthened our organization and connected people to the land

- Continued strategic planning process
- Held well- attended annual meeting in April at Main Street Arts and hosted art show opening featuring Pinnacle-inspired art
- Partnered with the Nature Museum at Grafton to take Westminster elementary school students on educational field trips on Pinnacle lands with a naturalist in spring and fall
- Held series of guided walks on Pinnacle lands the second weekend of each month from May – November
- Entered into a relationship with the Vermont Community Foundation to strengthen endowment investments and to develop new funding opportunities
- Organized community meeting to explore possibility of developing trail linking Athens/Rockingham with Saxtons River
- Launched e-newsletter and updates which save trees and money while linking people to the land

For more information: call 802-869-2071, email whpa@sover.net or visit the website www.windmillhillpinnacle.org. To reserve the shelter at the Pinnacle overnight call 463 - 9226

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

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

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

During the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 479 women and their 438 children; providing emergency supports to 35 women and their 41 children from Rockingham. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

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

Regards,

Vickie Sterling, Director

YOUTH SERVICES

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

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

This year, we respectfully request \$2,300 from the Town of Rockingham to help fund our agency's services. We served 132 residents from Rockingham during Fiscal Year 2015. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our new website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin, Executive Director