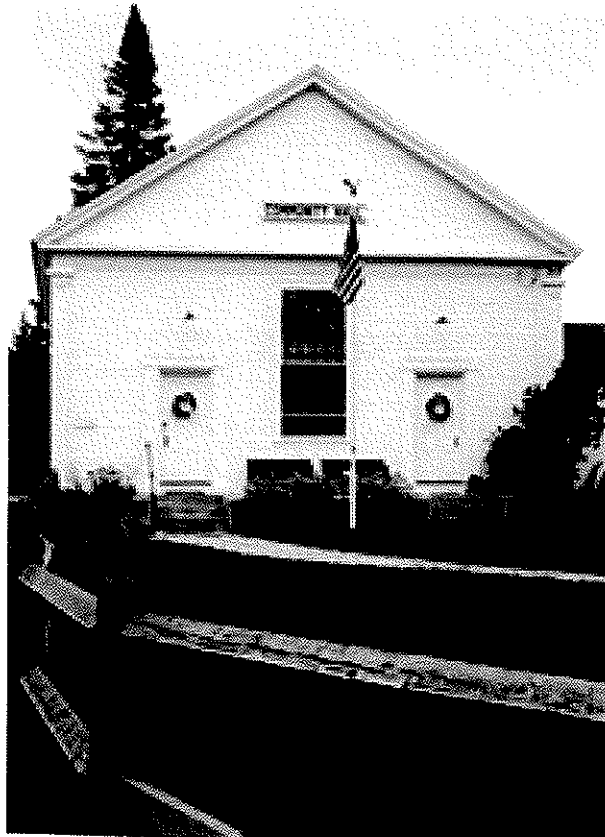


ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
(Please bring this report with you)

Informational Meeting and Meet the Candidates
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Halifax Multipurpose Room

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MEETING DATES AND TIMES
www.halifaxvermont.com

Town Office Hours

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

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)

Board of Selectmen 1st & 3rd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.

School Directors 1st Wednesday, monthly
At School Library, 7:00 P.M.

Planning Commission 2nd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Commission Meets as necessary

Halifax Community Club 3rd Monday, monthly
At Community Club, 6:45 P.M.
(Winter meeting places TBD)

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office 368-7390 Patricia Dow
Town Clerk email: halifax@myfairpoint.net
Selectboard Administrative Assistant 368-2590 Robbin Gabriel
Admin Assistant email: halifaxsecretary@gmail.com
Lister's Office 368-2080
Listers email: halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net
Highway Garage 368-2803
Halifax Elementary School 368-2888
Zoning Administrator 368-2792 William Moore
Health/Sewage Officer 451-9363 Susan Kelly, DVM
Road Commissioner 368-2803 Bradley Rafus
Treasurer/Tax Collector 368-7390 Patricia Dow

Non-Emergency Contact Information

First Constable 380-1986 Cell (Andrew Rice)
Constable email: halifaxconstable@gmail.com
Second Constable 368-2948 Home (Roy Richardson)
State Police 254-2382
Fire Department 368-7673

Emergency Numbers

Fire Rescue Ambulance Halifax EMS 911

Warning Annual Town Meeting March 7, 2017

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Elementary School in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at ten (10:00 A.M.) o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect by Australian Ballot all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote for the following Town Officers:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Moderator | One year |
| School Moderator | One year |
| Selectman | Three years |
| Town Clerk | Three years |
| Treasurer | Three years |
| Lister | Three years |
| Auditor | Three years |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes | One year |
| Town Grand Juror | One year |
| Town Agent | One year |
| Trustee of Public Funds | Three years |
| Cemetery Commissioner | Three years |
| School Director | Three years |

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes for the Town and Town School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2017 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2017 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY17) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY18).

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,374,562 of which \$1,175,062 shall be raised by taxes and \$199,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY18.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$15,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for the FY18.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the mailing of postcards advising voters when the yearly Town Report is available.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of Halifax vote on changes to the size of the Selectboard by Australian ballot rather than by voice or floor vote?

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to contract with a private vendor to provide recycling service to the Town.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$7,000 for recycling service to the town.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support a summer celebration of community life in the Town of Halifax.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Trust for Wildlife from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. 3840.


ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Halifax Volunteer Fire Company from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. 3840.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of:

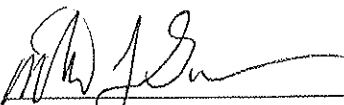
| | |
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| \$ 200 | Brattleboro Area Hospice |
| \$ 550 | Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont) |
| \$ 700 | Woman's Freedom Center |
| \$ 190 | RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Windham County |
| \$ 750 | HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services) |
| \$ 200 | Youth Services |
| \$ 50 | Green Up Vermont |
| \$ 250 | American Red Cross |
| \$ 790 | Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) |
| \$ 500 | The Gathering Place Adult Day Program |
| \$ 1,900 | Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc. |
| \$ 4,000 | Whitingham Free Public Library |
| \$ 4,000 | Halifax EMS |
| \$ 2,500 | Wings Community Programs |
| \$ 500 | Deerfield Valley Community Partnership |
| \$ 2,000 | Halifax Community Club |
| \$ 500 | Deerfield Valley Food Pantry |

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

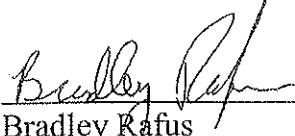
Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 31st day of January A.D. 2017.



Lewis Sumner



Mitchell Green



Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

MARCH 7, 2017

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town School District Meeting in said Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The Annual Town School District Meeting is called at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) for the purpose of voting on Article I. All other Articles to be taken up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

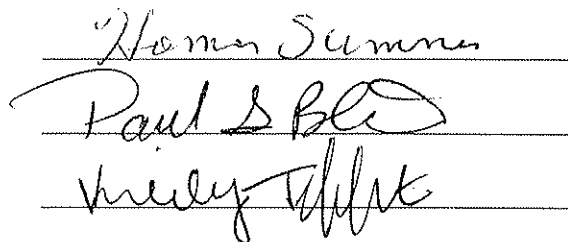
ARTICLE I: To elect all Halifax School District officers to be elected at the Annual Town School District meeting and to fill all vacancies.
(Australian Ballot Polls open at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE II: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,486,738 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 \$14,395 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.3% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE III: To see if the Halifax School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE IV: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 1st day February 2017.



School Directors

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
 OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
 MARCH 7, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>For <u>Town Moderator</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL G. BLAIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> | <p>For <u>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LAURA SUMNER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| <p>For <u>Selectman</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CARA CHEYETTE</p> <p>LEWIS L. SUMNER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> | <p>For <u>Town Grand Juror</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JOSEPH F. TAMBURRINO</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| <p>For <u>Town Clerk</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA DOW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> | <p>For <u>Town Agent</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TINA BLAIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| <p>For <u>Town Treasurer</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA DOW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> | <p>For <u>Trustee of Public Funds</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>HOWARD H. SMITH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| <p>For <u>Lister</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TINA L. BLAIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> | <p>For <u>Cemetery Commissioner</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CLIFTON INMAN</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| <p>For <u>Auditor</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SARAH BARNETT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> | <p>For <u>School District Moderator</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL G. BLAIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| | <p>For <u>School Board</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL G. BLAIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... Write-In</p> |
| | |

Selectboard Proposed Budget FY18 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)

| Acct. # | Acct. Description | Budget FY16 | Spent FY16 | Budget FY17 | Proposal FY18 |
|--------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 6100 Total | Wages | \$77,380 | \$69,628 | \$76,900 | \$79,400 |
| 6200 Total | Employee Benefits | \$9,448 | \$1,745 | \$2,280 | \$2,350 |
| 9700 Subtotal Town | Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec.- Town | \$4,798 | \$9,267 | \$5,883 | \$9,455 |
| 6250 Total | Town Office Expenses | \$26,360 | \$10,072 | \$17,000 | \$29,500 |
| 6270 Total | Town Expenses | \$2,250 | \$1,958 | \$2,250 | \$2,300 |
| 6300 Total | Professional Services | \$13,750 | \$24,673 | \$12,750 | \$12,750 |
| 6400 Total | Town Meeting Expense | \$4,314 | \$2,019 | \$4,100 | \$2,250 |
| 6450 Total | Bridges** | \$111,000 | \$98,000 | \$120,000 | \$80,000 |
| 6570 Total | Cemeteries | \$5,000 | \$4,617 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 6600 Total | Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance | \$30,555 | \$29,482 | \$31,118 | \$30,783 |
| 6700 Total | Environmental Expenses | \$13,060 | \$15,679 | \$8,900 | \$14,000 |
| 6750 Total | Taxes and Interest | \$7,500 | \$8,530 | \$8,530 | \$9,159 |
| 6800 Total | Town Share of School Exp. | \$1 | \$10,000 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| 6850 Total | Insurance | \$47,329 | \$41,991 | \$41,376 | \$43,480 |
| 6900 Total | Bank Charges and Fees | \$- | \$13 | \$- | \$- |
| 6000 Total | Selectboard Account | \$352,744 | \$327,672 | \$386,087 | \$370,427 |
| 9300 Total | Reappraisal | | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| Total 7475 | Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share) | | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| | Municipal Subtotal | \$352,744 | \$327,672 | \$386,087 | \$370,427 |
| | Paid by Eames Fund | \$3,000 | | \$3,000 | \$1,500 |
| | Fees & Interest Earned | \$34,000 | \$25,651 | \$28,000 | \$28,000 |
| | Other Funding (VY Grant) | \$- | | \$- | \$15,000 |
| | Total Municipal | \$315,744 | \$302,022 | \$355,087 | \$325,927 |
| | Highway Dept. Total (from other pg) | \$895,876 | \$1,086,885 | \$860,977 | \$849,135 |
| | Total SB and Highway | \$1,211,620 | \$1,388,906 | \$1,216,064 | \$1,175,062 |
| | Incomes against expenses | | | | |
| | Raise & Appropriate | | | | |

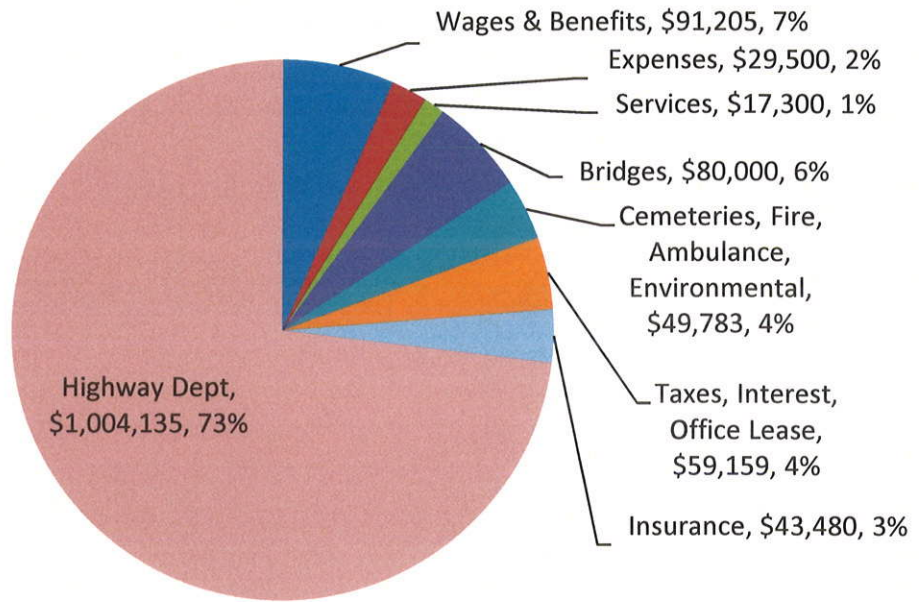
FY2018 Highway (P)

Highway Proposed Budget FY18 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)

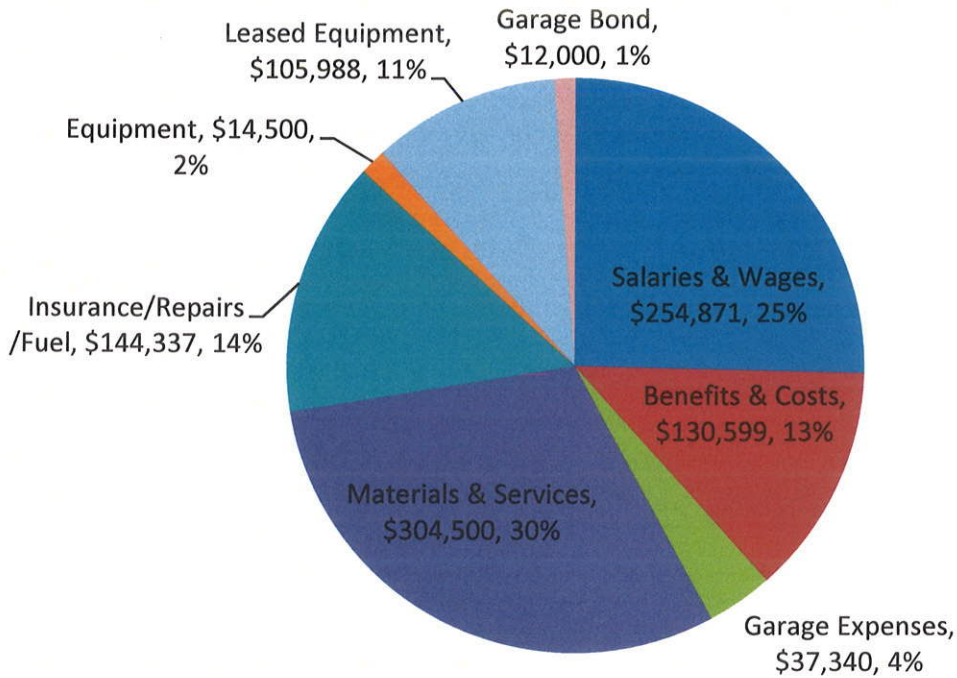
| Acct # | Acct. Description | Budget FY16 | Spent FY16 | Budget FY17 | Proposal FY18 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 7100 Total | Salaries and Wages | \$246,811 | \$222,782 | \$246,811 | \$254,871 |
| 7200 Total | Employee Benefits & Costs | \$98,470 | \$98,305 | \$106,567 | \$113,041 |
| 9700 | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | |
| Highway | Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec. & Medicare | \$18,881 | \$17,210 | \$18,881 | \$17,558 |
| 7300 Total | Garage Expenses | \$37,398 | \$49,211 | \$54,220 | \$37,340 |
| 7410 | Sand | \$32,000 | \$28,096 | \$32,000 | \$32,000 |
| 7420 | Salt | \$20,000 | \$18,348 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| 7430 | Gravel & Stone | \$148,500 | \$125,286 | \$90,000 | \$70,000 |
| 7431 | Gravel & Stone (SRA)* | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| 7440 | Chloride | \$9,000 | \$7,391 | \$9,000 | \$ 9,000 |
| 7450 | Const. - Other (salt shed) | \$3,500 | \$856 | \$3,500 | \$ 20,000 |
| 7451 | Guardrails (SRA)* | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| 7460 | Resurfacing - Other | \$140,000 | \$110,849 | \$140,000 | \$ 140,000 |
| 7461 | Resurfacing (SRA)* | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| 7462 | Cold Patch & Culverts | \$11,500 | \$10,379 | \$10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| 7463 | Cold Patch & Culverts (SRA)* | \$0 | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| 7470 | Roadside Mowing | \$4,500 | \$8,000 | \$4,500 | \$- |
| 7475 | Supplementary Road Assistance* | \$0 | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| 7480 | Road Signs | \$1,500 | \$4,034 | \$2,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| 7481 | Road Signs (SRA)* | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| 7490 | Safety Gear | \$500 | \$470 | \$500 | \$ 500 |
| 7400 Total | Road Supplies & Applications | \$371,000 | \$313,709 | \$311,500 | \$304,500 |
| 7600 Total | Equipment & Equip. Op. Costs | \$261,131 | \$528,763 | \$260,998 | \$264,824 |
| 6550 Total | Garage Bond * (See SlctBd) | \$17,186 | \$13,130 | \$17,000 | \$ 12,000 |
| | Highway Subtotal | \$1,050,876 | \$1,243,109 | \$1,015,977 | \$1,004,135 |
| Incomes | Scott Fund | \$14,000 | \$15,000 | \$14,000 | \$ 14,000 |
| Against | State Aid | \$141,000 | \$141,225 | \$141,000 | \$ 141,000 |
| Expenses | Other Funding | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| | Raise and Appropriate Highway | \$ 895,876 | \$ 1,086,885 | \$ 860,977 | \$ 849,135 |

| Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule 1/2017 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Model Year | Equipment Description | Purchase Price | Purchase / Lease | Normal Life Span (Years) | Year of Replacement | Estimated Replacement Cost | | | |
| 2017 | International Tandem Dump Truck #1 | \$197,000 | L | 10 | 2027 | \$250,000 | | | |
| 2014 | International Tandem Dump Truck #2 | \$146,000 | P | 10 | 2024 | \$250,000 | | | |
| 2013 | International Tandem Dump Truck #3 | \$189,000 | P | 10 | 2023 | \$250,000 | | | |
| 2015 | International TerraStar #4 | \$110,000 | L | 7 | 2022 | \$135,000 | | | |
| 2014 | Ford F550 Truck #5 | \$79,000 | L | 7 | 2021 | \$65,000 | | | |
| 2015 | GMC Pickup #6 | \$33,000 | L | 7 | 2022 | \$55,000 | | | |
| 1994 | Morbark Wood Chipper | | Own | 15 | 2016 | \$30,000 | | | |
| 2008 | Caterpillar Excavator | \$151,000 | L | 15 | 2024 | \$175,000 | | | |
| 2009 | John Deere Loader | \$106,000 | L | 15 | 2025 | \$135,000 | | | |
| 2012 | Caterpillar AWD Grader | \$288,745 | L | 15 | 2027 | \$350,000 | | | |
| 1982 | International Tractor | \$3,500 | Own | 20 | N/A | \$80,000 | | | |
| Town of Halifax Equipment Lease and Reserve Plan 1/2017 | | | | | | | | | |
| Lease | Description | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | | | |
| Lease | Caterpillar AWD Grader | \$34,250 | \$34,250 | \$34,250 | \$34,250 | \$34,250 | | | |
| Lease | Ford F550 Truck #5 | \$17,850 | \$17,850 | \$17,850 | \$17,850 | | | | |
| Lease | Int'l TerraStar #4 & GMC #6 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | | | |
| Lease | 2017 Int'l WorkStar Tandem | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | | | |
| Total Lease Payments: | | \$117,100 | \$117,100 | \$117,100 | \$117,100 | \$99,250 | | | |

FY18 Town & Highway Proposal




FY18 Highway Expenses Breakdown



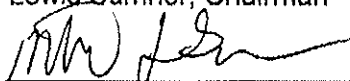
TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2017

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST | \$1,285,112.00 |
| +/- Tax Appeals/Abatements | |
| NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST | <u>\$1,285,112.00</u> |
| MUNICIPAL BUDGET | |
| SELECTMEN'S BUDGET | \$1,205,682.00 |
| TREASURER'S BUDGET | \$17,000.00 |
| CONSTABLE'S BUDGET | \$12,000.00 |
| ARTICLE 12 | \$4,000.00 |
| OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS | <u>\$15,830.00</u> |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET | <u>\$1,254,512.00</u> |
| STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT | (\$115,717.00) |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS | <u>\$1,138,795.00</u> |
| TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions) | \$7,251.06 |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED | <u><u>\$1,146,046.06</u></u> |
| MUNICIPAL TAX RATE | 0.8861 |
| LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE | 0.0058 |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE | 0.8919 |
| SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE | 1.3355 |
| SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE | 1.4827 |
| TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE | 2.2274 |
| TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE | 2.3746 |

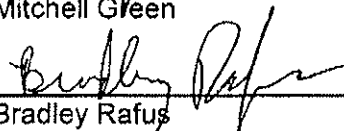
APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 19, 2016



Lewis Sumner, Chairman



Mitchell Green



Bradley Rafus

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2016

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Town Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 for the 239th Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Patricia Pusey called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. and announced that the polls would be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting by Australian Ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, Zoning Regulations Question and the Presidential Primary.

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

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

The town officers were introduced: Town Clerk - Patricia Dow and Selectmen – Lewis Sumner, Chairman; Doug Grob and Bradley Rafus. Lewis Sumner introduced Robbin Gabriel as Selectboard Assistant. Moderator Pusey stated that the meeting would be run by Roberts Rules of Order except where state law overrules and gave a brief explanation of parliamentary procedure.

Moderator Pusey read the Warning in its entirety.

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

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| TOWN MODERATOR - one year..... | Vicki Allen |
| SELECTMAN - three years..... | Bradley Rafus |
| SELECTMAN – two years | Mitchell Green |
| LISTER – two years..... | Kattie Russ |
| LISTER – three years..... | Mary Brewster |
| AUDITOR – three years..... | April Dupuis |
| FIRST CONSTABLE – one year..... | Andrew Rice |
| SECOND CONSTABLE – one year..... | Roy G. Richardson |
| COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES – one year..... | Laura Sumner |
| GRAND JUROR – one year..... | Joe Tamburrino |
| TOWN AGENT – one year..... | Tina Blais |
| TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – three years..... | Stephen Cohen |
| CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – three years..... | Jeff Deforest |

ARTICLE 2: The results of the Presidential Primary were as follows:

| | | |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----|
| DEMOCRATIC: | Hillary Clinton | 26 |
| | Bernie Sanders | 189 |
| | Write-in: Donald Trump | 1 |
| | Spoiled Votes | 1 |
| | Blank Votes | 1 |
| | TOTAL VOTES | 218 |
| REPUBLICAN: | Jeb Bush | 4 |
| | Ben Carson | 8 |
| | Chris Christie | 1 |
| | Ted Cruz | 14 |
| | John R. Kasich | 17 |
| | Marco Rubio | 22 |

Donald J. Trump52
 Blank votes2
 TOTAL VOTES120

- ARTICLE 3: Voted by Australian ballot to approve proposed zoning bylaws.
- ARTICLE 4: Voted to hear the reports of the Town Officers and to accept the Town Report as printed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- ARTICLE 5: Voted to collect taxes for the Town and Town School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2016 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2016 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.
- ARTICLE 6: Voted by hand count to apply budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY16) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY17). The hand count resulted in 44 in favor of the article and 19 against the article.
- ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,391,682 of which \$ 1,205,682 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 186,000 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY17.
- ARTICLE 8: Voted to set the Treasurer’s budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$ 13,000.00 plus \$ 4,000.00 for expenses for FY17. .
- ARTICLE 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 total for the First and/or Second Constable salary and basic operating expenses as they exercise the powers enumerated in 24 V.S.A. 1936a (b) or enforce civil ordinances if so directed by the Selectboard, for the 2017 fiscal year.
- ARTICLE 10: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 8,000 total to supplement the First and/or Second Constable salary and basic operating expenses if they are actively attending the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (Police Academy) towards becoming appropriately certified, or have completed the training from VCJTC and are certified constables with full law enforcement authority, for FY17.
- ARTICLE 11: Voted to have the Selectboard appoint the first and second constable positions with an amendment to the article to include “for a term of one year”. The Amendment was so passed by a paper ballot resulting in YES votes 38 and NO votes of 36 with Total Votes 74
- ARTICLE 12: Voted to approve the sum of \$ 4,000 to continue support of the Whitingham Free Public Library.
- ARTICLE 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of:
- | | |
|-------------|---|
| \$ 200.00 | Brattleboro Area Hospice |
| \$ 550.00 | Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont) |
| \$ 700.00 | Woman’s Freedom Center |
| \$ 250.00 | Windham Child Care Bookmobile Program |
| \$ 190.00 | RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Windham County |
| \$ 750.00 | HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services) |
| \$ 200.00 | Youth Services |
| \$ 50.00 | Green-Up Vermont |
| \$ 250.00 | American Red Cross |
| \$ 790.00 | Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) |
| \$ 500.00 | The Gathering Place Adult Day Program |
| \$ 1,900.00 | Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc. |
| \$ 4,000.00 | Halifax EMS |

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| \$ 2,500.00 | Wings Community Programs |
| \$ 500.00 | Deerfield Valley Community Partnership |
| \$ 2,000.00 | Halifax Community Club |
| \$ 500.00 | Deerfield Valley Food Pantry |

Amending the article to eliminate the \$ 250 Windham Childcare appropriation. The amendment was so voted.

Amending the article to increase the appropriation to the Halifax Community Club to \$ 2,250.00, the amendment was passed by a hand count.

ARTICLE 14: Discussed the following non-binding business:

Cara Cheyette asks the possibility to place on Australian the expansion of the Selectboard. She also talks about a public hearing regarding the paved road vs dirt roads in relationship to the houses and businesses.

Joan Courser presents flowers and cards to Patti Pusey for her 21 years of service as Moderator for the Town of Halifax and the Halifax School District.

Patricia Pusey shared how her family arrived at Halifax in 1970. They have raised 7 children in Halifax and they went to the Halifax School. She shared how the Towns people came together in a time of need for her family in 1971. The townspeople took care of our kids and cleaned our house and took care of all parts of our lives. She thanked everyone for all their support throughout the years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

Attest: Patricia Dow /s/
Town Clerk

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 1, 2016 Annual Town Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6 Pages 91-94.

MINUTES
TOWN OF HALIFAX
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Annual Town School District Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Patricia Pusey at 1:03 P.M. Moderator Pusey introduced the School Directors - Homer K. Sumner, Paul Blais and Kimberly Tefft; School Principal – Sandie Pentak and the Superintendent; and Town Clerk - Patricia Dow.

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

Moderator - one year
School Director - three years

Vicki Allen
Homer “Chum” Sumner

ARTICLE II: Voted to appropriate \$ 1,474,535 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2016.

ARTICLE III: Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes

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

A discussion was made on act 46 and 156. Act 46 states that 900 students are needed to have an education district. Readsboro, Stamford and Halifax are working on becoming a school district. This merger would mean a 6 cent reduction in our tax rate. If we do nothing we would have a 5 cent increase in our tax rate and we would lose our small school grant. Which is about 71K per year. If we form this merger there would be one budget and one school board for the three towns. The total budget would be divided by the number of students and that would be the per pupil cost.

The superintendent of our school district, Christopher A. Pratt, spoke. He addressed act 46 and 156. We have less than 900 students supervisory union wide. This is a small union. The choices come down to the voters. After July 1, 2017 if a plan is not adopted, the State will tell us what to do. We have a lot to lose if we do not come up with a solution. The small school grants will turn into a consolidation grant. If the other two towns (Readsboro and Stamford) vote the merger down, and Halifax votes yes, then Halifax won't get penalized because we could not move forward. We would not get the small school grant, but we would not get the 5 percent penalty either. The Halifax School board did a great job this year in keeping the budget down to avoid the penalty.

Halifax School District meeting was adjourned at 1:46 P.M.

Attest: Patricia Dow /s/
Town Clerk

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TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

| CASH BALANCES | July 1, 2015 | June 30, 2016 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1100 General Account | \$ 147,752.86 | \$ (212,342.11) |
| 1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage | \$ 10,744.87 | \$ 10,744.87 |
| 1120 Equipment* | \$ (24,649.96) | \$ (11,973.40) |
| 1125 Resurfacing Fund | \$ - | \$ 29,151.07 |
| 1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded | \$ 10,416.95 | \$ 10,057.95 |
| 1140 Niles | \$ 5,662.62 | \$ 5,662.62 |
| 1160 Re Appraisal Project - outside funding | \$ 51,066.77 | \$ 63,141.21 |
| 1170 Office Equipment Fund - TC fees funded | \$ 4,756.35 | \$ 5,039.85 |
| 1180 Cemetery | \$ 7,282.07 | \$ 7,938.98 |
| 1190 VT Emergency Mgmt - Reserved Funding | \$ 14,975.71 | \$ 14,721.21 |
| 1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding | \$ 7,806.14 | \$ 7,806.14 |
| 1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding | \$ 28,900.62 | \$ 41,900.62 |
| 1193 Town Office Bldg Repair & Maintenance | \$ 64.00 | \$ - |
| 1195 Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ 25,592.00 | \$ - |
| 1196 Reserve Fund | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 |
| TOTAL CASH BALANCES | \$ 350,371.00 | \$ 31,849.01 |

SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Selectboard & Highway Revenues

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 5100 Property Taxes (Town Share) | \$ 1,126,969.43 |
| 5123 Delinquent Tax Sale Escrow income | \$ 5,293.43 |
| 5200 Licenses, Permits and Fees | \$ 13,457.26 |
| 5600 Interest Income | \$ 11,994.34 |
| 5400 Special Project Funding | \$ 15,000.00 |
| 5700 Miscellaneous Income | \$ 40,358.10 |
| 5800 Highway Department | \$ 142,886.91 |

Self Funded & Independent Accounts

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 5650 Cemetery | \$ 5,273.56 |
| 5501 Self Funding Accounts | \$ 16,306.63 |
| 5500 Public Safety | \$ 28,000.00 |
| 5300 Annual Projects | \$ 8,632.00 |

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 1,414,171.66

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| 6000 Selectboard Account | \$ (312,921.82) |
| 7000 Highway Account | \$ (1,285,545.34) |
| 9000 Town Meeting Articles | \$ (60,028.41) |
| 8000 Self Funding & Independent Accounts | \$ (74,198.08) |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ (1,732,693.65)

Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (318,521.99)

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/15 | \$ 350,371.00 |
| Plus Surplus(Deficit) | \$ (318,521.99) |
| Ending Cash Balance 6/30/16 | \$ 31,849.01 |

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

| <u>REVENUES</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| <u>SELECTBOARD & HIGHWAY REVENUES</u> | | |
| 5100 PROPERTY TAXES | | |
| 5110 Property Taxes Collected - Total | \$ 2,332,256.22 | |
| 6951 Property Tax Overpayments | \$ (27,893.86) | |
| 9900 School Taxes | \$ (1,221,287.00) | |
| 9910 Vermont Education Property Tax | \$ (294,561.29) | |
| 5120 Delinquent Tax Collected | \$ 160,833.22 | |
| 5130 Current Use Reimbursement | \$ 117,732.00 | |
| 5140 HS-122 State Tax Adjustment | \$ 59,890.14 | \$ 1,126,969.43 |
| 5123 Delinquent Tax Sale Escrow Account | | \$ 5,293.43 |
| 5200 LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | |
| 5230 Town Clerk Fees | \$ 13,132.26 | |
| 5250 Driveway, Right of Way | \$ 210.00 | |
| 5280 Special License, Permit & Fees | \$ 115.00 | \$ 13,457.26 |
| 5600 INTEREST INCOME | | |
| 5600 Interest Income - all accounts | \$ 620.74 | |
| 5122 Delinquent Tax Interest Collected | \$ 11,373.60 | \$ 11,994.34 |
| 5400 SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING | | |
| 5430 Scott Fund | \$ 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 5700 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | | |
| 5730 Miscellaneous Income | \$ 40.00 | |
| 5740 Refunds and Rebates | \$ 36.26 | |
| 5760 Tax Sale Property Redemptions | \$ 40,158.84 | |
| 5710 Law Enforcement Fines | \$ 98.00 | |
| 5720 Bank Charge Recovery | \$ 25.00 | \$ 40,358.10 |
| 5800 REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | | |
| 5810 State Highway Aid | \$ 141,224.89 | |
| 5820 Material Sales and Service | \$ 699.18 | |
| 5830 Excess Weight Permits | \$ 75.00 | |
| 5850 Refunds and Rebates | \$ 887.84 | \$ 142,886.91 |
| TOTAL SELECTBOARD & HIGHWAY REVENUE | | \$ 1,355,959.47 |
| 5650 CEMETERY INCOME | | |
| 5616 Cemetery Interest Income | \$ 273.56 | |
| 5650 Cemetery Appropriated Income | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,273.56 |
| 5500 SELF FUNDING | | |
| 5121 Delinquent Tax Penalty Collected | \$ 12,866.25 | |
| 5595 Delinquent tax sale expense recovery | \$ 520.38 | |
| 5210 Zoning & Appeals | \$ 2,920.00 | \$ 16,306.63 |
| 5500 PUBLIC SAFETY | | |
| 5520 Pager Pay | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| 5550 Emergency Management Director | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| 5560 Radiological Officer | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| 5570 Annual Discretionary Funds | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 28,000.00 |
| 5300 ANNUAL PROJECTS | | |
| 5310 Municipal Planning Grant | \$ 2,400.00 | |
| 5320 Reappraisal - Appropriated | \$ 6,232.00 | \$ 8,632.00 |
| TOTAL SELF FUNDED & INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS | | \$ 58,212.19 |
| COMBINED REVENUES | | \$ 1,414,171.66 |

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

| 6000 SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items | EXPENSE | TOTALS | FY 16 BUDGET |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 6100 SALARIES & WAGES - TOWN | | | |
| 6110 Select Board Salary | \$ 4,800.00 | | |
| 6112 Select Board Secretary | \$ 2,496.00 | | |
| 6113 Selectboard Assistant | \$ 11,000.00 | | |
| 6120 Town Clerk | \$ 24,000.00 | | |
| 6121 Town Clerk Assistant | \$ 2,250.50 | | |
| 6130 Lister - Regular | \$ 18,432.00 | | |
| 6140 Planning/Zoning Secretary | \$ 2,649.00 | | |
| 6160 Auditor | \$ 3,500.00 | | |
| 6180 Assistant Treasurer | \$ 500.00 | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES - TOWN | | \$ 69,627.50 | \$77,380.00 |
| 6200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | |
| 6210 Workshops/Conferences/Training | \$ 784.90 | | |
| 6240 Retirement Town Share - Town Clerk | \$ 960.00 | | |
| TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | \$ 1,744.90 | \$9,448.00 |
| 9700 PAYROLL EXPENSES - TOWN | \$ 9,267.03 | \$ 9,267.03 | \$6,777.00 |
| 6250 TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES | | | |
| 6251 Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 318.65 | | |
| 6252 Telephone | \$ 1,291.08 | | |
| 6253 Dues & Subscriptions | \$ 3,570.99 | | |
| 6254 Ads & Legal Notices | \$ 847.95 | | |
| 6255 Office Supplies | \$ 1,736.29 | | |
| 6256 Lister Supplies | \$ 1,092.57 | | |
| 6259 Planning Board Expenses | \$ 632.47 | | |
| 6260 Selectmen Expenses | \$ 581.71 | | |
| TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES | | \$ 10,071.71 | \$26,360.00 |
| 6270 TOWN EXPENSES | | | |
| 6271 Street Lights | \$ 1,707.88 | | |
| 6274 WCHS stray dogs | \$ 250.00 | | |
| TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES | | \$ 1,957.88 | \$2,250.00 |
| 6300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | | | |
| 6320 Legal Services | \$ 18,523.68 | | |
| 6330 Internet Services | \$ 1,910.07 | | |
| 6340 VT Law Enforcement Services | \$ 4,239.46 | | |
| TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | | \$ 24,673.21 | \$13,750.00 |
| 6400 TOWN MEETING EXPENSE | | | |
| 6420 Ballot Clerks & Moderator | \$ 768.00 | | |
| 6430 Printing | \$ 1,002.67 | | |
| 6435 Town Meeting Postage | \$ 248.14 | | |
| TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXPENSE | | \$ 2,018.81 | \$4,314.00 |
| 6453 BRIDGES | | \$ 98,000.00 | \$111,000.00 |
| 6570 CEMETERIES - Appropriated Funding | | \$ 5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 6600 FIRE COMPANY | | | |
| 6610 Dispatching Fee | \$ 12,710.00 | | |
| 6620 Special UL Fuel | \$ 887.53 | | |
| 6630 Insurance & Dues | \$ 750.00 | | |
| TOTAL FIRE COMPANY | | \$ 14,347.53 | \$30,555.00 |

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

| SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT CONT' | <u>EXPENSE</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>FY 16 BUDGET</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 6700 ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE | | | |
| 6710 WSWMD | \$ 12,441.42 | | |
| 6720 Landfill Closure | \$ 3,032.33 | | |
| 6730 Other | \$ 205.50 | | |
| TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE | | \$ 15,679.25 | \$13,060.00 |
| 6750 TAXES AND INTEREST | | | |
| 6751 County Tax | | \$ 8,530.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| 6800 TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES | | \$ 10,000.00 | \$1.00 |
| 6850 INSURANCE | | | |
| 6851 Employment Practices Liability | \$ 2,272.50 | | |
| 6852 Public Officials Liability | \$ 1,559.50 | | |
| 6853 Workers Compensation | \$ 24,902.00 | | |
| 6854 Property & Casualty | \$ 12,123.50 | | |
| 6855 Unemployment Insurance | \$ 343.00 | | |
| 6857 Property & Casualty - EMT | \$ 790.50 | | |
| TOTAL INSURANCE | | \$ 41,991.00 | \$47,329.00 |
| 6920 Bank Service Charges & fees | | \$ 13.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT | | <u>\$ 312,921.82</u> | <u>\$354,724.00</u> |

| 7000 HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items | <u>EXPENSE</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>FY 16 BUDGET</u> |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 7100 SALARIES & WAGES | | | |
| 7120 Road Commissioner Salary | \$ 4,450.00 | | |
| 7110 Road Crew Regular Wages | \$ 204,913.77 | | |
| 7110 Road Crew Overtime Wages | \$ 11,098.23 | | |
| 7150 Road Comp Time | \$ 2,320.00 | | |
| TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES | | \$ 222,782.00 | \$246,811.00 |
| 7200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | |
| 7210 Training & Education | \$ 96.73 | | |
| 7220 Health Insurance | \$ 82,704.48 | | |
| 7230 Life Insurance | \$ 773.16 | | |
| 7260 Retirement - Town Share | \$ 8,728.91 | | |
| 7270 Uniform - Town Contribution | \$ 5,177.35 | | |
| 7280 Hiring Costs/Drug Testing | \$ 824.28 | | |
| TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | \$ 98,304.91 | \$98,470.00 |
| 9700 Payroll Expenses - Road | | \$ 17,210.20 | \$18,881.00 |
| 7300 GARAGE EXPENSES | | | |
| 7310 Electric | \$ 3,018.59 | | |
| 7320 Heating Fuel | \$ 5,638.57 | | |
| 7330 Telephone | \$ 820.02 | | |
| 7340 Building Repair & Maintenance | \$ 26,888.94 | | |
| 7360 Office & Cleaning Supplies | \$ 1,039.84 | | |
| 7370 Trash Collection | \$ 1,020.00 | | |
| 7380 Shop Supplies | \$ 10,785.17 | | |
| TOTAL GARAGE EXPENSES | | \$ 49,211.13 | \$37,398.00 |
| 6550 Garage Bond & Interest | | \$ 13,129.64 | \$17,186.00 |

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

| | EXPENSE | TOTALS | FY 16 BUDGET |
|---|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 7400 ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS | | | |
| 7410 Sand | \$ 28,096.00 | | \$32,000.00 |
| 7420 Salt | \$ 18,347.74 | | \$20,000.00 |
| 7430 Gravel | \$ 125,285.80 | | \$148,500.00 |
| 7435 Stone | \$ 11,878.00 | | |
| 7440 Chloride | \$ 7,390.65 | | \$9,000.00 |
| 7450 Culverts & Cold Patch | \$ 10,379.03 | | \$11,500.00 |
| 7460 Construction | \$ 856.43 | | \$3,500.00 |
| 7461 Resurfacing | \$ 110,848.93 | | \$140,000.00 |
| 7470 Roadside Mowing | \$ 8,000.00 | | \$4,500.00 |
| 7480 Road Signs | \$ 4,034.25 | | \$1,500.00 |
| 7490 Safety Gear | \$ 469.95 | | \$500.00 |
| TOTAL ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS | | \$ 325,586.78 | |
| 7600 EQUIPMENT EXPENSES | | | |
| 7695 Interest on loan | \$ 4,433.91 | | \$108,250.00 |
| 7615 Excavator | \$ 23,642.74 | | |
| 7640 Grader | \$ 34,231.56 | | |
| 7690 Finance Charge | \$ 7.63 | | |
| 7645 Shop Supplies & Tools | \$ 2,473.62 | | \$500.00 |
| 7665 Trucks | \$ 315,841.05 | | |
| 7670 VLCT Property & Casualty/Equipment | \$ 18,942.00 | | \$17,381.00 |
| 7680 Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 106,357.99 | | \$75,000.00 |
| 7685 Diesel Fuel | \$ 53,390.18 | | \$60,000.00 |
| TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES | | \$ 559,320.68 | |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT | | \$ 1,285,545.34 | \$1,050,877.00 |

VOTED TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - Additions to budgeted items

| | EXPENSE | TOTALS | FY 16 BUDGET |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| AND INDEPENDENT FUNDED ACCOUNTS | | | |
| 9210 RESTORATION FUND | \$ 642.50 | \$ 642.50 | |
| 6570 CEMETERY ACCOUNT | | | |
| 6572 Equipment Rental | \$ 2,342.40 | | |
| 6573 Wages | \$ 2,274.25 | | |
| TOTAL CEMTERY | | \$ 4,616.65 | |
| 9400 CONSTABLE (Salary & Expenses) | | | |
| 9410 Salary | \$ 3,530.00 | | |
| 9420 Expenses | \$ 469.41 | | |
| TOTAL CONSTABLE | | \$ 3,999.41 | \$12,000.00 |
| 9500 TREASURER (Salary & Expenses) | | | |
| 9510 Salary | \$ 13,000.00 | | |
| 9520 Expenses | \$ 3,305.25 | | |
| TOTAL TREASURER | | \$ 16,305.25 | \$17,000.00 |

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

| 9600 SPECIAL FUNDS | EXPENSE | TOTALS |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 9611 RSVP of Windham County | \$ 190.00 | |
| 9612 Visiting Nurse Alliance | \$ 1,900.00 | |
| 9614 Brattleboro Area Hospice | \$ 200.00 | |
| 9615 Council on Aging for SEVT | \$ 550.00 | |
| 9617 Healthcare & Rehabilitation Services | \$ 750.00 | |
| 9618 Whitingham Free Library | \$ 3,500.00 | |
| 9619 Women's Freedom Center | \$ 700.00 | |
| 9623 Wings Community Program | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| 9627 Halifax Community Club | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| 9626 Youth Services | \$ 200.00 | |
| 9629 SEVCA SE VT Comm Act | \$ 790.00 | |
| 9630 The Gathering Place | \$ 500.00 | |
| 9624 Rescue Inc. | \$ 1,009.60 | |
| 9625 Halifax EMS | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| 9631 Green Up Vermont | \$ 50.00 | |
| 9632 American Red Cross | \$ 250.00 | |
| 9633 Windham Child Care Association | \$ 250.00 | |
| 9634 Deerfield Valley Rescue | \$ 14,125.00 | |
| 9635 Deerfield Valley Community Partnershp | \$ 500.00 | |
| 9636 Deerfield Valley Food Pantry | \$ 500.00 | |
| TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS | | <u>\$ 34,464.60</u> |
| TOTAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES | | <u><u>\$ 60,028.41</u></u> |
| | | |
| 8000 SELF FUNDING | EXPENSES | TOTALS |
| 8200 COMMISSIONS | | |
| 8210 Delinquent Tax Collector | \$ 9,648.54 | |
| 8310 Delinquent Tax Collector Expense | \$ 2,284.49 | |
| 8340 Delinquent Tax Escrow | \$ 31,290.55 | |
| 8220 Zoning Administrator | \$ 2,720.00 | |
| TOTAL COMMISSIONS | | \$ 45,943.58 |
| 8100 PUBLIC SAFETY | | |
| 8110 Annual Discretionary Funds | \$ 4,969.06 | |
| 8130 Pager Pay | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| 8140 VEM Annual Compensation | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| 8150 VEM Radiological Officer | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| 8170 EMD Annual Expenses | \$ 285.44 | |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | | <u>\$ 28,254.50</u> |
| TOTAL SELF FUNDING & INDEPENTENT | | <u><u>\$ 74,198.08</u></u> |
| | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | <u><u>\$ 1,732,693.65</u></u> |

Change in Fund Balance
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1110 Scott & Eames Fund | |
| Beginning Balance | \$10,744.87 |
| Revenues | |
| From Scott Fund | \$15,000.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Transfer to Gen Fund | -\$15,000.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$10,744.87 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1130 Record Restoration Fund | |
| Beginning Balance | \$10,416.95 |
| Revenues | |
| Town Clerk Recording Fees | \$283.50 |
| Expenses | |
| | -\$642.50 |
| Ending Balance | \$10,057.95 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1190 VT Emergency Management | |
| Beginning balance | \$14,975.71 |
| Revenue | |
| Annual Discretionary Funds | \$5,000.00 |
| Radiological Officer | \$1,500.00 |
| Emergency Mgmt Director | \$20,000.00 |
| Pager Pay | \$1,500.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Radiological Officer | -\$1,500.00 |
| Emergency Mgmt Director | -\$20,000.00 |
| Annual Discretionary Funds | -\$4,969.06 |
| EMD Expenses | -\$285.44 |
| Pager Pay | -\$1,500.00 |
| Ending Balance 6/30/14 | \$14,721.21 |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1160 Re-Appraisal Fund | |
| Beginning Balance | \$51,066.77 |
| Revenues | |
| Lister Education | \$656.00 |
| Reval Funds | \$11,418.44 |
| Expenses | |
| | |
| Ending Balance | \$63,141.21 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1170 Office Equipment Fund | |
| Beginning Balance | \$4,756.35 |
| Revenues | |
| Town Clerk Recording Fees | \$283.50 |
| Ending Balance | \$5,039.85 |

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1180 Cemetery Fund | |
| Beginning Balance | \$7,282.07 |
| Revenues | |
| Wicks Cemetery Interest | \$273.56 |
| Appropriated Funds | \$5,000.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Equipment Rental | -\$2,342.40 |
| Wages | -\$2,274.25 |
| Ending Balance | \$7,938.98 |

Change in Fund Balance
Fiscal Year 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow

| <u>1193 Town Office Bldg Repair & Maintenance</u> | |
|---|----------|
| Beginning Balance | \$64.00 |
| Revenues | |
| Xfer to General Fund to close fund | -\$64.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$0.00 |

| <u>1195 Equipment Reserve Fund</u> | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$25,592.00 |
| Expenses | -\$25,592.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$0.00 |

| <u>1196 Reserve Fund</u> | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$60,000.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$60,000.00 |

| <u>1192 Bridge Fund</u> | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$28,900.62 |
| Revenues | |
| Fy 16 budget | \$111,000.00 |
| Expenses | -\$98,000.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$41,900.62 |

| <u>1125 Resurfacing Fund</u> | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$0.00 |
| Revenues | |
| Balance FY 16 budget | \$29,151.07 |
| Expenses | |
| Ending Balance 6/30/15 | \$29,151.07 |

Road Commissioner Report

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Salries & Wages | |
| 7150 Road Crew Comp Time | \$2,320.00 |
| 7110 Road Crew Wages | \$204,914.00 |
| 7115 Overtime | \$11,098.00 |
| 7120 Road Commissioner Wages | \$4,450.00 |
| Total Salaries & Wages | \$222,782.00 |
| Employee Benefits & Expenses | |
| 7210 Training & Education | \$ 97.00 |
| 7220 Health Insurance | \$ 82,704.00 |
| 7230 Life Insurance | \$ 773.00 |
| 7260 Retirement | \$ 8,729.00 |
| 7270 Uniforms | \$ 5,177.00 |
| 7280 Hiring Costs | \$ 824.00 |
| Total Employee Benefits & Expenses | \$ 98,304.00 |
| Garage Expenses | |
| 7310 Electric | \$ 3,019.00 |
| 7320 Heating Fuel | \$ 5,639.00 |
| 7330 Telephone | \$ 820.00 |
| 7340 Building Repairs & Maint. | \$ 26,889.00 |
| 7350 Property & Casualty Ins. | |
| 7360 Office Cleaning & Supplies | \$ 1,040.00 |
| 7370 Trash Collection | \$ 1,020.00 |
| 7380 Shop Supplies | \$ 10,785.00 |
| 7390 New Building Construction Salt Shed | |
| Total Garage Expenses | \$ 49,212.00 |
| Road Supplies & Applications | |
| 7410 Sand | \$ 28,096.00 |
| 7420 Salt | \$ 18,348.00 |
| 7430 Gravel | \$ 125,286.00 |
| 7435 Stone | |
| 7440 Chloride | \$ 7,391.00 |
| 7462 Cold Patch & Culverts | \$ 10,379.00 |
| 7460 Resurfacing | \$ 110,849.00 |
| 7450 Construction | \$ 856.00 |
| 7470 Roadside Mowing | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 7480 Road Signs | \$ 4,034.00 |
| 7490 Safety Gear | \$ 470.00 |
| Total Road Supplies & Applications | \$313,709.00 |
| EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT | |
| 7610 Blower | |
| 7615 Excavator | |
| 7620 Trimmer | |
| 7625 Rake | |
| 6552 Garage Bond Payment | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 7635 Chloride Distributor | |
| 7640 Grader | \$ 34,232.00 |
| 7645 Shop Supplies & Tools | \$ 2,474.00 |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 7650 Power Saws | | | | | |
| 7655 Loader | | | | | |
| 7660 All Equipment | | | | | |
| 7665 Trucks | \$ | 42,000.00 | | | |
| 7670 VLCT Property & Casualty Ins. | \$ | 18,942.00 | | | |
| 7685 Diesel Fuel | \$ | 53,390.00 | | | |
| 6551 Garage Bond Interest | \$ | 3,130.00 | | | |
| 7680 Repair & Maint. | | \$106,358.00 | | | |
| 7675 Chipper | | | | | |
| Total each equipment order | | \$270,526.00 | | | |
| Highway Account Total | | \$954,533.00 | | | |

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES
Report for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)

| | Parcel ID | Beginning Balance | Del. Taxes Collected | Ending Balance |
|---|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER | | | | |
| Tax Warrant for FY 2013 (07/01/12 - 06/30/13) | | \$4,878.95 | \$4,878.95 | \$0.00 |
| Tax Warrant for FY 2014 (07/01/13-06/30/14) | | \$3,612.90 | \$2,812.67 | \$800.23 |
| Tax Warrant for FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15) | | \$30,942.56 | \$23,094.90 | \$7,847.66 |
| Tax Warrant for FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16) | | \$171,353.55 | \$130,980.18 | \$40,373.37 |
| TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES | | \$210,787.96 | \$161,766.70 | \$49,021.26 |
| Delinquent Taxes Collected | | | | \$161,766.70 |
| Tax Commission Collected | | | | \$12,941.16 |
| Interest Collected | | | | \$10,099.70 |
| Miscellaneous Costs Collected | | | | \$44.53 |
| TOTAL DEL. TAXES, COMMISSION, INTEREST & MISC. COSTS COLLECTED | | | | \$184,852.09 |
| TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2016 | | | | \$49,021.26 |
| DELINQUENT TAX LIST | | | | |
| FY 2014 (07/01/13-06/30/14) | | | | |
| ~ Anderson, Aaron | mcm.0062 | | | |
| SUB-TOTAL for FY 2014 | | \$800.23 | | |
| FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15) | | | | |
| Anderson, Aaron | mcm.0062 | | | |
| Betit, John P. | vtr.3072 | | | |
| ~ Boyd, Jr, Kenneth William & Cassandra Ivanovsky Boyd | bro.0104 | | | |
| * Brittain, Lillian | flx.016B | | | |
| * Crosby, III, Frederick A. and Melanie L. | brn.0195 | | | |
| * Dickinson III, Ralph | pen.1749 | | | |
| ~ Wilcox, Nancy E., Vivian M Smith, & William W Wheeler | wht.0100 | | | |
| SUB-TOTAL for FY 2015 | | \$7,847.66 | | |
| FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16) | | | | |
| Anderson, Aaron | mcm.0062 | | | |
| Betit, John P. | vtr.3072 | | | |
| ~ Blaine, William | whl.0015 | | | |
| ~ Boyd, Jr., Kenneth W. & Boyd, Cassandra Ivanovsky | bro.0104 | | | |
| ~ Boyd III, Leonard and Derby, Jennifer | cln.1358 | | | |
| * Brittain, Lillian | flx.0168 | | | |
| ~ Brown, Dawn M. | han.0521 | | | |
| ~ Buckley, Stephen J. and Mary E. | vtr.5901 | | | |
| ~ Creagh, Diane | mcm.0012 | | | |
| ~ Crosby III, Frederick A. and Melanie L. | brn.0195 | | | |
| ~ Dickinson III, Ralph | pen.1749 | | | |
| * Gutierrez, Dafne C. | whl.0180 | | | |
| * Hohl, Jr., Edward H. and Hohl, Tracey Lynn | whl.0149 | | | |
| * Hohl, Jr., Edward H. and Hohl, Jennifer E. | whl.0198 | | | |
| ~ Isles, Guy | grr.3112 | | | |

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|---|----------|--------------------|--|
| LaFlamme, Jr., John | wht.1355 | | |
| * Nugent, David A. and Marble, Cynthia L. | spr.0299 | | |
| * Sevene, Richard and Williams, Edward J. | ocn.1696 | | |
| ~ Wheeler, George E. and Marion S. et al | wht.0434 | | |
| Wilcox, Nancy E.; Smith, Vivian M; Wheeler, William W | wht.0100 | | |
| SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2016 | | \$40,373.37 | |
| GRAND TOTAL FOR FY2014, FY2015, FY2016 | | \$49,021.26 | |
| * Paid in full as of January 27, 2017 | | | |
| ~ Payments are being made | | | |
| DELINQUENT TAX BALANCE as of JAN. 27, 2017 | | \$24,274.33 | |

Cael Fund (& School Funds)

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

| <u>Cael Fund</u> | | <u>School Accounts</u> | |
|-------------------------|------------|--|----------|
| July 1, 2015 | | <u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship)</u> | |
| TD Bank CD # 92573534 | \$30500.00 | TD Bank CD # 92573534 | \$200.00 |
| TD Bank CD # 92465475 | \$24300.00 | TD Bank Core Checking | \$29.76 |
| TD Bank CD # 5730760768 | \$27000.00 | July 1, 2015 | \$229.76 |
| TD Bank Core Checking | \$369.72 | Interest | \$2.50 |
| TD Bank Money Market | \$13464.81 | June 30, 2016 | \$232.26 |
| Subtotal | \$95634.53 | <u>Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet)</u> | |
| Interest Earned | \$1075.17 | TD Bank CD # 92573534 | \$200.00 |
| Subtotal | \$96709.70 | TD Bank Core Checking | \$31.54 |
| Checks Cashed | \$1000.00 | July 1, 2015 | \$231.54 |
| Total | \$95709.70 | Interest | \$2.50 |
| | | June 30, 2016 | \$234.04 |
| June 30, 2016 | | <u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award)</u> | |
| TD Bank CD # 92573534 | \$30500.00 | TD Bank CD # 92573534 | \$100.00 |
| TD Bank CD 3 92465475 | \$24300.00 | TD Bank Core Checking | \$21.82 |
| TD Bank CD 3 5730760768 | \$27000.00 | July 1, 2015 | \$121.82 |
| TD Bank Core Checking | \$369.72 | Interest | \$1.25 |
| TD Bank Money Market | \$13539.98 | June 30, 2016 | \$123.07 |
| Total | \$95709.70 | <u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award)</u> | |
| | | TD Bank CD # 9246555475 | \$300.00 |
| | | TD Bank Core Checking | \$-5.65 |
| | | July 1, 2015 | \$294.35 |
| | | Interest | \$3.75 |
| | | June 30, 2016 | \$298.10 |

H. M. SCOTT FUND July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value of Fund July 1, 2015 | | 322,923.53 |
| Income | | |
| Dividends & Interest | 15,481.89 | |
| Sales of securities | <u>45,852.31</u> | |
| | 61,334.20 | |
| | | 384,257.73 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Town of Halifax | 15,000.00 | |
| Securities Purchased | 50,346.32 | |
| Foreign tax paid | <u>62.58</u> | |
| | (65,408.90) | |
| | | 318,848.83 |
| Increase in value of securities | | 5,439.69 |
| Value of Fund June 30, 2016 | | 324,288.52 |

H. M. SCOTT FUND

Securities bought and sold July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Bought

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4-18-16 | *Goldman Sach Inc MTN Corp Bond | 5,797.25 |
| 4-19-6 | Prudential Financial Inc Corp Bond | 12,344.66 |
| 4-21-16 | Physicians Realty Trust | 4,993.61 |
| 4-27-16 | Prudential Financial Inc MTN | 12,941.01 |
| 4-27-16 | WP Carey, Inc | 6,190.77 |
| 5-13-16 | Crown Castle Corp | 4,165.20 |
| 5-13-16 | Iron Mountain Inc. REIT | <u>3,913.82</u> |
| | | 50,346.32 |

Sold

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 4-4-16 | *Verizon NY Inc Deb Ser A Bond | 8,000.00 |
| 419-16 | Johnson & Johnson | 19,914.80 |
| 4-27-16 | General Electric | <u>17,937.41</u> |
| | | 45,852.31 |

* Trade confirmation is not always generated but shows on March 25 - April 29, 2016 statement.

H.M. Scott Fund Report

Henry M. Scott (1874-1956) farmed all his life in Halifax Center. In 1953 his farm was recognized as a Vermont Century Farm, having been an active farm for over 100 years. You might say his roots went deep and in his will he planted the seed that grew into the H. M. Scott Fund.

Over time, the Trustees of Public Funds have endeavored to increase the Fund value and in recent years to earn substantial income for the Town. In the last dozen years the H.H Scott Fund has provided over \$154,000 which has been used to help pay the Town Garage Bond.

The value of the Scott Fund on July 1, 2016 was \$328,288.08 and the income to the Town was \$15,000.

It is interesting how history repeats itself. Ann Dewitt lives in Henry Scott's original home. Ann's classmate and dear friend, Janice Nelson lived there while they both attended Antioch College. It was home for her during and after college.

Janice traveled the world as a teacher but never forgot her memorable times in Halifax. When Janice died recently, she left money for the H.M. Scott Fund in her will. Thank you Henry and Janice.

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Accrual Basis

Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

| | <u>Jun 30, 16</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| 10000 · TD Bank North | 10,627.11 |
| 10001 · TD Bank Savings | 5,202.55 |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>15,829.66</u> |
| Other Current Assets | |
| 18700 · Stock Investment | 4,080.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | <u>4,080.00</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>19,909.66</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>19,909.66</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| 30000 · Opening Balance Equity | 14,634.50 |
| 32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets | 5,196.70 |
| Net Income | 78.46 |
| Total Equity | <u>19,909.66</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>19,909.66</u> |

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Accrual Basis

Eames Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

| | <u>Jun 30, 16</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| Brattleboro S&L - Savings | 990.48 |
| Brattleboro S&L CD | 71,528.09 |
| TD/Bank North - Money Market | 58,285.22 |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>130,803.79</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>130,803.79</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>130,803.79</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| Opening Balance Equity | 126,211.44 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 3,612.96 |
| Net Income | 979.39 |
| Total Equity | <u>130,803.79</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>130,803.79</u> |

WICKS CEMETERY FUND
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Principal, 96.32862 shares of AT&T Stock held at Edward Jones Co, LP

Value on July 1, 2015 3,479.39

Income

 Interest to town for upkeep
 of cemetery 183.02

Value on June 30, 2016 3,999.58

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Appointments Made By Town Clerk

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

Vital Records Filed

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Marriages | 8 |
| Deaths | 3 |
| Births | 4 |

Land Records Recorded

| | |
|---|----|
| Abandonment Order | 1 |
| Boundary Line Adjustment | 1 |
| Certificate of Name Change | 3 |
| Certificate of Non Redemption | 1 |
| Certificate of Trust | 2 |
| Complaint | 6 |
| Cost of Receipt of Filing | 2 |
| Current Use Value | 15 |
| Death Certificates Recorded | 5 |
| Decree of Distribution | 2 |
| Discharge of Lien | 2 |
| Discharge of Tax Lien | 1 |
| Easements | 8 |
| Engineer Designer/Installer Certificate | 2 |
| Forebearance Agreement | 1 |
| Land Use Discontinuance | 1 |
| Mechanics Lien | 1 |
| Mortgage Assignments | 3 |
| Mortgage Deeds | 30 |
| Mortgage Discharge | 32 |
| Mortgage Note Modification | 1 |
| Order of Adopting Commissioners Report | 1 |
| Permit for Conditional Use | 3 |
| Permit for Driveway | 3 |
| Permit for New Parcel | 1 |
| Permit for Renewal | 3 |
| Permit for Zoning | 35 |
| Power of Attorney | 3 |
| Property Transfer Tax Return | 36 |
| Quit Claim Deed | 9 |
| Real Estate Subordination Agreement | 1 |
| Release of Lien-Land Use | 9 |
| Release of Tax Lien | 5 |
| Road Agreement | 1 |
| Road Reclassification | 4 |
| Subordination Agreement | 1 |
| Supplemental Indenture | 1 |
| Survey Maps Recorded | 5 |
| Tax Lien | 3 |

Town Clerk Report Cont'

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Trustees Certificate | 3 |
| Warranty Deed | 25 |
| Wastewater & Potable Permit | 9 |
| Water Supply Replacement | 1 |

Total Documents Recorded: **282** Total Pages Recorded: **799**

Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Recording Fees | \$ 7,990.00 |
| Examination of Records & Copies | \$ 1,219.10 |
| Notices for Posting of Land | \$ 95.00 |
| Fish & Wildlife Licenses | \$ 64.50 |
| Map Sales | \$ 38.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | \$ 70.00 |
| Burial Transit Permits | \$ 10.00 |
| Town Plan/Zoning Books | \$ 36.50 |
| Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees) | \$ 380.00 |
| Certified Copies of Vital Records | <u>\$ 410.00</u> |
| TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES | \$ 10,313.10 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Dog License Fees | 146 Dogs @ \$ 9.00 | \$ 1,314.00 |
| (tracked on an annual basis) | 15 Dogs @ \$ 11.00 | \$ 165.00 |
| | 34 Dogs @ \$ 13.00 | \$ 442.00 |
| | 6 Dogs @ \$ 17.00 | \$ 102.00 |

Total Dogs Licensed **201 Dogs** **Total Fees Collected** **\$ 2,023.00**

Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected 2015

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| State Rabies Fund | 201 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog | \$ 201.00 |
| State Neutering & Spaying Fund | 201 Dogs @ \$ 4.00 per dog | \$ 804.00 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 201 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog | \$ 402.00 |
| Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer | | <u>\$ 616.00</u> |
| Total Dog License Account | | \$2,023.00 |

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2017

| TOWN OFFICE | NAME | TERM EXPIRES |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr) | Vicki Allen | 2017 |
| TOWN CLERK (3 yrs) | Patricia Dow | 2017 |
| TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs) | Patricia Dow | 2017 |
| SELECTMEN (3 yrs) | Brad Rafus | 2019 |
| | Lewis Sumner, Chair | 2017 |
| | Mitchell Green | 2018 |
| LISTERS (3 yrs) | Robbin Gabriel | 2017 |
| | Mary L. Brewster | 2019 |
| | Kattie Russ | 2018 |
| AUDITORS (3 yrs) | April Sumner Dupuis | 2019 |
| | Diane Longe | 2018 |
| | Sarah Barnett | 2017 |
| FIRST CONSTABLE (1 yr) | Andrew Rice | 2017 |
| SECOND CONSTABLE (1 yrs) | Roy Richardson | 2017 |
| COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr) | Laura Sumner | 2017 |
| TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs) | Steven M. Cohen | 2019 |
| | Howard Smith | 2017 |
| | William J. Moore | 2018 |
| TOWN AGENT (1 yr) | Tina L. Blais | 2017 |
| TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 yr) | Joe Tamburrino | 2017 |
| CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs) | Clifton Inman | 2017 |
| | Kimberly Tine | 2018 |
| | Jeff DeForest | 2019 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 yr) | Vicki Allen | 2017 |
| SCHOOL DIRECTORS (3 yrs) | Homer Sumner | 2019 |
| | Paul Blais | 2017 |
| | Kimberly Tefft | 2018 |
| TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY | Catherine Bell | 2018 |
| JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs) | Joan Wonsey-Courser | 2019 |
| | Patricia Pusey | 2019 |
| | Kaitlin Stone | 2019 |
| | Craig J. Stone | 2019 |
| | Malcolm K. Sumner | 2019 |

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
For the Fiscal Year 2017

| | |
|---|--|
| BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN (1 yr) | Lewis Sumner |
| BOARD OF SELECTMEN, VICE CHAIRMAN (1 yr) | Mitchell Green |
| BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT (1 yr) | Robbin Gabriel |
| HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (3 yrs) | E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2019 Sirean LaFlamme - Term Expires 2017 Resigned-Brian McNeice - Term Expires 2018 Appointed-Patricia Dow – Term Expires 2018 William Pusey - Term Expires 2018 Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2019 |
| ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs) | Sirean LaFlamme - Term Expires 2017 E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2019 Resigned-Brian McNeice - Term Expires 2018 Appointed-Patricia Dow – Term Expires 2018 William Pusey - Term Expires 2018 Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2019 |
| TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR | Appointed-Paul G. Blais |
| ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 yr) | Brad Rafus |
| TREE WARDEN (1 yr) | Ross Barnett |
| POUND KEEPER (1 yr) | Andrew Rice |
| TOWN SERVICE OFFICER (1 yr) | Position Eliminated |
| REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ON AGING (1 yr) | Patricia Holtz |
| WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr) | Resigned-Margaret Bartenhagen Resigned-Nick Bartenhagen Appointed-Stephan Chait Appointed-Everett Wilson |
| ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs) | William Moore - Term Expires 2020 |
| ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs) | Rick Mirucki - Term Expires 2019 |
| WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPS (1 yr) | Bradley Rafus and Lewis Sumner |
| LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr) | Allan Dacey and Andrew Rice |
| ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr) | unappointed |
| E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr) | Wayne Courser |
| RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr) | Lewis Sumner |
| GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr) | Peggy Rafus |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr) | John LaFlamme |
| HEALTH/SEWAGE OFFICER (3 yr) | Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M. Expires 2017 |
| CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (1 yr) | Andrew Rice |
| ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr) | Tristan Roberts |
| FIRE WARDEN | Malcolm Sumner |
| NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD | <i>Brattleboro Reformer</i> <i>Deerfield Valley News</i> <i>The Commons</i> |
| SELECTMEN’S MEETING DATES | Bi-Monthly on 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. at Town Office |

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

Town of Halifax – Auditors Annual Report

We reviewed the records of Town Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Delinquent Tax Collector and other municipal offices provided for the period ending June 30, 2016. We closely looked at the bank accounts and analyzed activity for the trust funds and delinquent tax collections. Records appeared to be very clean with clear audit trails.

We collected all departmental and regional reports to assemble the town report.

We conducted the annual Town audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 in accordance with the statutory requirements identified at 24 V.S.A. § § 1681, 1682(a). This statutory requires that the elected auditors view the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review through the annual Town Report. Auditors may make notes to bring irregularities to light, but may not change the actual reports provided by the municipal officials.

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

We were not able to attend any training this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Barnett (Chair)

April Sumner Dupuis

Diane Longe

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report For FY 2016

On March 1st, 2016, Bradley Rafus and Mitchell Green were elected to three- and two-year terms on the Selectboard respectively. Rafus had been serving by appointment since November 2015. The Board held or attended 67 meetings or hearings in FY16 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016), a considerable reduction from the two previous years. Three public hearings dealt with zoning regulations; in September bylaw amendments were addressed, in January the full set of revised regulations was considered, and in June the Board heard commentary on a citizens' petition for zoning repeal. In February, the Board hosted Windham Regional Commission's hearing on Halifax Town Plan approval; the Plan was approved in March.

The Board amended the Town's purchasing and personnel policies in 2016, and repealed the local dog ordinance, after events related to a dog-bite incident revealed that relying on State statute is a more effective way of dealing with such situations. The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan received preliminary FEMA approval this year, and, as of this writing, is awaiting the final step in the process.

Renaud Construction completed renovation of the Branch Road bridge (#15) at the Hubbard Hill intersection in June. A VTrans inspection found the Sumner Farm Road bridge to be in good condition, with the exception of deteriorating railings. Renaud will be restoring the railings in their shop this winter and will reinstall next spring. The Selectboard approved a bid to remove old insulation at the town garage and replace it with foam. That work, coupled with the sealing of one roof seam leak, has resolved the long-standing problem of roof leaks in the building.

The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings and stay informed about happenings in the town. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Halifax Town Offices. Special meetings, as needed, are warned on the town web site (halifaxvermont.com), the town's bulletin boards, and in the Brattleboro Reformer. If you are interested in any of the town's appointed positions, listed in this Town Report, please submit a letter to the Selectboard or email the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. Appointments are made during the first two meetings following Town Meeting.

Lewis Sumner, Chair

Mitchell Green, Vice Chair

Bradley Rafus

Cemetery Report

2016 Fiscal Year;

We received our annual \$5,000.00 budget.

During the 2016 fiscal year we spent \$2,342.40 on equipment rental and \$2,274.25 on labor. This gave us a total gross amount of \$4,616.65 spent.

We continue to plan to clean up the cemeteries in the spring, and cut trees in some of them. We are continuing planning and enlarging some of cemeteries which is a time consuming and expensive task.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Cliff Inman

Halifax Fire Co, Inc.

56 Total calls for 2016

It's been a busy year for the firefighters over 50 calls. It was very dry we had a lot of brush fire. Thanks to our crew for handling them very well. We are lucky to have 4 new members join the department. A lot of Mutual Aid calls were for the brush truck and tanker.

I wish to thank our members also for helping at our fundraisers and thank the people for their donation to the departments.

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| | | Halifax Fire Co, INC. | |
| | | Wayne Courser - Chief | |
| Structure Fire | 2 | Assist Rescue | 1 |
| Chimney Fire | 2 | Service Calls | 1 |
| Auto Alarm | 2 | Mutual Aid Given | 21 |
| MVA | 10 | Mutual Aid Received | 7 |
| Tree Powerline Fires | 1 | Brush Fire | 8 |
| Tress Down Blocking Rd | 1 | | |
| Vehicle Fires | 0 | | |

Halifax Listers Report

2016 saw a changing of the guard in the Listers office, with the retirement of Charlene Martynowski and Joe Tamburrino. Joe and Charlene had served the Town as listers for the better part of a decade, and we are most grateful that on their departure both of them promised to be available to answer questions and share their years of accumulated knowledge with newly elected listers Mary Brewster and Kattie Russ. Mary and Kattie have been working diligently since March to learn the process; they have attended a number of training sessions and have become competent at conducting inspections and working with the NEMRC program.

The half-dozen grievances heard in June were satisfactorily resolved, with no Board of Civil Authority appeals. A portion of listers' duties this year included reviewing all properties with acreage enrolled in the State's current use program, and revising reduction amounts to comply with an amended State statute altering the method by which reductions are calculated. Property owners enrolled in current use were offered an "easy-out" option prior to this revision.

We are always willing to answer questions, and encourage property owners to call, email, or come in with any queries they might have about assessments.

Mary Brewster

Kattie Russ

Robbin Gabriel

Road Commissioners Report

This past year we completed several projects. A full reclaim of the asphalt on Collins Road with new stone lined ditches, new culverts installed and gravel added. Concrete curbs and posts with new guard rails were installed on the Branch Road Bridge.

We purchased a new 2017 International Dump Truck. We also purchased a used Tractor from the Town of Vernon to be used for roadside mowing.

Projects for the upcoming year include a full reclaim of another section of Collins Road and a section of Branch Road. We will be applying for a grant to assist with the cost of these projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to Serve this Community

Brad Rafus

Road Commissioner

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) welcomed three new members this year. Turner Lewis and Kaitlin Stone were appointed to three-year terms to both boards in April 2016, replacing Stephan Chait and Linda Lyon. In mid-August Patricia Dow was appointed to fill the balance of the term left vacant by Brian McNeice's resignation in June. That term expires in 2018. McNeice had served on the Planning Commission/ZBA for over ten years, contributing much knowledge and careful consideration of issues to the work of the Boards.

After a very busy previous year, the ZBA did not meet in 2016. The Planning Commission completed their work on zoning bylaw amendments and held a hearing December 16, 2015. The bylaws were then passed to the Selectboard for a hearing, and went before the voters on Town Meeting Day, March 1, 2016, where they were approved 167-145. In May, the Planning Commission held a hearing on a citizen's petition to repeal zoning in Halifax. The Selectboard held a hearing on that petition in June; voters denied that petition in a 148-126 vote on Vermont State Primary Election Day, August 9th. In response to a letter from the Selectboard, the Commission began in September to solicit public comment/opinion regarding the creation of a simplified set of zoning regulations. The Commission also approved one subdivision request in 2016.

Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Offices. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town website, halifaxvermont.com, and citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their comments and ideas.

Sirean LaFlamme, Chair
ZBA and Planning Commission



American Red Cross
New Hampshire and
Vermont Region

1/24/2017

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



Dear Select Board,

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

As you know, disaster can strike at any time, and when it does the American Red Cross is committed to being there to help. The type of disaster we respond to most often is home fires. Here we provide the family affected with the things they need like clothing, food, shelter, transportation and other resources to help them get back on their feet. We also provide mass care to first responders in the form of water, food and hot beverages.

In this past year, the American Red Cross provided the following services in Vermont:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **113** local disasters, helping over **500** people; while no fires occurred in Fairfax last year, we responded to **9 Fires** in Windham County, supporting **76 residents**.
- We installed **over 700** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained more than **8,000** residents in lifesaving CPR, First Aid and Aquatics skills
- We connected **107** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **500** volunteers throughout Vermont that help to make these services happen.

The American Red Cross provides all its emergency relief services *free* with no support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like Fairfax for funding.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff, thank you so much for your ongoing support of the American Red Cross. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

Maria Devlin
Regional CEO
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Brattleboro Area Hospice
191 Canal Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301
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www.brattleborohospice.org

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

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

This year we began an Advance Care Planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, with the goal to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people in the Brattleboro area who have completed the Advance Care planning process. Brattleboro Area Hospice will offer trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance directives.

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

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 1 Halifax residents. One Halifax resident serves as a volunteer currently. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at www.brattleborohospice.org

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is in its 22nd year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. The past year has been spent offering programming and activities for parents, middle and high school students, as well as implementing drug and alcohol awareness and activities in the community.

Some of the highlights during this past year include:

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

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

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

For more information: check our website at www.DVCP.org or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator

DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY
2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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

In 2016 we served an average of 100 families with about 200 clients each month. Since our communities have always "paid it forward" and always keep the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry on their giving list, we continue to be prepared and able to accommodate all the identified needs of our neighbors. It truly is a testament to the conscious and deliberate support of so many. This strong financial support from many donors, as well as our organized fundraisers, has allowed us to ensure that every month's distribution includes fresh meats, eggs, yogurt, cheese, bread and produce, along with the staples we have always provided.

The DVFP wishes to thank our many dedicated volunteers who help unload the delivery truck, shelve the food, assist with our monthly distribution process and other tasks too many to mention. We could not do it without them all. We are also grateful to the many local school children who come to help sort food and also hold food drives in their schools to help us keep the shelves full. It is heartwarming to see ones so young who are so enthusiastic to selflessly help others.

Fundraisers in 2016 included our Annual Motorcycle Ride, a Feed the MOOver Event, and the annual Holiday concert. As always, the local Merchant Community is always very generous in providing support for our fundraising endeavors.

Please continue to spread the word about the help available from the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. There is no need for anyone to go hungry. Our distributions are on the third Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 and the preceding Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. All that is required to receive help is to come to the Food Pantry on one of these dates and register; there is no income verification involved. You can come just once if you experience an unusual emergency, or every month for as long as is needed.

We also encourage everyone who is able to join as a Member that supports the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. For only \$20 annually you can be a supporting member of the DVFP and help us reach our goals. Registration and online Paypal payments are possible at our website deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org. The Board meets monthly on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday of the month at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. Volunteers are always welcome. To express a need for our services or to volunteer, call the DVFP at 464-0148, or contact us via our website.

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

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

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 811 calls in 2016 through December 10th of which 35 were in the town of Halifax.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deerfield Valley Rescue
Board of Directors

We celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2016. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Halifax, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided 4.5 million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

With the 2015 merger to the former Connecticut River Transit based in Rockingham, we became the second largest public transit provider in Vermont. The company now serves 36 towns in three counties and provides almost a half million volunteer and bus rides each year.

Each week we provide rides for Valley seniors to shopping, meal sites, adult day care, the doctors', and social events. This service has improved the quality of life for over 60 Valley residents by getting them out regularly and allowing them to live at home longer in life. We average over 125 of those trips a week.

We thank the residents of Halifax for their support. Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOver!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Schoonmaker

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

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

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

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



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

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

Volunteers in Halifax have served hours at area hospitals, as companions, as Bone Builder class leaders, and numerous other community priorities that benefit local area nonprofits and benefit senior services in Windham County. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers generously donated over 13,100 hours in Windham County last year at 39 local nonprofits. Their service is valued at \$298,549 to the community. For every \$1 dollar invested by the Windham County community, RSVP volunteers reinvested \$4 in service. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windham County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

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

Respectfully,

Cathy Aliberti

Green Mountain RSVP Director

RSVP is

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Halifax Community Club

The Halifax Community Club, active since 1952, is a volunteer-staffed community service organization. It depends on the Town of Halifax, annual dues (\$5), newsletter subscriptions (\$6/year) and donations for funds. It uses its funds to maintain and improve the Halifax Community Hall at 20 Brook Road in West Halifax and to support many events at the Hall. Among the events provided to the community by the Halifax Community Club are Senior Meal on the 3rd Friday of each month, Tai Chi co-sponsored with the Whitingham Free Public Library, and post-funeral reception luncheons and benefit fundraisers. The Halifax Community Club also arranges rental of or sponsors use of the Hall for a wide variety of public events: meetings, baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, anniversary parties, funerals and memorial gatherings, benefit suppers, Christmas parties, dances, slide shows, card parties, concerts and pot-luck suppers. The Halifax Community Club respectfully requests support from the Town of Halifax in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the year 2017. The Halifax Community Club may be contacted by emailing HalifaxCClub@gmail.com.

Laurel A Copeland, Halifax Community Club President

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Narrative Report for FY16 for Town of Halifax

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY16, HCRS provided 4,571 hours of services to 14 residents of the Town of Halifax. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Halifax.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Rescue Inc

Rescue started this past year on a high note, celebrating fifty years of service in the community. We hosted a reunion, celebration and open house that allowed us to connect with many men and women that have defined our organization in the last half-century. Alumni shared stories of the humble beginnings of Rescue Inc and the camaraderie and commitment that has sustained it. The recurring theme all evening was high quality emergency medicine and the desire to provide the best care to our patients. As we look to the future; we recognize that health care delivery is changing, technology is improving and our communities rely on us to continually evolve to meet these new demands.

This year our provider staff was busy responding to more than five thousand calls in our fifteen member towns. The calls ranged from simple assistance to complicated medical and trauma patients that required transport to hospitals in Dartmouth and Boston. In addition we also provided medical standby for events and large incidents in our nearly five hundred square mile coverage area. Our administrative team and board of trustees continue to work on operational efficiency, equipment replacement and Medicaid payment improvements to ensure that Rescue is ready for the future.

We have been undertaking an efficiency and modernization project at our Brattleboro office that has allowed us to provide a space for the hundreds of local citizens, medical providers and future EMTs to receive training each year through our community training center. These programs range from CPR and First Aid to Advanced Cardiac Life Support. In the West River Valley, construction is underway on a new facility that will allow us to meet the growing needs in that region.

This year's equipment upgrades include a complete rebuild on A6. This "new" truck is slightly larger and will better accommodate the ventilators and pumps used by our Critical Care Paramedics. This truck also comes with our first new stretcher and mounting systems to meet the latest federal requirements.

We worked with the Vermont Ambulance Association and our state representatives on Medicaid payment reform. Expansion of our state managed Medicaid program was creating major funding issues for ambulance services across the state. We are pleased that some improvement was made last year in reimbursement amounts and look forward to working with legislators again during this session.

This year starts the next fifty years of commitment to high quality patient care consistent with the vision of our founders and the expectations of our community. As your regional non-profit ambulance and rescue service, our mission is to serve you, our community.



*Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont
38 Pleasant St, Springfield, VT 05156*

ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to **Halifax** in the last year (2015-2016).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered 24 calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: We helped 2 residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment, or other Medicare-related questions.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with local volunteers, 591 meals were delivered to seniors at home. Congregate community meals are offered monthly at the Halifax Community Hall and three days a week at the Whitingham Municipal Center.

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

Social Services: We provided 7 elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Special Assistance: We provide assistance through flexible funds that include respite assistance for care givers of those diagnosed with dementia and assistance with needs not covered by other funding.

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

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director

*(802) 885-2655 Fax (802) 885-2665 Toll Free (866) 673-8376
Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119*

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, Family Services / Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Halifax we have provided the following services during FY2016:

- Weatherization:** 1 home (2 people) received energy efficiency measures at a cost of \$33
- VT Health Connect:** 3 households (10 people) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$449
- Family Services:** 2 households (3 people) received 11 services (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$101
- Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 3 households (9 people) received 8 assists valued at \$2,467

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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Trust for Wildlife (TFW) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to habitat protection and conservation for native wildlife species, and providing nature education for local youth. We are a small organization with no paid staff, led by professional wildlife biologists and educators who donate their time.

The Woodard Hill Road 115 acre Nature Sanctuary property was donated in August of 1985 by Patricia Johnson in memory of her husband Norris Johnson. Programs were initiated that year with the help of Bill Ackerman, science teacher, and continued since with volunteer help of Debbie Squires and next with Stephanie Aldrich - teaching principal. Stephanie continues to volunteer her time each summer with the summer nature camp, along with Joanne Case and parents of children who attend.

In 2016 we completed our 18th year summer Nature Camp for children of the community, including visiting grandchildren and friends. Trust for Wildlife continues to operate with a very modest budget for materials and camp essentials to make the explorations both educational and fun.



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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Halifax

Your local health district office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2016 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) was awarded \$90,635 for drug, alcohol and other drug misuse prevention and for tobacco control. DVCP also received Regional Prevention Partnership funding to reduce underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse/abuse through a targeted regional approach. VDH staff meet regularly with community members to increase awareness and involvement regarding substance use/abuse and to encourage healthy lifestyle choices in order to reduce preventable chronic diseases.

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 individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2015 we responded to 262 cases of infectious disease in Windham County. In 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In July of 2016 we participated in a large-scale exercise at the Brattleboro Area Middle School to practice our procedures for distributing medicine, to keep people from getting sick in case of a public health emergency. For 2016/17, \$10,000 will fund training for Windham County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, \$70,565 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Brattleboro Retreat and Grace Cottage Hospital.

In 2016, we worked with eight local practices to increase their **childhood vaccination rates**. We also offered four presentations to educate the community on Lyme disease and Anaplasmosis.

We are fortunate to be 1 of 5 District Offices that has a **public health dental hygienist (PHDH)** on staff. PHDH priorities are: Helping to link WIC clients (pregnant and post-partum women, infants and children to age 5) and adults with dental practices who will accept Medicaid dental benefits; providing oral health education for pregnant women and infants from age 1; collaborating with community service organizations such as United Way, Groundworks, and our hospital Community Health Teams; supporting and being a resource to town residents with oral health concerns; and supporting VDH Oral Health programs.



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

Visiting Nurse and 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, 2015 and June 30, 2016, VNH made 201 homecare visits to 12 Halifax residents. This included approximately \$10,380 in unreimbursed care to Halifax residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 155 home visits to 8 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 40 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 6 home visits to a resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,


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

Whitingham Free Public Library



2016 Highlights

9,530 Visits!

During 2016 the library has seen 9,530 men, women and children walk through our door. That is a 31% increase from last year!



WiFi

We continue to see an annual increase on Wifi usage. 6,803 people signed into our public Wifi during 2016. We often have patrons working from home join us in the library for the afternoon.

Thank you!

The Librarians and Trustees of the Whitingham Free Public Library would like to thank the taxpayers and contributors from the towns of Whitingham and Halifax for their generous and heartfelt support.

2016 Summer Reading Success!

During 2016 we held summer reading programs on Fridays during The Whitingham Farmer's Market. This gave parents free time to shop and visit at the market while the children enjoyed activities with Youth Librarian, Amanda Bolduc. We awarded 30 Summer Reading Certificates to children from Twin Valley Elementary, Halifax School and homeschool families.



2017 Summer Reading Theme: Build A Better World

Adult Crafting Group

Our monthly crafting group is really something special. 10+ ladies made 22+ crafts and had many laughs along the way.



Old Home Week Parade Blue Ribbon Winner!



Hunger Games

Our Mission

To promote the benefits of lifelong learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational and technological needs.



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 region 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, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Halifax is currently represented by Stephan Chait and Everett Wilson. 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 WRC 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 WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); 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; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing 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. 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 WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 22 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. We convened stakeholders and coordinated planning in support of an application for funds for fixed route transit service on Route 30. We developed evacuation planning templates for towns, and a model bylaw that integrates both flood hazard and river corridor requirements. We were successful in our application for an additional \$750,000 for our Brownfields program to assess and cleanup sites throughout the region. We've helped towns understand how the state Clean Water Initiative affects them, including town applications for grants to conduct road erosion inventories. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$1627. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2017, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



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

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

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 23 homeowners in 2016 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 and credit counseling. In 2016, 56 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. 134 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 2016, we renovated 37 apartments, 29 of which were substantial rehabs of historic properties, and 8 of which were part of an energy efficiency pilot program.

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

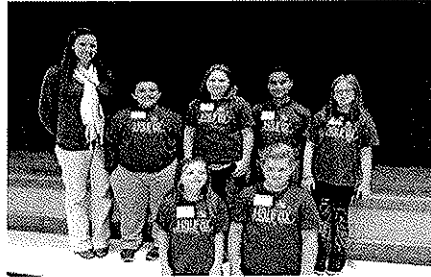
For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

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Wings' Vision Statement

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

Wings' Mission Statement

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

Wings Community Programs is currently in its twelfth year at Halifax School with Maria Stewart knocking it out of the park as Halifax's site coordinator. Wings commends the entire Halifax staff for their extraordinary dedication to the Halifax school, this community and especially the children.

Wings program offerings vary widely to appeal to students' diverse interests. Examples of programs that have been offered at Halifax last year include: 3D printing, Guitar, Lego fun, Magical science, Paper crafting, Math Olympiad, Soccer, Basketball, and Spanish.

A few noteworthy points from last year:

Halifax continues to take up the challenge of expanding the school day by offering PAWS, a successful early morning academic support program. Halifax has logged in over 7,586 hours of student participation in engaging and productive programming in 2015 – 2016, over 300 hours more than last year.

The 3rd annual Halloween Hustle featured 10 Halifax students joining the fitness fun in awesome costumes.

Three Halifax students participated in Wings' four-week summer camp, Celebrate Summer (CS). Celebrate Summer, made some strategic programming changes resulting in a flurry of excitement as parents enrolled their children for additional consecutive weeks. Attendance grew to 50 youth participating in the final week of camp, one of the highest attendances in Wings summer camp history! The CS program was extremely fortunate to have Joel Howes, Maria Stewart and Lauren Sumner conduct excellent programs, including a very successful afternoon adventure program of hiking and biking some of Joel's favorite spots in the surrounding area.

Wings thanks the Halifax community for taking the time to further Wings' vision and their commitment to high-quality after school programming. Wings is a partially state-funded after school program, which requires 50% of its funding from sources other than the 21Century Community Learning Center grants we receive. We also rely on revenue from program fees, contributions from the town and school district, local grants such as the Rotary Club of Deerfield, and the amazing generosity of those who donate to our program. We are truly grateful for the Halifax community's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Hauty, Project Director



Katie Boyd, Operations Manager





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2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

Brattleboro

Brookline *VOTE TO CLOSE MRF*

Dover

Dummerston

Guilford

Halifax

Jamaica

Marlboro

Newfane

Putney

Readsboro

Stratton

Townshend

Vernon

Wardsboro

Westminster

Whitingham

Wilmington

Winhall

The 2016 calendar year for WSWMD ended with a decision by the Board of Supervisors to discontinue the operation of our recycling collection and processing at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), effective July 1, 2017.

By the end of June, the District will remove recycling roll-off boxes from transfer stations in Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Wardsboro, Whitingham, and Wilmington. The 24-7 recycling roll-off containers will also be removed from Brattleboro's Fairground Road, Brookline, Dummerston, Halifax, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Vernon, and Westminster. Recycling containers will still be available for use by District residents at the WSWMD recycling convenience center at 327 Old Ferry Road.

The seven transfer station towns are required by state law to provide recycling services, and will therefore contract with private haulers to provide recycling services at transfer stations.

The nine towns with 24-7 roll-off containers are not required by state law to provide recycling since those locations do not accept trash, but will have the option of continuing those containers with a private hauler. The cost to towns for contracting for recycling services will shift to the town's budget, rather than through the annual tax assessment from the District.

SOLAR PROJECT ON LANDFILL

WSWMD signed a \$100,000 per year lease with Sky Solar to develop a 5 Mega-Watt solar photo-voltaic array on our 25-acre closed landfill, and all permit applications were filed. Construction is expected to start in Spring 2017, and should be generating electricity next fall. All District member towns, as well as school districts, have been invited to sign up for a 20-year net-metering agreement that will provide significant cost savings for municipal budgets.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

Of all the recyclable materials processed by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris.

The District's food scrap composting facility is in its 3rd year of operation, and is now the 2nd largest such facility in Vermont. Total tons of food scraps, soiled paper, and cardboard delivered to the facility has increased each year as a result of Vermont's Act 148, which requires that food scraps, and yard debris be diverted from landfill disposal, including residents by 2020. The Town of Brattleboro's curbside collection of food scraps is the largest source with approximately 12 tons per week.

The food scraps are mixed with yard debris and wood chips, and turned with a loader bucket. After 6 months the compost is screened to ¼ inch particle size using a rented screen, and in the Spring of 2016, the District sold out of its compost.

The District received a grant from ANR in 2016 to assist approximately 80 food scrap generators in Brattleboro in setting up for food scrap recycling with their trash haulers.

The District successfully established school food scrap recycling programs at: Brattleboro Middle and High School, Leland and Grey, Twin Valley, Guilford, Dover and Newbrook Elementary.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The District conducted 3 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections this year in the Towns of Brattleboro, Townshend, and Whitingham, with 307 households participating. The District offers year round collection of certain hazardous waste such as mercury containing products, leftover paints, and used motor oil and filters.

WSWMD participates in the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, etc. New this year, the District offers free drop-off of single-use batteries. The District also provides free recycling of TVs, computers and computers.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

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

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

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director

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

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

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

During the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 524 survivors and their 471 children and responded to 1,622 crisis telephone calls, figures that include 1 survivor and their 2 children from Halifax. 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 contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

Report to the Town of Halifax

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

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

This year, we respectfully request \$200 from the Town of Halifax to help fund our agency's services. We served 3 residents from Halifax during Fiscal Year 2016 and remain available to provide services in the future. 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

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

Halifax Elementary School Report

The vision of the Halifax School District is to develop a sense of connection among all members of the community. School is not just a place, but also a set of relationships among individuals, students, school staff, parents/guardians, and the community at large. We are all part of the learning process, all learning from each other.

We provide an educational experience for all students that provide them a life-long basis for kindness, courtesy, cooperation, educational curiosity, and a striving for excellence. Teachers are also learners striving for improvement and growth.

We act to ensure that our school maximizes student learning, thinking, and problem solving skills in order that children who attend the Halifax School will be responsible citizens capable of meeting their own needs, the needs of their community, and the needs of society.

It is a pleasure to be part of a group of teachers and staff whose objective is to provide the highest quality of education possible for all students, especially during times of financial constraints. This years staff includes: Ashley Moorhouse our K and 1st grade teacher, Maria Stewart our 2nd and 3th grade teacher, Dayle Sherman our 4th and 5th grade teacher, Joel Howes our 6th, 7th and 8th grade teacher, Layne Leary our Special Education teacher, Judy Anyan our Math Mentor, Jim Franzinali our Technology Coordinator, Fran Alfieri our Physical Education, Edward Cedar our Music teacher, Jody Hauser our Librarian, Rhonda Wainshilbaum our Art Teacher, Kathy Inman our Speech Pathologist, and Paul Hoak our Guidance Counselor, Kathy Phillips our Lunch Program Coordinator, Keith Anyan our School Plant Manger and of course Linda Swanson our School Secretary. We would like to thank Sandra Cunningham who was our long-term substitute for Kindergarten at the start of the year.

In a longstanding tradition, I include last year's graduation honorees. The Mary Butterfield School Citizenship Award was presented to Gabriel Ashcroft. The Elizabeth Stott Willingness Award was presented to Arianna Nebelski. The Bill Ackerman Science and Nature Award was presented to Paige Lane. The I Love to Read Award was presented to two students: Allie Bills and Joshua Smith. The Sam Maltese Writing Award was presented to Ryan Ruiz. We have two new \$25.00 awards to issue this coming year; established this year by William and Ashcroft. They have funded the wards for the next ten years. This type of generosity is just one example of the many ways our students are encouraged to do their best.

This year's professional development focus continues with Proficiency-based Learning. The Supervisory Union is piloting a proficiency-based report card for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Halifax is excited to be part of this district-wide project.

The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Act 46 Elementary Study Committee has been working hard over the last year, and will continue their work into 2017. They will begin working with an educational consultant, identifying the benefits and challenges of the possible consolidation of Halifax, Readsboro, and Stamford School Districts. This work will enable the Halifax Townspeople to have detailed information so that when they are asked to vote on a consolidation proposal they will be able to make an informed decision.

I am indebted to the faculty who teach at our school, the district administrators and staff who support our efforts, our parents, school board, and community members who lend their time and energy to create an engaging educational environment for our students. Thank you for supporting our school and the children of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandra Pentak-Cohen

HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE 7/1/2015

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Beginning cash balance General Fund | \$ | 202,053.55 |
| Food service funds | \$ | 650.99 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 202,704.54 |

REVENUES

| | | | |
|--|----|--------------|------------------------|
| 5910 Property Tax School Portion | \$ | 1,221,287.00 | |
| 5921 St of VT Special Education | \$ | 154,759.94 | |
| 5980 Town of Halifax | \$ | 10,000.00 | |
| 5923 Essential Early Education | \$ | 5,155.00 | |
| 5930 Tuition | \$ | 37,426.80 | |
| 5951 Hot Lunch School Sales (students and staff) | \$ | 5,465.69 | |
| 5952 Hot Lunch St of Vt | \$ | 8,760.91 | |
| Playground expenses to general fund | \$ | 35,059.56 | |
| 5960 Miscellaneous | \$ | 66,591.44 | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | | \$ 1,544,506.34 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|--|--|-------------------|
| 9800 Payroll, Utilities, Withholdings, School Expenses, Etc. TOTAL | | \$ (1,559,823.47) |
|--|--|-------------------|

ENDING CASH BALANCE 6/30/16

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Ending cash balance regular account | \$ | 187,387.41 | |
| Ending balance in food service | \$ | - | |
| TOTAL ENDING BALANCE | \$ | 187,387.41 | \$ 187,387.41 |

Summary of Playground Funds
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Money Market Account TD Bank | \$ | 24,508.71 |
| Brattleboro Savings & Loan CD # 1 | \$ | 69,421.46 |
| Brattleboro Savings & Loan CD # 2 | \$ | 62,014.55 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 155,944.72 |

REVENUES

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|--------|
| Money Market Interest Earned | \$ | 17.41 |
| Interest on CD # 1 | \$ | 852.11 |
| Interest on Cd # 2 | \$ | 255.55 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Playground expenses FY 14 | \$ | (7,125.33) |
| Playground expenses FY 15 | \$ | (5,555.56) |
| Equipment Purchase | \$ | (22,378.67) |
| Check fee to transfer accounts | \$ | (8.00) |

ENDING CASH BALANCE 6/30/15

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Money Market Account TD Bank | \$ | 11,837.23 | |
| Brattleboro Savings & Loan CD # 1 | \$ | 70,273.57 | |
| Brattleboro Savings & Loan CD # 2 | \$ | 39,891.43 | |
| TOTAL | \$ | 122,002.23 | \$ 122,002.23 |

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Superintendent Annual Letter 2016-2017

As Superintendent, I can honestly say without hesitation that as a Supervisory Union we have some of the strongest most dedicated faculty, staff, board members, parents and administrators that I have ever worked with in my 23 years of education. As a Supervisory Union we continue to move in the direction of transforming all of our schools into the 21st century learning environments. Academic success for each student is the main goal of every staff member and administrator in WSWSU. We believe that every student achieves at the highest level and we are prepared to offer more time and support to each and every student in order to prepare them to be innovative learners.


As you may be aware the state of Vermont is in the midst of **major** school transformation called ACT 46. The Act 46 was enacted by the legislation in 2015 and the General Assembly is quoted as follows. “Act 46 intends to move the State toward sustainable models of education governance.” This ACT could jeopardize the current structure of Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. I am strongly encouraging the community to become involved in the Act 46 school governance changes that will take place in in the months to come. School boards have been working tirelessly to come up with a solution that will best meet the needs of all of the students. I believe that the solution the boards will eventually ask you to vote on will, without a doubt, be the best option for the taxpayers and the students of Windham Southwest. Please take full advantage of working with your school boards so you may be part of the process and have a voice because the final decision will be placed on the voters on May 9, 2017.

As Superintendent, it is my hope that the Windham Southwest Supervisory continues to advance forward as an SU in providing a 21st century education that reflects the collaboration from students, educators, parents and the community, that shows we are committed to developing and creating learning opportunities taught through thinking skills and a rigorous, relevant, and comprehensive curriculum, that prepares students to be innovative, productive citizens in an interconnected world. This year, as you can see, has turned out to be the most difficult year for some of our districts and their budgets. Please understand your building Principals have worked diligently with me and School Boards to present you with a school budget that is a reflection of the level of equitable education and vision that we need to provide to our kids. When cuts are made we have always tried to stay away from areas that would have the greatest impact on student learning. This year it is difficult to do this, due to the continued drop in student enrollment and the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). If we continue to cut programs it will impede and deteriorate the level of education that our students deserve. As a Supervisory Union, we have always appreciated the support that all communities have shown for learning and will continue to do so.

To conclude, Windham Southwest Supervisory Union is proud of all of the accomplishments and progress that has been made over the years and will continue to move forward as an SU to provide our students with a great education that the communities can be proud of, that is an education that provides students with the essential skills for success in today’s world, such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration. Please visit your school’s websites or come visit the schools.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Pratt
Superintendent of School

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT
As of December 31, 2016

| | <u>GRADES</u> | | <u>TOTAL</u> | | |
|--|---------------|----|--------------|----|-------|
| ELEMENTARY: | K | | | | 9 |
| | 1 | | | | 0 |
| | 2 | | | | 8 |
| | 3 | | | | 8 |
| | 4 | | | | 5 |
| | 5 | | | | 9 |
| | 6 | | | | 5 |
| | 7 | | | | 6 |
| | 8 | | | | 4 |
| | | | | | 54 |
| Total Elementary: | | | | | 54 |
| Elementary Tuition (included in above count) | | | 0 | | |
| SECONDARY: | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | TOTAL |
| Twin Valley High School | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Franklin Tech. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Brattleboro H.S. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Mohawk Regional | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Private/Independent School | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| The Putney School | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 7 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 28 |
| Total Secondary: | | | | | 28 |
| | | | | | 82 |
| TOTAL ENROLLMENT: | | | | | 82 |

Halifax School District
Salary and Wage Summary
 January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Blais, Paul | per meeting up to | \$1,000.00 |
| Tefft, Kimberly | per meeting up to | \$1,000.00 |
| Sumner, Homer | per meeting up to | \$1,500.00 |

EMPLOYEES

| | | |
|----------------------|--|-------------|
| Alfieri, Francis | | \$22,971.36 |
| Anyan, Judy | | \$23,806.93 |
| Anyan, Keith | | \$24,444.99 |
| Brigham, Edith | | \$85.00 |
| Clews, Loren | | \$1,955.00 |
| Cedar, Edward | | \$2,962.50 |
| Chamberlin, Ruth | | \$1,250.00 |
| Cunningham, Sandra | | \$15,677.97 |
| Franzanelli, James | | \$3,937.50 |
| Garrett, Patricia | | \$170.00 |
| Hauser, Jody | | \$8,822.78 |
| Hoak, Paul | | \$6,030.75 |
| Hollister, Tammy | | \$3,612.23 |
| Howes, Joel | | \$61,430.21 |
| Landers, Barbara | | \$170.00 |
| Leary, Layne | | \$2,272.57 |
| Montgomery, Greg | | \$3,780.00 |
| Moorhouse, Ashley | | \$39,873.22 |
| Pentak-Cohen, Sandra | | \$65,824.21 |
| Phillips, Kathy | | \$13,454.20 |
| Roberts, Elizabeth | | \$382.50 |
| Sherman, Dayle | | \$43,643.18 |
| Stewart, Maria | | \$36,967.21 |
| Swanson, Linda | | \$23,678.07 |
| Wainshilbaum, Rhonda | | \$12,345.77 |
| Youmell, Merritt | | \$85.00 |

The percentage of Core academic classes taught by not highly qualified teachers was 41.67% for the 2015-2016 school year. There were no teachers with Emergency licenses 60% of the teachers have a Bachelors degree and 40% have a Masters degree

**Windham Southwest Supervisory Union
Assessment
2017-2018**

| | ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT <u>2017-2018</u> | ACTUAL ASSESSMENT <u>2016-2017</u> | ASSESSMENT DIFFERENCE | % INCREASE/ DECREASE |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HALIFAX REGULAR ED | 52,047 | 44,607 | | |
| HALIFAX SPECIAL ED DISTRICT | 77,905 | 56,257 | | |
| HALIFAX SPECIAL ED SU | <u>43,687</u> | <u>71,518</u> | | |
| TOTAL HALIFAX | 173,639 | 172,382 | 1,257 | 0.73% |
| READSBORO REGULAR ED | 50,949 | 48,933 | | |
| READSBORO SPECIAL ED DISTRICT | 42,237 | 34,915 | | |
| READSBORO SPECIAL ED | <u>42,766</u> | <u>78,454</u> | | |
| TOTAL READSBORO | 135,952 | 162,302 | (26,350) | -16.24% |
| SEARSBURG REGULAR ED | 18,956 | 17,676 | | |
| SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED DISTRICT | 2,574 | | | |
| SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED | <u>15,912</u> | <u>28,339</u> | | |
| TOTAL SEARSBURG | 37,442 | 46,015 | (8,573) | -18.63% |
| STAMFORD REGULAR ED | 67,280 | 60,771 | | |
| STAMFORD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT | 121,138 | 74,674 | | |
| STAMFORD SPECIAL ED | <u>56,474</u> | <u>97,433</u> | | |
| TOTAL STAMFORD | 244,892 | 232,878 | 12,014 | 5.16% |
| TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY | 190,224 | 185,965 | | |
| TWIN VALLEY ES SPECIAL ED DISTRICT | 386,562 | 157,780 | | |
| TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED | <u>159,672</u> | <u>298,155</u> | | |
| TOTAL TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY | 736,458 | 641,900 | 94,558 | 14.73% |
| TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE/HIGH REGULAR ED | 252,420 | 231,233 | | |
| TWIN VALLEY MHS SPECIAL ED DISTRICT | 491,918 | 441,042 | | |
| TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE/HIGH SPECIAL ED | <u>211,878</u> | <u>370,732</u> | | |
| TOTAL TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE | 956,216 | 1,043,007 | (86,791) | -8.32% |
| TOTAL | 2,284,599 | 2,298,484 | (13,885) | 0.46% |

District: **Halifax**
County: **Windham**

T090
Windham Southwest

Property value equivalent yield: **10,076**
Residential tax rate per \$10,000 of assessed value: **1.00**
Income dollar equivalent yield per 1% of household income: **11,876**

Expenditures

| | | FY2015 | FY2016 | FY2017 | FY2018 | |
|----|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----|
| 1. | Budget (total budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures) | \$1,465,622 | \$1,520,755 | \$1,474,535 | \$1,486,738 | 1. |
| 2. | plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting | - | - | - | - | 2. |
| 3. | minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only) | - | - | - | - | 3. |
| 4. | Locally adopted or warned budget | \$1,465,622 | \$1,520,755 | \$1,474,535 | \$1,486,738 | 4. |
| 5. | plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any | - | - | - | - | 5. |
| 6. | plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit | - | - | - | - | 6. |
| 7. | Total Budget | \$1,465,622 | \$1,520,755 | \$1,474,535 | \$1,486,738 | 7. |
| 8. | S.U. assessment (included in total budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 8. |
| 9. | Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 9. |

Revenues

| | | | | | | |
|-----|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| 10. | Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues) | \$316,363 | \$395,327 | \$398,314 | \$295,993 | 10. |
| 11. | plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60 | - | - | - | - | 11. |
| 12. | minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only) | - | - | - | - | 12. |
| 13. | Offsetting revenues | \$316,363 | \$395,327 | \$398,314 | \$295,993 | 13. |

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 14. | Education Spending | \$1,149,259 | \$1,125,428 | \$1,076,221 | \$1,190,745 | 14. |
| 15. | Equalized Pupils | 85.65 | 83.15 | 80.24 | 82.72 | 15. |

| | | FY2015 | FY2016 | FY2017 | FY2018 | |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 16. | Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$13,418.09 | \$13,534.91 | \$13,412.52 | \$14,394.89 | 16. |
| 17. | minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil | - | - | - | - | 17. |
| 18. | minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup) | - | - | - | - | 18. |
| 19. | minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup) | - | - | - | - | 19. |
| 20. | minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup) | - | - | - | - | 20. |
| 21. | minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup) | - | - | - | - | 21. |
| 22. | minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup) | - | - | - | - | 22. |
| 23. | minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup) | - | - | - | - | 23. |
| 24. | minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup) | NA | - | - | - | 24. |
| 25. | plus Excess spending threshold | Threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00 | Threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00 | Allowable growth \$13,846.21 | Threshold = \$17,385 \$17,385.00 | 25. |
| 26. | plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) | - | - | - | - | 26. |
| 27. | plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate | \$13,418 | \$13,535 | \$13,413 | \$14,394.89 | 27. |
| 28. | District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) | 144.514% based on \$0.285 | 143.090% based on \$0.285 | 138.259% based on yield \$0.701 | 142.663% based on yield \$10.076 | 28. |

Prorating the local tax rate

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 29. | Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated by line 30 [(\$14,394.89 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000)] | \$1,416.2 | \$1,416.6 | \$1,382.6 | \$1,428.6 | 29. |
| 30. | Percent of Halifax equalized pupils not in a union school district | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 30. |
| 31. | Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.43) | \$1,416.2 | \$1,416.6 | \$1,382.6 | \$1,428.6 | 31. |
| 32. | Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 101.12% | 104.16% | 103.53% | 108.20% | 32. |
| 33. | Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,428.6 / 108.20%) | \$1,400.5 | \$1,350.0 | \$1,335.5 | \$1,320.3 | 33. |

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

| | | | | | | |
|-----|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 34. | Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated by line 30 [((\$14,394.89 + \$11,875) x 2.00%)] | 2.60% based on 1.80% | 2.58% based on 1.80% | 2.47% based on 2.00% | 2.42% based on 2.00% | 34. |
| 35. | Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.42%) | 2.60% based on 1.80% | 2.58% based on 1.80% | 2.47% based on 2.00% | 2.42% based on 2.00% | 35. |
| 36. | | - | - | - | - | 36. |
| 37. | | - | - | - | - | 37. |

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | |
| INTEREST ON BOND | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| BOND PAYMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| LOAN INTEREST | | | | |
| INTEREST ON LOAN | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| WATER LOAN INTEREST | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL LOAN INTEREST | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| INSTRUCTION | | | | |
| LATERALS | 1,500 | 0.00 | 2,600 | 3,204 |
| ASHLEY MOORHOUSE | 38,638 | 39,733.00 | 40,138 | 40,138 |
| DAYLE SHERMAN | 43,124 | 43,124.00 | 44,624 | 44,624 |
| TBH .5 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 42,218 |
| MARIA STEWART | 36,448 | 36,448.00 | 37,948 | 37,948 |
| S PENTAK COHEN | 28,805 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| P.E. TEACHER 40% | 12,630 | 19,380.00 | 19,680 | 19,680 |
| MUSIC 20% | 6,750 | 6,137.50 | 6,750 | 6,750 |
| JOEL HOWES | 59,411 | 59,411.00 | 60,911 | 60,911 |
| RHONDA WAINSHILBAUM | 12,242 | 12,242.00 | 12,542 | 12,542 |
| LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUTOR | 0 | 1,250.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBSTITUTES | 5,000 | 3,485.00 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 49,800 | 60,477.92 | 62,917 | 88,748 |
| LATERAL MOVES | 0 | 0.00 | 199 | 245 |
| ASHLEY MOORHOUSE | 2,956 | 2,980.47 | 3,071 | 3,071 |
| DAYLE SHERMAN | 3,299 | 3,133.23 | 3,414 | 3,414 |
| TBH .5 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 3,230 |
| MARIA STEWART | 2,788 | 2,615.98 | 2,903 | 2,903 |
| S PENTAK COHEN | 2,195 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| P.E. TEACHER 40% | 966 | 1,482.54 | 1,506 | 1,506 |
| MUSIC 20% | 516 | 469.62 | 516 | 516 |
| JOEL HOWES | 4,545 | 4,491.33 | 4,660 | 4,660 |
| RHONDA WAINSHILBAUM | 937 | 936.51 | 959 | 959 |
| LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUTOR | 0 | 95.63 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBSTITUTES | 383 | 266.69 | 383 | 383 |
| TEACHERS RETIRE'T PLAN | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 1,860 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 1,714 | 1,836.99 | 1,841 | 2,129 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMP | 2,500 | 0.00 | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT | 3,000 | 2,148.19 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| DENTAL | 500 | 498.40 | 500 | 3,710 |
| LIFE & DISABILITY INSUR | 1,067 | 540.83 | 1,118 | 1,821 |
| PROF DEVELOPMENT | 500 | 0.00 | 500 | 500 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| VISITING ARTISTS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | 8,500 | 8,500.00 | 8,500 | 9,605 |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | 0 | 1,095.00 | 0 | 1,145 |
| FIELD TRIPS | 550 | 266.00 | 375 | 375 |
| OTHER TRANSPORTATION | 700 | 700.00 | 700 | 700 |
| TRAVEL | 300 | 212.04 | 200 | 200 |
| SUPPLIES | 4,600 | 3,520.34 | 4,000 | 4,600 |
| ACHIEVEMENT TESTS | 300 | 0.00 | 300 | 300 |
| BOOKS & PERIODICALS | 2,500 | 148.42 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| MANIPULATIVE DEVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 2,500 | 1,680.00 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| DUES AND FEES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| WINTER SPORTS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 1,500 |
| TOTAL INSTRUCTION | 342,164 | 319,306.63 | 336,755 | 424,095 |
| TECHNOLOGY | | | | |
| JEFFREY COMENITZ -TECH | 9,225 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| G MONTGOMERY .2 | 0 | 8,145.00 | 9,225 | 0 |
| TECH CONSULTANT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 9,410 |
| JEFFREY COMENITZ -TECH | 706 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| G MONTGOMERY .2 | 0 | 623.12 | 706 | 0 |
| TECH CONSULTANT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 720 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 74 | 79.31 | 74 | 75 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR | 1,337 | 156.09 | 591 | 500 |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 800 | 26.00 | 800 | 800 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS | 2,500 | 3,997.93 | 3,481 | 2,700 |
| SUPPLIES | 800 | 236.57 | 800 | 800 |
| AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 12,000 | 10,206.49 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| DUES AND FEES | 800 | 0.00 | 800 | 800 |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY | 28,242 | 23,470.51 | 26,477 | 25,805 |
| ATHLETICS | | | | |
| REFEREES | 500 | 250.00 | 200 | 500 |
| REFEREES | 38 | 0.00 | 15 | 38 |
| WORKMANS COMPENSATION | 4 | 4.29 | 2 | 4 |
| SUPPLIES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| DUES & FEES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ATHLETICS | 542 | 254.29 | 217 | 542 |
| GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| P HOAK .1 | 6,750 | 6,693.75 | 6,885 | 6,885 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| P HOAK .1 | 516 | 512.19 | 527 | 527 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 54 | 57.87 | 55 | 55 |
| CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| LIFE & DISABILITY INSUR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAVEL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL GUIDANCE DEPT | 7,320 | 7,263.81 | 7,467 | 7,467 |
| HEALTH SERVICES | | | | |
| NURSE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| NURSE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| WORKMANS COMPENSATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 5,590 | 2,258.77 | 5,590 | 10,800 |
| SUPPLIES | 300 | 157.78 | 300 | 300 |
| EQUIPMENT | 300 | 0.00 | 300 | 300 |
| TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES | 6,190 | 2,416.55 | 6,190 | 11,400 |
| IN SERVICE EDUCATION | | | | |
| PROF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL IN SERVICE EDUCATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| LIBRARY SERVICES | | | | |
| JODY HAUSER 26%/20% | 9,476 | 9,476.00 | 7,589 | 7,589 |
| JODY HAUSER 26%/20% | 725 | 724.89 | 581 | 581 |
| WORKMANS COMP | 76 | 81.45 | 61 | 61 |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAVEL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUPPLIES | 200 | 38.65 | 100 | 100 |
| BOOKS & PERIODICALS | 1,500 | 1,346.51 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SOFTWARE | 289 | 0.00 | 289 | 289 |
| EQUIPMENT | 800 | 0.00 | 400 | 800 |
| DUES & FEES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES | 13,066 | 11,667.50 | 10,520 | 10,920 |
| SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES | | | | |
| SALARIES | 3,500 | 3,500.00 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| TREASURERS SALARY | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| FICA | 345 | 267.75 | 345 | 345 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 36 | 38.58 | 0 | 0 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 1,500 | 102.65 | 1,500 | 2,500 |
| AUDIT (CPA) | 6,200 | 6,200.00 | 6,200 | 6,400 |
| LIABILITY INSURANCE | 838 | 610.96 | 850 | 750 |
| TREASURERS EXPENSES | 400 | 303.91 | 400 | 400 |
| ADVERTISING | 500 | 296.37 | 300 | 300 |
| DUES & FEES | 1,000 | 923.41 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES | 0 | 1,053.50 | 0 | 0 |
| GRADUATION EXPENSES | 225 | 224.53 | 225 | 225 |
| CONTINGENCY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 26,217 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES | 15,544 | 14,521.66 | 15,320 | 42,637 |
| SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE | | | | |
| SUPERVISORY UNION ASSESMT | 37,264 | 37,264.00 | 44,607 | 52,047 |
| TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE | 37,264 | 37,264.00 | 44,607 | 52,047 |
| OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL | | | | |
| S PENTAK COHEN | 36,500 | 36,500.00 | 37,250 | 38,000 |
| ASST PRINCIPAL | 1,500 | 1,500.00 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| LINDA SWANSON 100%/75% | 26,686 | 25,302.38 | 20,082 | 25,535 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 39,056 | 29,055.40 | 31,323 | 31,552 |
| S PENTAK COHEN | 2,792 | 2,680.98 | 2,850 | 2,907 |
| LINDA SWANSON 100%/75% | 2,041 | 1,744.24 | 1,536 | 1,953 |
| ASST PRINCIPAL | 115 | 114.76 | 115 | 115 |
| NON-PROFESSIONAL RET | 1,068 | 1,051.03 | 804 | 1,021 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 517 | 554.10 | 471 | 520 |
| DENTAL | 125 | 125.00 | 125 | 1,484 |
| LIFE AND DISABILITY INSUR | 219 | 144.17 | 224 | 224 |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 500 | 379.50 | 500 | 500 |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| POSTAGE | 700 | 430.28 | 700 | 500 |
| TELEPHONE | 2,640 | 2,005.71 | 1,985 | 1,950 |
| TRAVEL | 250 | 250.00 | 250 | 250 |
| TRAVEL-SEC | 70 | 149.90 | 70 | 70 |
| SUPPLIES | 300 | 240.57 | 250 | 300 |
| BOOKS AND MAGAZINES | 0 | 53.50 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 500 | 0.00 | 200 | 400 |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| DUES & FEES | 250 | 779.35 | 250 | 650 |
| OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL | 115,829 | 103,060.87 | 100,485 | 109,431 |
| MAINTENANCE OF PLANT | | | | |
| PLAYGROUND UPKEEP | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| KEITH ANYAN | 0 | 19,000.00 | 19,390 | 19,870 |
| PLAYGROUND UPKEEP | 382 | 382.50 | 382 | 382 |
| MATT STEWART | 1,637 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| KEITH ANYAN | 0 | 1,453.50 | 1,484 | 1,521 |
| NON PROFESSIONAL RETIRE | 0 | 960.13 | 976 | 995 |
| WORKMANS COMPENSATION | 211 | 226.14 | 195 | 199 |
| GARBAGE REMOVAL | 1,000 | 978.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | 6,000 | 3,906.62 | 5,354 | 5,704 |
| WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS | 0 | 22,906.88 | 0 | 0 |
| ROOF REPAIRS | 0 | 20,750.00 | 0 | 50,000 |
| ASBESTOS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT RENTAL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPERTY INSURANCE | 5,775 | 1,827.48 | 2,500 | 3,300 |
| TRAVEL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUPPLIES | 3,400 | 2,123.70 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| ELECTRICITY | 12,000 | 9,781.49 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| FUEL OIL | 24,000 | 13,717.28 | 18,000 | 16,000 |
| EQUIPMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAYS | 15,000 | 0.00 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| WATER TEST | 2,700 | 3,690.29 | 2,800 | 3,600 |
| TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT | 77,105 | 106,704.01 | 75,581 | 126,071 |
| PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| BUS DUTY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| BUS DUTY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| WORKERS COMP | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | 88,000 | 85,260.00 | 88,000 | 0 |
| TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | 88,000 | 85,260.00 | 88,000 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 52,703 |
| PRE-K TUITION | 0 | 0.00 | 15,460 | 31,830 |
| HIGH SCHOOL TUITION | | | | |
| PUCHASES SERVICE (504) | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUITION VT LEA'S | 250,554 | 243,690.50 | 225,250 | 198,844 |
| TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S | 38,640 | 0.00 | 0 | 15,040 |
| TUITION PRIVATE SCHOOL | 43,350 | 71,485.00 | 59,420 | 60,864 |
| TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL TUITION | 332,544 | 315,175.50 | 284,670 | 274,748 |
| VOCATIONAL TUITION | | | | |
| VOCATIONAL TUITION | 28,254 | 28,215.18 | 28,269 | 18,247 |
| VOCATIONAL TUITION STATE | 24,227 | 24,193.00 | 24,279 | 19,102 |
| VOC. TUITION OUTSIDE VT | 71,440 | 67,400.00 | 73,113 | 69,420 |
| TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION | 123,921 | 119,808.18 | 125,661 | 106,769 |
| HS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL HS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUITION UNDERCHARGE | | | | |
| PR YR TUITION UNDERCHARGE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| VOC TUITION UNDERCHARGE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL TUITION UNDERCHARGE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | | | | |
| PRIOR YR ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUMMER TUTORIAL | | 523.74 | 0 | 0 |
| JUDY ANYAN 50%/25% | 11,293 | 11,623.71 | 5,646 | 0 |
| SUBSTITUTE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 8,687 | 8,686.68 | 9,365 | 0 |
| SUMMER TUTORIAL | | 40.06 | 0 | 0 |
| JUDY ANYAN 50%/25% | 864 | 817.73 | 432 | 0 |
| SUBSTITUTE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| NON-PROFESSIONAL RETIRE | 452 | 453.93 | 226 | 0 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 90 | 96.46 | 45 | 0 |
| CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| DENTAL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| LIFE AND DISABILITY INS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| PROF DEVEOPMENT | 200 | 0.00 | 200 | 0 |
| SUMMER PROGRAM | 180 | 0.00 | 625 | 0 |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAVEL | 0 | 244.31 | 0 | 0 |
| PURCHASED SERVICES | 52,047 | 50,489.63 | 56,257 | 0 |
| SUPPLIES | 200 | 190.67 | 200 | 200 |
| BOOKS & PERIODICALS | 100 | 71.63 | 100 | 100 |
| AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| MANIPULATIVE DEVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| DUES & FEES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION | 74,113 | 73,238.55 | 73,096 | 300 |
| INTENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION | | | | |
| BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST | 775 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL INTENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION | 775 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SU SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT | | | | |
| SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT | 71,625 | 71,625.00 | 71,518 | 43,687 |
| | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 77,905 |
| PHYSICAL THERAPY | | | | |
| PHYSICAL THERAPY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | | | | |
| OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| EVALUATIONS | | | | |
| COMPRHENSIVE EVALUATIONS | 1,200 | 136.64 | 0 | 0 |
| COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL EVALUATIONS | 1,200 | 136.64 | 0 | 0 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | | | | |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 600 | |
| EEE PROF SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 600 | 0 |
| SPEECH SERVICES | | | | |
| SPEECH SERVICES | 0 | 782.58 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES | 0 | 782.58 | 0 | 0 |
| SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| TRANSPORTATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SECONDARY INTENSIVE SERVICES | | | | |
| SUMMER TUTORIAL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUTOR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUMMER TUTORIAL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUTOR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| NON-PROF RETIREMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| PURCHASED PARA SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| PURCHASED SERVICE | 0 | 48,680.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUMMER SERVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUTOR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUITION VT LEA'S | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEA'S | 20,487 | 21,000.00 | 18,000 | |
| TUITION PRIVATE | 66,300 | 44,929.00 | 66,332 | 0 |
| SPED EXCESS COSTS | 0 | 22,257.86 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SECONDARY INTENSIVE SERVICES | 86,787 | 136,866.86 | 84,332 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| OTHER SECONDARY SPECIAL ED SERVICES | | | | |
| OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 0 | 1,162.50 | 0 | 0 |
| SPEECH SERVICES | 2,600 | 2,676.53 | 0 | 0 |
| SPECIAL ED TRANSPORTATION | 15,000 | 29,492.42 | 25,000 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| TITLE I/REMEDIAL SERVICES | | | | |
| REMEDIAL TEACHER | 0 | 0.00 | 4,383 | 9,490 |
| M LEMAIRE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| JUDY ANYAN 30%/50% | 6,776 | 6,865.98 | 12,422 | 16,710 |
| SUMMER TUTOR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 5,212 | 5,211.98 | 21,958 | 22,119 |
| REMEDIAL TEACHER | 0 | 0.00 | 326 | 717 |
| M LEMAIRE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| JUDY ANYAN 30%/50% | 518 | 481.40 | 950 | 1,278 |
| SUMMER TUTOR | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| NON-PROFESSIONAL RET | 271 | 270.20 | 497 | 668 |
| WORKMENS COMP | 54 | 57.87 | 134 | 207 |
| CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| LIFE AND DISABILITY INSUR | 0 | 0.00 | 26 | 35 |
| INSERVICE | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAVEL | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| SUPPLIES | 50 | 47.21 | 50 | 50 |
| BOOKS & PERIODICALS | 150 | 100.00 | 150 | 150 |
| AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| MANIPULATIVE DEVICES | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL TITLE I/REMEDIAL SERVICES | 13,031 | 13,034.64 | 40,896 | 51,424 |
| | | | | |
| HOT LUNCH PROGRAM | | | | |
| FOOD DEFICIT | 11,000 | 8,811.48 | 11,000 | 12,500 |
| TOTAL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM | 11,000 | 8,811.48 | 11,000 | 12,500 |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1,463,862 | 1,484,000.71 | 1,443,852 | 1,462,281 |
| | | | | |
| PENSION EXPENSE | | 60,948.00 | | |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | | |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT - COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT

| | Budget 2015-2016 | Actual 2015-2016 | Budget 2016-2017 | Budget 2017-2018 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SCHOOLWIDE | | | | |
| J ANYAN MATH COACH | 0 | 8,625.00 | 0 | 0 |
| S PENTAK-COHEN | 28,805 | 28,805.00 | 25,172 | 20,065 |
| JUDY ANYAN 20% | 8,625 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| HOSPITALIZATION | 15,157 | 13,039.38 | 0 | 0 |
| J ANYAN MATH COACH | 335 | 658.81 | 0 | 0 |
| JUDY ANYAN 20% | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
| S PENTAK-COHEN | 2,204 | 2,110.17 | 1,926 | 1,535 |
| VSTRS | 3,699 | 3,698.55 | 3,504 | 2,576 |
| NON-PROF RETIREMENT | 1,107 | 356.66 | 0 | 0 |
| WORKERS COMP | 284 | 109.32 | 201 | 161 |
| CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT | 930 | 865.00 | 0 | 0 |
| DENTAL | 125 | 104.20 | 0 | 0 |
| LIFE & DISABILITY | 172 | 128.60 | 151 | 120 |
| MTSS PD | 480 | 522.38 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL SCHOOLWIDE | 61,923 | 59,023.07 | 30,954 | 24,457 |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL BUDGET AND SCHOOLWIDE | 1,525,785 | 1,543,024 | 1,474,806 | 1,486,738 |

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT

| | <u>Actual</u> <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2015-2016</u> | | <u>Budget</u> <u>2016-2017</u> | | <u>Budget</u> <u>2017-2018</u> | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| PERSONNEL COSTS: | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | 332,341.06 | 357,254 | | 339,675 | | 416,988 | |
| FICA | 24,479.12 | 27,207 | | 25,979 | | 31,893 | |
| Hospitalization | 103,431.98 | 102,755 | | 125,563 | | 142,419 | |
| Teacher's Retirement Plan | 0.00 | 0 | | 0 | | 1,860 | |
| Non-professional Retirement | 1,775.16 | 1,791 | | 1,527 | | 1,689 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 2,806.92 | 2,619 | | 2,683 | | 3,051 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 0.00 | 2,500 | | 1,000 | | 2,000 | |
| Credit Reimbursement | 2,148.19 | 3,000 | | 3,000 | | 5,000 | |
| Dental | 623.40 | 625 | | 625 | | 5,194 | |
| Life & Disability Insurance | <u>685.00</u> | <u>1,286</u> | | <u>1,368</u> | | <u>2,080</u> | |
| Subtotal | 468,290.83 | 499,037 | 33.6% | 501,420 | 34.7% | 612,174 | 41.9% |
| INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED COSTS: | | | | | | | |
| Athletics (Salaries) | 250.00 | 538 | | 215 | | 538 | |
| Professional Services | 10,914.86 | 15,427 | | 14,681 | | 20,905 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 1,121.00 | 800 | | 800 | | 1,945 | |
| Field Trips | 966.00 | 1,250 | | 1,075 | | 1,075 | |
| Travel | 611.94 | 620 | | 520 | | 520 | |
| Supplies | 4,431.79 | 6,750 | | 6,000 | | 6,650 | |
| Books & Periodicals | 1,720.06 | 4,250 | | 3,750 | | 4,750 | |
| Software | 0.00 | 289 | | 289 | | 289 | |
| Equipment | 11,886.49 | 16,100 | | 12,900 | | 14,500 | |
| Dues & Fees | 1,702.76 | 2,050 | | 2,050 | | 2,450 | |
| Misc. Expense | 1,278.03 | 225 | | 225 | | 1,725 | |
| Postage | 430.28 | 700 | | 700 | | 500 | |
| Inservice/Prof. Development | 379.50 | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | |
| Subtotal | 35,692.71 | 49,999 | 3.4% | 44,205 | 3.1% | 56,847 | 3.9% |
| TRANSPORTATION: | | | | | | | |
| (Regular & Special education) | 114,752.42 | 103,000 | 6.9% | 113,000 | 7.8% | 52,703 | 3.6% |
| WSSU ASSESSMENT: Regular Ed | | | | | | | |
| | 37,264.00 | 37,264 | 2.5% | 44,607 | 3.1% | 52,047 | 3.6% |
| WSSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed | | | | | | | |
| | 71,625.00 | 71,625 | 4.8% | 71,518 | 5.0% | 43,687 | 3.0% |
| WSSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed District | | | | | | | |
| | - | 0 | | 0 | | 77,905 | |
| DEBT SERVICE & LOAN INTEREST: | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| TUITION (Reg & Sped): | | | | | | | |
| | 500,912.68 | 543,252 | 36.6% | 510,123 | 35.3% | 413,347 | 28.3% |
| SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE: | | | | | | | |
| | 7,513.89 | 9,438 | 0.6% | 9,250 | 0.6% | 10,350 | 0.7% |
| SPECIAL ED MISC.: | | | | | | | |
| | 75,940.42 | 4,955 | 0.3% | 1,425 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| SPEC. ED TEACHER SERVICES ASSESS'T: | | | | | | | |
| | 50,489.63 | 52,047 | | 56,257 | | - | 0.0% |
| HOT LUNCH PROGRAM: | | | | | | | |
| | 8,811.48 | 11,000 | 0.7% | 11,000 | 0.8% | 12,500 | 0.9% |
| PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: | | | | | | | |
| Custodian | 27,022.27 | 28,620 | | 27,427 | | 27,967 | |
| Water Maintenance | 3,690.29 | 2,700 | | 2,800 | | 3,600 | |
| Multi-peril/prop Insurance | 1,827.48 | 5,775 | | 2,500 | | 3,300 | |
| Garbage Removal | 978.00 | 1,000 | | 1,000 | | 1,000 | |
| Utilities | 29,502.41 | 41,140 | | 33,966 | | 31,150 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 47,563.50 | 6,000 | | 5,354 | | 55,704 | |
| Custodian Travel | 0.00 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Supplies | 2,123.70 | 3,400 | | 3,000 | | 3,000 | |
| Equipment-Outlays | <u>0.00</u> | <u>15,000</u> | | <u>5,000</u> | | <u>5,000</u> | |
| Subtotal | 112,707.65 | 103,635 | 7.0% | 81,047 | 5.6% | 130,721 | 8.9% |
| TOTAL | 1,484,000.71 | 1,485,252 | | 1,443,852 | | 1,462,281 | |
| Schoolwide Budget | 28,390.85 | 35,503 | | 30,683 | | 24,457 | |
| Pension on Behalf | 60,948.00 | | | | | | |

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

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

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

FY2016 School Level Data

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

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

| Smaller -> -> Larger | School level data | | Grades Offered | Enrollment | Total Teachers | Total Administrators | Stu / Tchr Ratio | Stu / Admin Ratio | Tchr / Admin Ratio |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | Halifax School | | K - 8 | 47 | 5.30 | 0.50 | 8.87 | 94.00 |
| | Readsboro Elementary School | | PK - 8 | 58 | 6.10 | 1.00 | 9.51 | 58.00 | 6.10 |
| | Newark School | | K - 8 | 59 | 7.20 | 0.60 | 8.19 | 98.33 | 12.00 |
| | Stamford Elementary School | | K - 8 | 76 | 6.40 | 1.00 | 11.88 | 76.00 | 6.40 |
| | Averaged SCHOOL cohort data | | | 119.00 | 11.34 | 0.99 | 10.49 | 120.46 | 11.48 |

School District: Halifax
 LEA ID: T090

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

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

FY2015 School District Data

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

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

Grades offered in School District

Student FTE enrolled in school district

Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
 34 out of 34

Smaller ->
-> Larger

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|----------|
| Halifax | K-8 | 47.62 | \$16,218 |
| Readsboro | PK-8 | 55.21 | \$13,452 |
| Newark | K-8 | 58.86 | \$14,920 |
| Stamford | K-8 | 75.31 | \$11,660 |
| Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data | | 117.56 | \$13,967 |

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

FY2017 School District Data

| LEA ID | School District | Grades offered in School District | School district tax rate | | | Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | SchIDist Equalized Pupils | SchIDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | SchIDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate | MUN Equalized Ed tax rate | MUN Common Level of Appraisal | MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate |
| T135 | Newark | PK-8 | 80.11 | 15,725.03 | 1.6210 | 1.6210 | 106.88% | 1.5167 |
| T090 | Halifax | K-8 | 80.24 | 13,412.52 | 1.3826 | 1.3826 | 103.53% | 1.3355 |
| T164 | Readsboro | PK-8 | 90.32 | 11,469.41 | 1.1823 | 1.1823 | 121.70% | 0.9715 |
| T002 | Albany | PK-8 | 90.93 | 14,420.54 | 1.4865 | 1.4899 | 100.96% | 1.4757 |
| T030 | Brighton | PK-8 | 91.45 | 15,250.84 | 1.5721 | 1.5213 | 113.68% | 1.3382 |

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

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

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

January 23, 2017

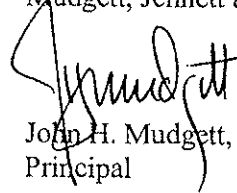
Board of Directors
Halifax Town School District

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Halifax Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 are being audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier and will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union office once the final statements are issued.

Sincerely,

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



John H. Mudgett, CPA
Principal

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

| | Actual <u>2015-2016</u> | Budget <u>2016-2017</u> | Proposed Budget <u>2017-2018</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Revenues: | | | |
| Interest | 449.82 | 500 | 500 |
| Misc Income | 3085.00 | 0 | |
| Spec. Ed Teacher Assessments | 759,292.57 | 764,673 | |
| <u>Assessments</u> | <u>1,427,811.00</u> | <u>1,533,816</u> | <u>1,533,816</u> |
| General Fund Revenues: | 2,190,638.39 | 2,298,989 | 2,298,987 |
| Fund Balance Alternative Program | (21,817.00) | (31,673) | (31,673) |
| Fund Balance WSSU | <u>142,644.00</u> | <u>59,463</u> | <u>59,463</u> |
| Total Gen Fund Revenues: | 2,311,465.39 | 2,326,779 | 2,326,779 |
| Expenditures: | | | |
| Superintendent's Office | 273,898.40 | 287,569 | 296,957 |
| Fiscal Services | 274,764.39 | 283,023 | 295,631 |
| Curriculum Specialist | 71,841.33 | 78,556 | 89,339 |
| <u>Special Education:</u> | | | |
| Special Education Teachers/Staff | 759,285.55 | 764,673 | 1,284,389 |
| Special Education Services-Districts | 0 | 0 | 756,448 |
| Special Education Transportation | 0 | 0 | 132,820 |
| Speech Services | 232,981.22 | 252,295 | 254,671 |
| Occupational Therapy Services | 57,370.40 | 61,329 | 57,364 |
| School Psychologist/Evaluations | 52,935.13 | 55,759 | 57,872 |
| Alternative Special Ed Program | 372,544.79 | 382,753 | 360,058 |
| EEE Program | 42,946.98 | 54,286 | 67,530 |
| Special Education Administration | <u>104,362.98</u> | <u>106,536</u> | <u>114,886</u> |
| Total Gen Fund Expenditures | 2,242,931.17 | 2,326,779 | 2,326,779 |
| Excess/(Deficiency) | 68,534.22 | | |

Revenue & Expense to record State of Vermont payments on behalf teacher retirement contributions are not included in the above figures.

The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for the (2017-2018) to be as budgeted.

Assessment Breakdown by District:

| | <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>2016-2017</u> | <u>2017-2018</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Halifax | 108,889 | 116,125 | 95,734 |
| Readsboro | 119,232 | 127,388 | 93,715 |
| Searsburg | 42,835 | 46,015 | 34,868 |
| Stamford | 156,766 | 158,204 | 123,754 |
| Twin Valley | <u>1,000,089</u> | <u>1,086,083</u> | <u>814,194</u> |
| Total Assessment | 1,427,811 | 1,533,814 | 1,162,265 |
| Special Ed District Assessment | | | |
| Halifax | 52,047 | 56,257 | 77,905 |
| Readsboro | 55,483 | 34,918 | 42,237 |
| Searsburg | 0 | 0 | 2,574 |
| Stamford | 149,765 | 74,675 | 121,138 |
| Twin Valley | <u>616,275</u> | <u>598,822</u> | <u>878,480</u> |
| | 873,570 | 764,672 | 1,122,334 |

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

| <u>State Funds</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2016-2017</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Act 230/BEST Grant Revenues: | 0 | 0 |
| State Hot Lunch Revenues: | 10,204.46 | 0 |
| <u>Other State Revenues:</u> | <u>500.00</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total State Revenues: | 10,704.46 | 0 |
| Act 230/BEST Grant Expenditures | 0 | 0 |
| State Hot Lunch Transfers to Towns | 10,204.46 | 0 |
| <u>Other State Grant Expenditures</u> | <u>500.00</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total State Expenditures | 10,704.46 | 0 |
| Excess/(Deficiency) | 0 | 0 |

| <u>Federal Funds:</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2015-2016</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2016-2017</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Special Programs Fund Revenues: | 420,495.73 | 362,349 |
| Hot Lunch Revenues: | 228,369.19 | 0 |
| Local & Private Funds: | <u>429,578.58</u> | <u>107,667</u> |
| Total Revenues: | 1,078,443.50 | 502,366 |
| | | |
| Special Programs Fund Expenditures: | 627,590.87 | 483,291 |
| Hot Lunch Expenditures: | 228,369.19 | 0 |
| Special Programs Transfer to Schools: | <u>66,699.00</u> | <u>19,075</u> |
| Total Expenditures: | 922,659.06 | 502,366 |
| Excess/(Deficiency) | 155,784.44 | 0 |
| | | |
| Title I Fund Revenues: | 387,113.47 | 388,664 |
| Title I Fund Expenditures: | 51,203.06 | 23,011 |
| Title I Transfer to Schools: | <u>335,910.41</u> | <u>365,653</u> |
| Excess/(Deficiency) | 0 | 0 |
| | | |
| 21st Century Fund Revenues: | 208,383.00 | 208,383 |
| Federal Funds (Part of Title I above) | 10,999.99 | 11,000 |
| Local & Private Funds: | <u>134,840.40</u> | <u>129,017</u> |
| Total Revenues: | 354,223.39 | 348,400 |
| 21 st Century Fund Expenditures: | 208,383.00 | 208,363 |
| Federal Funds (Part of Title I above) | 10,999.99 | 11,000 |
| Local & Private Expenditures: | <u>134,662.91</u> | <u>129,017</u> |
| Total Expenditures: | 354,045.90 | 348,400 |
| Excess/(Deficiency) | 177.49 | 0 |

Federal Revenues for 2015-16 include carryover from 2014-2015. Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2016-2017 include carryover from 2015-2016 and are restricted for use in those programs only.