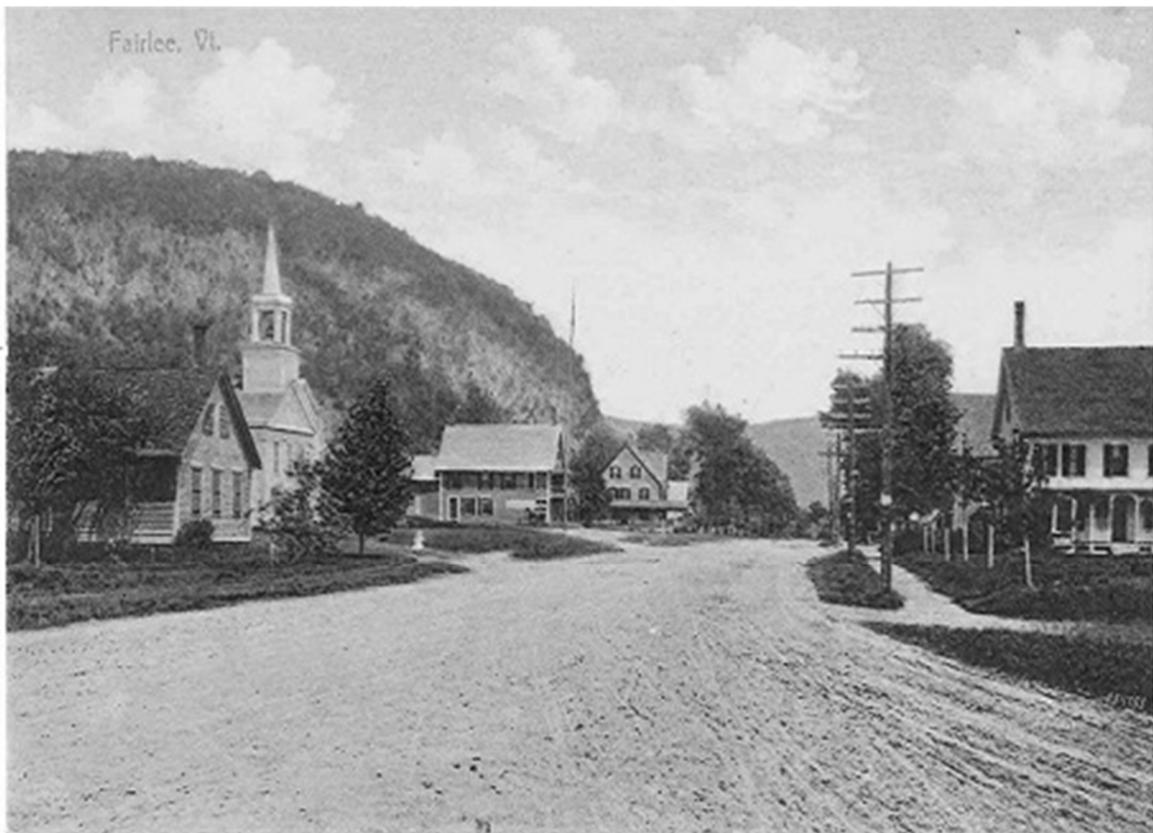


# Town of Fairlee, Vermont

## Annual Report



**Main Street Fairlee, VT Circa 1910**

***For the Year Ending, December 31, 2015***

# TOWN OF FAIRLEE SERVICES & OFFICE HOURS

Visit us on the Web at: [www.fairleevt.org](http://www.fairleevt.org)

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Friday 9:00 am – Noon  
(Or by appointment)

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Clerk .....	333-4363
Treasurer .....	333-4947
Town Administrator/Selectboard Office.....	333-9653
Listers' Office.....	333-9829
Zoning Administrator.....	333-4158
Town Fax .....	333-9214
Samuel Morey Elementary School.....	333-9755
Rivendell Academy.....	603-353-4321
Rivendell District Office.....	603-353-2170
Town Beach .....	333-9416

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ..... DIAL 911**

## NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance or FAST Squad.....	333-4043
Fire Department .....	333-4785
Local Police/ Animal Control Officer .....	802-522-8468
Vermont State Police .....	222-4680

## FAIRLEE TRASH & RECYCLING (including Metal and Brush Dump)

For Fairlee Residents & Taxpayers only

Dump Pass required (purchase from Town Clerk)

Saturday 9:00 to 11:00 am (Summer Hours 8:30 to 11:00 am)

at the Transfer Station off US Route 5 South

Extra hours for Spring & Fall Clean-up the first Saturday of May and 2nd Saturday in October

For E-Waste information see Fairlee Town Web site [www.fairleevt.org](http://www.fairleevt.org)

## PUBLIC LIBRARY - Telephone 333-4716 (closed Sunday & Monday)

Tuesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesday 1:00 to 7:00 pm,

Thursday and Friday 1:00 to 5:00 pm,

Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

## POST OFFICE - Telephone 333-4305

Monday-Friday: **Lobby:** 7:30 am to 4:45 pm **Window:** 9:00 am to 4:15 pm

Closed daily 11:00 am to 12:15 pm

Saturday: **Lobby:** 7:30 am to 12:00 pm **Window:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL WATER** turned on by May 15, 2016 and turned off after October 15, 2016

**SELECTBOARD MEETING** – Bi Monthly Monday evenings at 6:00 pm

**FIREMEN'S MEETING** - Regular Meeting - First Thurs of the month at 7:30 pm;

Drill - Third Thursday at 6:30 pm

**FAST SQUAD MEETING** - Fourth Thursday at 7:30 pm

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** - First Thursday at 6:00 pm

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING** – Second Tuesday at 7:00 pm

For Vermont State Agencies Reports that serve Fairlee Residents see the Fairlee Town Web site [www.fairleevt.org](http://www.fairleevt.org)

**2015**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE OFFICERS**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF FAIRLEE**  
**(ORANGE COUNTY)**  
**P O BOX 95**  
**VERMONT**

**05045**

**Chartered in 1761**  
**Population 987 as of 2014**  
**Area 11,490 acres**  
**Altitude 430 Feet**  
**72 09' W, 43 55'**



This year's Town Report is dedicated to Jean D. Ward. Jean was very active in Fairlee, serving on the recreation council, school board, parent teacher association, library board of trustees, and was town treasurer for many years. She loved to read, go for walks, cross-country ski and volunteer for many things having to do with the Town of Fairlee. While in school Jean was invited to the 1948 Winter Olympics in St. Moritz Switzerland. She will be missed.

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## **TOWN OFFICERS – 2015/2016**

**Moderator (elected for one year term)** ..... Bruce Taylor Term Expires March 2016

**Town Clerk (elected for three year term)** ..... Georgette Wolf-Ludwig Term Expires March 2018

**Town Treasurer (elected for three year term)**..... Melissa Gahagan Term Expires March 2017

**Assistant Town Clerks (appointed by Town Clerk for one year term)**

..... Sondra Farnham Term Expires March 2016

..... Barbara Lantery Term expires March 2016

**Assistant Treasurers (appointed by Town Treasurer for one year term)**

..... Georgette Wolf-Ludwig Term Expires March 2016

..... Lisa Hinsley Term Expires March 2016

**Selectboard (elected for three year term)**

..... Catherine McGrath (appointed in 2015 until Town Meeting 2016) Term Expires March 2017

..... Peter Berger Term Expires March 2018

..... Frank J. Barrett, Jr., Chair Term Expires March 2016

**Town Administrator**..... Brian Hanson

**Selectboard Clerk** ..... Tracy Dunn

**First Constable (elected for one year term)** ..... Jason Bachus Term Expires March 2016

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes (elected for one year term)**..... Jason Bachus Term Expires March 2016

**Chief of Police (appointed by Selectboard for one year term)**

..... Jason Bachus Term Expires March 2016

**Road Commissioners** ..... Selectboard

**Water Commissioners** ..... Selectboard

**Listers (elected for three year term)** ..... Russell W. Collins Term Expires March 2017

..... Dan A. Ludwig Term Expires March 2018

..... Noël G. Walker, Chair Term Expires March 2016

**Auditors (elected for three year term)**..... Clement Powers Term Expires March 2018

..... Richard J. Walker, Chair Term Expires March 2016

..... Larry Martin Term Expires March 2017

**Budget Committee (elected for three year term)** ..... Stephen Bentley, Chair Expires March 2016

..... Dan Ludwig Term Expires March 2018

..... Lisa Hinsley Term Expires March 2017

..... Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Clerk

**Fairlee Planning Commission (elected for four year term)**

..... Miranda Clemson Term Expires March 2019

..... Mark Bishop Term Expires March 2019

..... Timothy Danen Term Expires March 2016

..... Peter Berger Term Expires March 2017

..... Jason Crance Term Expires March 2017

..... Susanne Pacilio Term Expires March 2018

..... Smith Reed, Chair Term Expires March 2018

..... Tracy Dunn, Clerk

**Zoning Administrator**..... Chris Brimmer

**Development Review Board (appointed by Selectboard for three year term)**

.....David Fracht, Chair Term Expires March 2017  
..... William Dunnack Term Expires March 2017  
.....Vacant Term Expires March 2018  
..... Nancy Anderson Term Expires March 2018  
.....Peter Lange Term Expires March 2016  
..... Ray Coffin, Jr. (Alternate, one year term) Term Expires March 2016  
..... Anthony Gahagan (Alternate, one year term) Term Expires March 2016  
..... Tracy Dunn, Clerk

**Cemetery Commissioners (elected for five year term)** Charles H. Hinsley, Chair Term Expires March 2016

.....Gerald H. Colby Term Expires March 2017  
.....Robert Edmands Term Expires March 2018  
..... Eric C. Sleeper Term Expires March 2019  
..... Lance V. Mills Term Expires March 2020

**Grand Jurors (elected for one year term)** ..... Clyde C. Blake II Term Expires March 2016

..... William A. Dunnack, Jr. Term Expires March 2016

**Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits (elected for one year term)**

..... Horace Palmer Term Expires March 2016

**Town Agent to Transfer Real Estate** ..... Georgette Wolf-Ludwig

**Trustees of Public Library (elected for five year term)** ..... Steve Brown, Chair Term Expires March 2018

..... Jane Chambers Term Expires March 2017  
..... Nancy Anderson Term Expires March 2016  
.....Crystal Champagne (appointed in 2015 until town meeting 2016) Term Expires March 2020  
.....Ammie Collins Term Expires March 2019

**Recreation Council Board (elected for five year term)**..... Cameron Buster Term Expires March 2016

..... Crystal Champagne (appointed in 2015 until Town Meeting 2016) Term Expires March 2017  
..... Clyde C. Blake Term Expires March 2018  
..... Brooke Gladstone (appointed in 2015 until Town Meeting 2016) Term Expires March 2019  
.....Vacant Term Expires March 2020

**Animal Control Officer** ..... Jason Bachus

**Emergency Management Coordinator** ..... Lance Colby

**Fence Viewers** ..... Russell B. Smith, Larry C. Martin

**Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood** .....Clyde C. Blake II

**Weigher of Coal** .....Clyde C. Blake II

**Pound Keeper** ..... Bradford Veterinarian Clinic

**Tree Warden** ..... Larry C. Martin

**Fire Department Chief** ..... Barry Larson

**Forest Fire Warden** ..... Eric C. Sleeper Term Expires June 30, 2018

**Forest Fire Warden's Key Man** ..... Robert Maddock, Jr.

**Town Service Agent:**..... Georgette Wolf-Ludwig Term Expires April 2016

**Justices of the Peace** ..... Peter Berger, Lillian Gahagan  
..... Mary Daly, Horace Palmer III, Larry C. Martin

**Health Officer** ..... Frank J. Barrett, Jr. Term Expires May 31, 2016

**Deputy Health Officer** ..... Vacant Term Expires May 2016

**Rep to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning** ..... Peter Berger  
..... Alternate Vacant

**Rep to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Trans Advisory Council** ..... Smith Reed

**Rep to Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District**.....Brian Hanson

**Fairlee Historical Society** ..... Russell Smith, Pres; Donald Weaver, VP;  
.....Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Curator; Barbara Lantery, Secretary; Melissa Gahagan, Treasurer

**Forest Board** .....Terry Lewis, Mitchell Phelps, Peter Lange, David Matthews, Chair  
.....James G. O'Donnell

**E911 Coordinator**..... Noël G. Walker

**Assistant Judges of Orange County Court** ..... Joyce McKeeman  
..... Victoria Weiss

**Orange District Probate Court**, 5 Court Street, Chelsea, VT 05038..... Bernard Lewis, Judge  
..... Elaine Duke, Registrar

**Senators from Caledonia-Orange District** ..... Jane Kitchel and Joe Benning

**Representative to General Assembly** ..... Sarah Copeland Hanzas

**Lake Morey Protective Association, Inc** .....Bruce Durgin, Pres;  
..... Ginny Pomeroy, Vice-Pres; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Mike Curran, Clerk

**Lake Morey Commission Members (appointed by Selectboard one year term)**  
..... Donald Weaver, Chair, Greg Allen, Bruce Durgin

**Representative to Green Mountain Economic Development Corp** ..... Vacant

**Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc** ..... Representative; Richard Senn  
..... Administrator; Clay Odell

**Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission** .....Larry Gatto; Vacant

**Green-Up Day Coordinator** ..... Vacant

**Fairlee Scholarship Committee** ..... Lisa Hinsley, Jane Chambers, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2015  
MINUTES**

Town Meeting was held at the Samuel Morey Elementary School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. 95 voters registered at the door. Total number of voters on the voter checklist was 712.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Bruce A. Taylor, Moderator.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Russ Smith nominated Bruce A. Taylor for Moderator for one year. There were no other nominations. A motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Bruce A. Taylor, Moderator for one year.

The Moderator recognized Rivendell Academy Seniors Moriah Ludwig and Miranda Garrow both Fairlee residents and first time voters at town meeting. He also recognized the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for joining town meeting to see true democracy in action and encouraged the voters to support the 6<sup>th</sup> graders Hulbert trip fundraiser by purchasing refreshments.

The Moderator then asked Russ Smith to lead the assembly in the flag salute.

With no objections from the voters the Moderator introduced Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, Fairlee's Representative to the Vermont State Legislature who gave an update on the State Budget reduction proposals, the proposed School Funding Reform Bill, and H.35 the Water Quality Bill. She distributed her town meeting legislature update flyer along with Senator Doyle's survey and encouraged voters to contact her with their concerns.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the Town Officers' Reports.

Peter Berger made the motion to accept the following corrections to the 2014 Town report; Town Officers page 5, Historical Society Secretary should read Barbara Lantery; Warned Articles on page 61, line item Capital Budget Article 8, should read Article 10; Treasurers report page 43, he read out loud the omission of the first two sentences in the first paragraph. There were no other corrections. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 2 passed as corrected.

Article 3. To elect all necessary officers of the Town and to fill any office that may be vacant, including:

- Selectboard Member, for three years
- Town Clerk, for three years
- First Constable, for one year
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes, for one year
- Lister, for three years
- Auditor, for three years
- Budget Committee Member, for three years
- Planning Commission Member, for four years
- Planning Commission Member, for four years
- Cemetery Commissioner, for five years
- Grand Juror, for one year
- Grand Juror, for one year
- Town Agent to Prosecute, for one year
- Library Trustee, for five years
- Recreation Council Member, for two years
- Recreation Council Member, for three years
- Recreation Council Member, for five years

Clyde Blake nominated Peter Berger for Selectboard Member for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for

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Peter Berger, Selectboard Member for three years.

Clyde Blake nominated Georgette Wolf-Ludwig for Town Clerk for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk for three years.

Dan Ludwig nominated Jason Bachus for First Constable for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Jason Bachus, First Constable for one year.

Dan Ludwig nominated Leon C. Marsh, Jr. for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Leon C. Marsh, Jr., Collector of Delinquent Taxes for one year.

Noël Walker nominated Dan Ludwig for Lister for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Dan Ludwig, Lister for three years.

Peter Berger nominated Clement Powers for Auditor for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Clement Powers, Auditor for three years.

Noël Walker nominated Dan Ludwig for Budget Committee Member for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Dan Ludwig, Budget Committee Member for three years.

Peter Berger nominated Miranda Clemson for Planning Commission Member for four years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Miranda Clemson, Planning Commission Member for four years.

Tim Danen nominated Mark Bishop for Planning Commission Member for four years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mark Bishop, Planning Commission Member for four years.

Lisa Hinsley nominated Lance Mills for Cemetery Commissioner for five years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Lance Mills, Cemetery Commissioner for five years.

Clyde Blake nominated William (Bill) Dunnack for Grand Juror for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for William (Bill) Dunnack, Grand Juror for one year.

Dan Ludwig nominated Clyde Blake for Grand Juror for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Clyde Blake, Grand Juror for one year.

Clyde Blake nominated Horace (Hod) Palmer III for Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Horace (Hod) Palmer III, Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year.

Clyde Blake nominated Mary Daly for Library Trustee for five years. Mary Daly declined her nomination. Hannah Tracy nominated Crystal Champagne. The name of Crystal Champagne was withdrawn, nominee not on the voter checklist. There were no other nominations.

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Russ Smith nominated Clyde Blake for Recreation Council Member for two years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Clyde Blake, Recreation Council Member for two years.

Clyde Blake nominated Jennifer Hallmartel for Recreation Council Member for three years. There were no other nominations. Motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Jennifer Hallmartel, Recreation Council Member for three years.

There were no nominations for Recreation Council Member for five years.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following appropriations. All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

- a) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250) to the American Red Cross for disaster support.
- b) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.) for fuel, food, and housing assistance to families.
- c) Six Hundred dollars (\$600) to Central Vermont Council on Aging for senior services including a helpline, transportation, and meal delivery.
- d) One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five dollars (\$1,545) to Clara Martin Center for counseling services.
- e) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250) to Cohase Chamber of Commerce for membership.
- f) One Hundred Fifty dollars (\$150) to Green Up Vermont.
- g) Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Lake Fairlee Association for milfoil eradication program.
- h) Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) to Little Rivers Health Care for insurance and medical assistance including mobile dental van.
- i) Five Hundred dollars (\$500) to the Mentoring Project for young persons.
- j) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to the Orange County Diversion Program, a cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders.
- k) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to Orange County Parent Child Center (formerly known as Kids Place) for parenting and family support programs.
- l) Two Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$2,200) to the Orange East Senior Center for providing meal and social services at the center.
- m) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to the Oxbow Senior Independence Program for adult day care services.
- n) One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500) to the Rivendell Recreation Association (newly formed to replace the Community Schools Organization) to provide elementary sports and recreational activities.
- o) Four Hundred Fifty dollars (\$450) to the Rivendell Trails Association for trail maintenance, hikes and education.
- p) Seven Hundred dollars (\$700) to Safeline for a hotline for crisis support and referral services.
- q) One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five dollars (\$1,145) to Stagecoach Transportation for transportation of seniors, persons with disabilities and commuters.
- r) Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five dollars (\$34,195) to Upper Valley Ambulance for emergency services.
- s) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired for services including rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, social networking and statewide transportation.
- t) One Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$155) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living to help Vermonters with disabilities by providing the Meals on Wheels Program, Peer Advocacy Counseling Program and information and referral services.
- u) Two Thousand Twenty dollars (\$2,020) to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for municipal assistance and training for town officials, information for the public and support for legislation that strengthens town government.

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- v) Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$5,250) to the Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH/Hospice of the Upper Valley for home health care and hospice support services to individuals and their families.

Clyde Blake made the motion to move Article 4. The motion was seconded. Article 4 was opened for discussion. Discussion ensued. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 4 passed in its entirety.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee authorize the Selectboard to accept and administer any Federal, State or private grant money?

Clyde Blake made the motion to move Article 4. The motion was seconded. Article 4 was opened for discussion. Discussion ensued. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 4 passed in its entirety.

Article 6. To act upon the Recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Highway Expenses and to appropriate a sum of money for Highway expenses.

Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$242,935.00 for Highway expenses. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 6 passed in the affirmative.

Article 7. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for the Maintenance and Improvements of the Town Highways for the ensuing year, and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2015 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2015. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion that the Town raise by taxes \$207,935.00 for the Maintenance and Improvements of the Town Highways. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 7 passed in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee rename the name of the Capital Budget Fund "Bridges" to "Bridges & Culverts"? This is to better identify the use of funds being for either bridges or culverts as needed.

Clyde Blake made the motion to move Article 8. The motion was seconded. Article 8 was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. Dan Ludwig made the motion to rename "Bridges" to "Bridges & Culverts" in the Capital Budget. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 8 passed in the affirmative.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee rename the name of the Capital Budget Fund "Library-Storage" to "Library Facility"? This is to better clarify the use of funds being for both the main building and storage shed.

Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to move Article 9. The motion was seconded. Article 9 was opened for discussion. There was no discussion. Cameron (Cami) Buster made the motion to rename "Library-Storage" to "Library Facility" in the Capital Budget. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 9 passed in the affirmative.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee appropriate the following sums to undertake and save for capital improvements within the Town in accordance with the Capital Budget and Program adopted by the Selectboard? All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

- a) \$10,000 towards Bridges & Culverts
- b) \$100,000 towards Highway Rebuilding
- c) \$75,000 towards Town Hall
- d) \$6,000 towards Furnace Replacement
- e) \$6,570 towards Computer Plan

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- f) \$1,000 towards Library-Facility
- g) \$2,000 towards Police Department
- h) \$5,000 towards Financial Audit
- i) \$5,500 towards Milfoil

Clyde Blake made the motion to move Article 10. The motion was seconded. Article 10 was opened for discussion. Discussion ensued. Russ Smith made the motion to approve Article 10. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 10 passed in the affirmative.

Article 11. To act upon the recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Town Expenditures and to appropriate a sum of money for Town Expenses.

Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion for the Town to appropriate the sum of \$823,948.00 for Town Expenditures. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 10 passed in the affirmative.

Article 12. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for Town Expenses and Indebtedness for the ensuing year and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer per 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2015 and shall be due and payable on or before October 1, 2015. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Budget Committee Member Dan Ludwig made the motion that the Town raise by taxes the sum of \$736,113.00 for Town Expenses and Indebtedness. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 11 passed in the affirmative.

Article 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee change the position of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes from an elected position to an appointed position by the Selectboard per 17 VSA 2651d.(a)?

Clyde Blake made the motion to move Article 13. The motion was seconded. Article 13 was opened for discussion. Selectboard Member Frank J. Barrett, Jr. commended Leon C. Marsh, Jr. for his admiral work as Delinquent Tax Collector for the town for over fifty years and explained how the Selectboard recognized that the time would come when he would no longer continue in this position. The Selectboard would like to be able to appoint his replacement with someone that uses the same discretion. Discussion ensued. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 13 passed in the affirmative.

Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee vote to adopt the revisions to the Fairlee Scholarship Fund Policy and Regulations? (Revisions to the Policy and Regulations are on file at the Town Clerk's Office and printed in the Town Report.)

Clyde Blake made the motion to move Article 14. The motion was seconded. Article 14 was opened for discussion. Scholarship Committee Member Lisa Hinsley directed the voters to the Fairlee Scholarship Committee Report and the revisions to the Policy and Regulations on pages 37-39 of the town report recapping the needed revisions. There was no discussion. The question was called. The motion carried. Article 14 passed in the affirmative.

Russ Smith publicly thanked Dennis O'Donnell for placing the flagpole on the palisades for all to see.

Article 15. To transact any other proper Town business that may come before this meeting.

- a.) Discussion on Lake Fairlee Dam Project.

Selectboard Member Frank J. Barrett, Jr. gave a detailed presentation on the Lake Fairlee Dam Project. A Bond vote to fund this project will be held in Fairlee, West Fairlee and Thetford in May of 2015.

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The Moderator recognized Mary Daly and David Colby for their hard work and time spent on the Selectboard along with Town Administrator Laurent Veilleux. A round of applause was given to each individually.

Peter Berger encouraged voters to participate in the Planning Commission survey.

The Moderator recognized Gary Collins, Director of Operations for Rivendell Schools for being awarded the National Recognition for Energy Efficiency. Samuel Morey and Westshire Elementary Schools had been named Vermont ENERGY STAR® schools. This achievement signifies that each school's efficiency is in the top 25% of schools in the country and that it meets stringent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards for healthy ventilation, year-round comfort, and lighting quality. In fact, the two Rivendell elementary schools are in the top 11%. Samuel Morey and Westshire were recognized at a public award ceremony in Montpelier on February 20<sup>th</sup> along with 20 other Vermont schools that have achieved ENERGY STAR designation this year.

The Moderator read aloud the list of those deceased in 2014. A moment of silence was observed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Attest:

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, CVC/CMC  
Fairlee Town Clerk



**FAIRLEE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Fairlee Budget Committee met with the Selectboard at the Fairlee Town Hall in December to review both 2015 spending and the proposed 2016 budget. Each department's budget was reviewed and discussed, current year spending was found to be on track with budget projections and proposed budgets were scrutinized for appropriate levels of funding for each department. The Selectboard was given recommendations for adjustments to the proposed budget

The Fairlee Budget Committee held its annual Budget Hearing on January 5, 2016 at the Fairlee Town Hall. Department budgets were reviewed with department representatives, discussions primarily centered on the need to keep spending at appropriate and necessary levels in light of the increases to the overall Town budget. Several Town citizens voiced concerns about the increased spending by the Town in recent years. Though department budgets have not changed significantly in the last several years there have been significant additions to the capital budget in order to address deferred maintenance on our roads and buildings. Fully \$225,000 of the proposed 2016 budget is in the capital budget to address much needed work on our roads and our Town Hall. While maintenance deferred today keeps spending down at some point we have to address the need, the more an asset deteriorates the more it costs to revitalize it. Additionally this year the town has the added expense of the Lake Fairlee dam bond. The Budget Committee asks voters to keep these items in mind when reviewing the proposed 2016 budget.

The Budget Committee would like to remind everyone that this Budget Hearing is held so all voters have an opportunity to see the Budget before final recommendations are submitted to the Selectboard. It is your chance to review each department budget and ask any questions you may have as a representative from each department attends the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fairlee Budget Committee  
Lisa Hinsley  
Dan Ludwig  
Steve Bentley, Chair

**FAIRLEE BOARD of AUDITORS  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

We have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Fairlee, in accordance with Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated § 1681. To the best of our knowledge the statements contained in this report accurately show the financial activity and the financial position of the Town for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

We continue to be concerned that the Library is in Non-compliance with the Audit findings of the 2012 book's completed in 2013 by Pace & Hawley.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Walker, Chair  
Larry Martin  
Clement M. Powers

## FAIRLEE SELECTBOARD 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

2015 was both an active and a transformative year for the Fairlee Selectboard. Within the month of March two out of three of the board's members began their service to the Town of Fairlee - one elected by strong support of the voters at Fairlee's annual town meeting, and the other by appointment to fill a seat left vacant by the sudden resignation of a serving board member. In addition to the annual election at this year's town meeting to fill one of the three seats on the Selectboard, there will also be an election to fill out the remaining year on the open three year position.

One of the Selectboard's goals is to provide the citizens and tax payers of Fairlee with efficient, attentive, and knowledgeable local government. The Board resumed meeting on a weekly basis, faced with the realization of the amount of work that needs to be completed. We have also instituted an additional monthly workshop meeting with staff. This cannot be achieved "on the cheap." Our proposed budget includes pay levels and benefit packages that are comparable to those in similar towns in Vermont, that match the skills of our staff, and that are more fully in line with our goals and expectations.

On the formation of the new Selectboard in March the board hired a new Town Administrator. After a superb Search Committee reviewed a field of qualified applicants and made its recommendations, the Selectboard hired Brian Hanson. Brian brings a wealth of background to Fairlee with 30 plus years of experience in Vermont municipal government, including areas of road maintenance and construction, water system planning and operation. Already the board is seeing many positive aspects and accomplishments directly resulting from Brian joining the town's small team of dedicated and talented employees. The Town Administrator's report follows this.

It was agreed early on that this new Board needs to be transparent, communicating with the town's people as fully as possible in various ways. In this effort we have revamped the Fairlee town web page and have also sent out several newsletters over the past year. We will be increasing these efforts in 2016. We believe that it is important for the citizenry to be informed and hope more individuals will become engaged in our local government.

Over the past year this Board has clearly heard from Fairlee's residents their main concerns of economic development, the condition of our main street, and various aspects of our land use laws and ordinances. A public discussion with village business and property owners, exclusively focusing on downtown Main Street, produced a lively discussion where numerous comments were made about the overall appearance of Route 5, including traffic, parking, landscaping, and sidewalks.

This resulted in the Selectboard dusting off a very comprehensive and well done study commissioned by a Municipal Planning Grant prepared by Robert A. White in 2001—*FAIRLEE VILLAGE PLAN: A Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Calming Plan for Fairlee, Vermont*. In 2016, it is our intention to begin implementing some of this report's recommendations, such as adding trees along Main Street. To accomplish this task a new line item titled *Village Center Enhancement* has been added to the Capital Budget. We have also had discussions with various State Agencies on how to further incorporate some of the broader initiatives of the White Plan.

In addition the Selectboard has undertaken a major reorganization of how zoning and planning functions, including the Development Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission, are reported and organized. The result has been the creation of an inclusive new Zoning Office from the old structure of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board and Zoning Department. The Zoning Administrator will head

This Selectboard clearly believes that an integral part of any effort to rehabilitate and reinvigorate our downtown, broaden our tax base, and attract new and lasting business, must include a strong new housing component. Within our regional context, Fairlee has much to offer in the way of providing that new housing component in our village area. Therefore, this past spring the Selectboard initiated efforts to reach out and begin conversations with various groups in the Upper Valley and the State. We hope these efforts will gain traction and produce favorable results over time. Chris has secured a major planning grant for 2016 to conduct a comprehensive Build out and Capacity study of the Village Center Area.

From the start, it was the unanimous agreement of this Selectboard to look at creating better budgeting processes, both short and long term, and within all of the various departments of our local government. This is long overdue, and has been discussed over the past four or more years. Working with the Town Administrator, the first area that the Selectboard began focusing on is the highway budget. The Town purchased computer software that will allow for an inventory of different aspects of our highway infrastructure. This will allow for the Town Administrator to monitor the highway infrastructure and allow for better planning and budgeting in the future. This is the first step the Selectboard has taken to create relevant data and inventories of the Town's assets and infrastructure. The goal is to provide more accurate budgeting over the long term.

In conclusion, the work that this Selectboard has initiated during the past year has been important in laying down a better foundation and building upon our strengths. It is our intention within the coming year to continue to work with our excellent town hall staff to further implement systems and processes to allow for better inventorying, planning, budgeting, and managing our many local government functions and responsibilities. We believe that there is much work that remains to be done on behalf of the residents, citizens, property owners, tax payers, and voters of this unique "town under the cliff". To that end, we invite your interest in our work and attendance at our weekly public Selectboard meetings regardless of the topic at hand or what might in fact be on your minds. We believe local government to be an invigorating, participatory responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank J. Barrett Jr., Chairman  
Peter B. Berger  
Catherine H. McGrath

## **FAIRLEE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

2015 came in as usual for the Town of Fairlee, budget sessions, snowstorms with everything leading up to the Annual Fairlee Town Meeting. From all that I have heard the Town Meeting went off without a hitch, as I was not here yet.

April came and the Town saw the hiring of a new Town Administrator, Brian Hanson who came with more than three decades of experience in the municipal sectors. Getting up to speed was my first priority, and then quickly tackled applying for a Better Back Roads grant for Quinibeck Road and a State grant for engineering work on Lake Morey Road. The grants came through to the tune of \$10,000.00 and \$24,000.00 respectively, and the Better Back Roads Grant has doubled for 2016. Don Weaver did his usual magic on the Lake Morey Milfoil Grant which the State reimbursed the Town for \$14,000.00. This Summer saw the east side of Quinibeck Road ditched and stone lined in an effort to even the drainage flows and this coming year we are in hopes of finishing the other side of Quinibeck Road.

Money was put into paving some of the worst areas of Lake Morey Road, ditching was done late in the year, we purchased a road inventory software program. This will enable us to keep better track of what is being done and then the Town will be able to map out strategies on sections of roadway.

The Fourth of July was again a huge crowd favorite, as was the night before the fourth festivities. All the yearly events such as the Family Fun Day in July, the Town Beach Party in August, Christmas Tree Lighting and the Holiday Pot Luck to mention a few were well supported by this community, and we have one of the best volunteer bases I have seen.

Your Selectboard and your Town Administrator strive to give you the best bang for your buck as they possibly can, I have met a lot of very nice people in 2015 and hope to meet more in 2016. I would like to pay tribute to the Staff & Selectboard that you have in your Town, they are second to none that I have seen, it is my pleasure to work with them.

Thank you,

Brian Hanson  
Town Administrator

## **FAIRLEE CEMETERY COMMISSION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Fairlee Cemeteries are in great shape as we head into 2016. We'd like to send out a thank you to Bill Hodge and his crew for their great work at the Village Cemetery and the Ely Cemetery. We'd also like to thank Steve Robinson for his good work taking care of the Brushwood Cemetery.

Monument repair continues to be an ongoing project. Something to note is that there will no longer be any trash cans at the cemeteries, so keep that in mind and please take any trash with you when you leave.

If you have any questions please contact cemetery chair Chaz Hinsley, or cemetery commissioners Ric Sleeper, Butch Colby, Robert Edmunds, or Lance Mills.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Lance Mills – Secretary



## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT FOR 2015

The Development Review Board is a quasi-judicial body appointed by the Selectboard to evaluate and grant proposed subdivisions, interpret and apply Zoning Regulations and hear appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

Our goal is to guide developers and land owners through the development process keeping in mind the rights of landowners to develop their property as they wish, while maintaining a balance with the overall growth, development and public health and safety interests of the Town. Our intent is to treat all landowners equally, to conduct fair and open hearings, and to base our decisions on the facts presented to us, relying upon relevant Town ordinances and State statutes.

2015 was a relatively quiet year for the Development Review Board. We have settled into a post-recession pattern with a workload which is approximately ½ of our load in the 2000's. This is most likely due to the downturn in development activity in the town as well as changes which allow some matters, previously reviewed by the DRB, to be addressed by the Zoning Administrator.

The table below shows the DRB's comparative activity over the last 5 years.

<b>DRB Hearings Conducted</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Conditional use, variance, waiver	13	6	5	9	1
Site plan review	4	4	2	3	1
Subdivision	7	2	6	4	3
Appeal	1	0	1	0	2

In 2015, Nancy Anderson became a full-time member of the DRB, and our able clerk, Phyllis Nemhauser was replaced by Tracy Dunn who has assumed the newly expanded role of Board Clerk and Web Content Administrator for the DRB, Planning Commission and Selectboard. Long time members Peter Berger and Tony Gahagan stepped down to become Selectboard member and alternate DRB member respectively.

We look forward to the adoption of updated Zoning Regulations in 2016. The interim Zoning Regulations adopted by the Selectboard in recent years have made our job much easier as they have brought many of our bylaws up to date and into compliance with Vermont Statutes. We trust that the updated bylaws, when adopted, will enable Fairlee to revitalize its downtown and enable development throughout the town which benefits all.

The Board would also like to thank all those who attended our hearings as applicants, abutters or members of the general public for their thoughtful comments. In 2016, the DRB will be looking for new members to join our board as regular members and alternates. If interested, please contact the Zoning Office or e-mail [DRBChair@FairleeVT.org](mailto:DRBChair@FairleeVT.org).

Respectfully submitted,

David Fracht, Chair  
Nancy Anderson  
Ray Coffin, Jr.  
William Dunnack, alternate  
Anthony Gahagan, alternate  
Peter Lange

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

When seconds count, you can count on



CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents and businesses within the Town of Fairlee that will notify you of emergency information through phone calls, text messages, emails and social media. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety. As a local resident or business owner, the Town encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home or business location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business.

- Missing Children
- Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Evacuation Notices
- Wildfires
- Public Health Crisis
- Criminal Activity

**However, such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. If your number is not in the database, you will not be called.** One reason the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. This system already includes most wired telephone numbers. But it does not include cell phones, voice over internet protocol (VoIP) phones or unlisted numbers. Telephone service from Comcast or EC Fiber are VoIP. If you have those types of phone numbers, you must register with CodeRED to receive calls. You can register your home phone, cell phone, and email addresses. No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. To register, go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/F4F68ACDD47F>. Those without internet access may call Doug Hackett with Hanover Dispatch at 603-640-3333 to supply their information. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. Boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers can be entered as well. The data collected will be used only for emergency notification purposes.

ENROLL TODAY! Visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/F4F68ACDD47F>

## **FAIRLEE FAST SQUAD 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

During 2015 the Fairlee Fast Squad responded to 98 calls for service.

I am happy to say that one longtime Fairlee Firefighter just completed his EMT course and passed his practical testing. Now he is just waiting on his written exam results to become fully certified. Soon he will be an active medically trained member of the Fast Squad.

The Fast Squad also just accepted the application of an EMT who has moved to town and is working for the Aloha Foundation. We look forward to him adding to our medical response capabilities as well.

The Fast Squad continues to train on different skills and methods with not only our fire department and ambulance service but also other local fire departments and Fast Squads. In such a rural area with many people not working in their hometowns, it is very important to be able to work well with other departments so that we can help each other if need be. This year our two EMT's have been asked to respond "mutual aid" to Orford to help them on critical medical calls. Orford Fire Department has limited medical coverage and we are very happy to be able to assist them when needed. They have returned the favor many times for Fairlee on the fire side.

I look forward to working with the new Fire Chief in the coming year to make sure both agencies complement each other with the proper equipment and training.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to serving you, if the need should arise.

Remember... buckle up, don't drink and drive, and cellphones and driving DO NOT mix.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Collins  
Fairlee Fast Squad Head of Service

### Fairlee Fast Squad Mission Statement

The Fairlee Fast Squad is committed to providing consistent, compassionate, and quality emergency medical services to the people that live, work, play and travel in the town of Fairlee.

## FAIRLEE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2015 the FFD responded to 60 calls, several of which were quite devastating.

The Britton lumber fire was the biggest structure fire Fairlee has seen since the Colby block.

Many thanks to the mutual aid towns who responded.

The FFD in return also responded to several other mutual aid towns to help battle some horrific fires as well.

In addition to fires we also responded to many auto accidents, smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, forest fires and other minor complaints.

As you all know we are dispatched via the "911" call system and only receive a house number not a name, therefore it is vitally important that your actual street house number is visible for all to see. With the increasing number of new families in town and new homes being built it is every home owner, business or rental owner responsibility to have clear visible numbers posted on their buildings so that the fire department, fast squad and ambulance personnel can find the location quickly when the 911 call comes in.

Some other reminders:

- 1) Check batteries and test your smoke detectors twice a year
- 2) Burn permits required by law, available through Warden Ric Sleeper
- 3) Fireworks permits required and must be signed by Fire Chief 15 days prior to event
- 4) Never store ashes from wood stove in any container other than metal bucket away from structures.

I would like to thank the town and town's people for your support for the last four years while I have been Chief. It has been a privilege to serve this town in that capacity. I would ask that everyone does the same for Barry Larson who has taken over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence C Farnham  
Fairlee Fire Chief

## **FAIRLEE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

2015 was another progressive year in the management of the three components of the town forest. This was the second year which Peter Ackerman allowed us to use his landing to stage saw logs, pulp and cord wood which would not have otherwise been economical to harvest. The Rosenzweig family, with a tree farm in West Fairlee along Blood Brook Road, allowed us to use their landing for a harvest that would otherwise not have been economical. And, Dan and Georgette Ludwig on the east side of the town forest also allowed us to remove timber across their property. The Town Forest Committee offers our special thanks to all three families.

As was done last year, approximately ten percent of all timber stand improvements was put into multiple patch cuts to increase the early succession acreage and add diversity to the forest. We will continue this practice going forward.

To remain in compliance with the terms of the grant which provided 80% of the funds to purchase the 770 acre William H. Lange Memorial Forest, permanent signs were designed, purchased and posted at the three entrances of that portion of the town forest.

We would like to thank Lynne Fitzhugh, Hink Herrick and other members of the Friends of the Fairlee Forest for their efforts producing and posting trail signs, as well as developing and printing a map of the trail system to allow forest guests to more easily navigate the 1,600 acre area.

Also, special thanks to our consulting forester, Markus Bradley of Redstart Forestry, as well the two logging firms he managed during this past year's harvests - Ernst Kling's and Lou Cadwell's organizations. We are somewhat optimistic that there will be migratory and local bird surveys done on an annual basis as a way to gauge and monitor our progress in terms of wildlife habitat improvement.

The town of Fairlee became a member of the American Chestnut Tree Foundation during the fourth quarter. Under the direction of the foundation members and management of Markus Bradley, we are striving to acquire thirty trees to plant ten in each of the three patch cuts created on the east side of the forest this year.

Please encourage your neighbors to spend time in the forest; after all, it is your "back yard".

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lange  
Terry Lewis  
Jim O'Donnell  
Mitch Phelps  
David Matthews, Chair

## FAIRLEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Fairlee Historical Society held its annual organizational meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, where we elected officers. This was followed by a show and tell program. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, our Town Historian, Jay Barrett gave a fascinating presentation, including a slide show, based on his forthcoming book “Turnpikes, Stage Coaches, and Taverns”. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Pot Luck Supper before the program. We plan to increase the number of programs featuring guest speakers in 2016.

This year the Rondo’s donated \$300.00 to preserve the old Rondo scrapbooks in the Historical Society’s archives. Many thanks to this wonderful group of ladies for their donation and for their time in preserving these historic memories.

In late winter, the long awaited repair and strengthening of the Town Hall’s roof structure and walls began. Under General Construction Manager Leet Ware’s supervision, the old projection booth was demolished followed by lifts and cranes delivering steel and laminated-veneer-lumber structural members directly to the second floor. Throughout the spring, local tradespeople maneuvered the pieces into place, secured them, and then refinished the exposed areas. Other than the fact most of these areas have yet to be painted, the casual observer would not recognize the extent of work performed behind the walls and above the ceilings. More importantly, this phase of the overall project was completed on time and within budget.

The Fairlee Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received a \$5,000 pledge from the Lake Morey Foundation, a \$10,000 commitment from a year-round resident, a \$25,000 donation from a summer resident, a \$25,000 donation from the Byrne Foundation, and a \$50,000 commitment from a summer resident. To date, we have raised \$157,500 in private philanthropy to support the renovation of the Town Hall and inclusive access to its second floor. The Fairlee Historical Society gives our thanks and appreciation to nearly 100 individuals who have contributed to the project thus far.

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts in restoring and making our Town Hall fully accessible; we believe this is the first step in the revitalization of downtown Fairlee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fairlee Historical Society



## **FAIRLEE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

2015 has been a year of transition for the Fairlee Public Library. The first transition has been Hannah Tracey, our librarian for the past few years, left this fall for different horizons. The Trustees, Friends, and patrons appreciated her dedication and energy during her time at the library. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

The second transition has been welcoming Samantha Hickman, our new librarian. The Trustees were fortunate to choose her from a slate of strong candidates. Please welcome her and share any ideas about the library. The Trustees are excited about future collaborations with Samantha.

The third transition has been our interior space. We have caught up with many building maintenance projects such as mold mitigation, moisture and drainage issues, landscaping changes, furnace replacement, and painting of the storage shed. Our interior space has had major rearranging of furniture and bookshelves in order to create a more efficient and inviting space. Within this space we are in the process of upgrading our computers and internet/wireless connections. Please come in and give us your feedback.

The fourth transition has been the formation of a Friend's of the Fairlee Public Library group. The Trustees are excited about future collaboration with the Friend's Group towards strengthening our programs, fund raising, and planning for the future while supporting the present. Please join the Friend's Group and discover what fun supporting the Fairlee Public Library can be.

The fifth transition will be starting to plan about future library space. As our services, programs, and multi-use of space by different groups have expanded, the Trustees realize there will be a need for a separate space for meetings and activities, usable storage space, and future endowments to support the Fairlee Public Library Mission. It will be an exciting process to journey to the next stage of development for the Fairlee Public Library.

The Trustees want to thank the volunteers, Friends, and patrons that make the library the positive space that it is. Please come in and see the wonderful happenings and services available for all ages at the library. Please visit our website: [www.fairleelibrary.com](http://www.fairleelibrary.com). We are grateful for the wonderful support the Town of Fairlee provides to the library.

Respectively Submitted,

Steven Brown, Chair  
Fairlee Public Library Board of Trustees

The Auditors would like for the citizens of Fairlee to please note that the Trustees did not provide Fund account information on Funds, Donations or Financial information on monies held by the Trustees and provided to the Library from private sources this year.

**FAIRLEE LIBRARIAN'S  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

We had a busy year in 2015. We did some major rearranging of furniture which has created more space in our children's area and created a new teen area. If you haven't had a chance to see the changes yet be sure to stop by.

2015 also saw the creation of a new Friend's of the Library group. They held a 4th of July book sale and a literary Halloween party. This group is an exciting new opportunity for new programs and support for the library. If you would be interested in joining stop by the library and fill out a membership form.

We have had some wonderful collaborations with the Elementary school and the other public libraries in the Rivendell District. We had author Chris Grabenstein skype visit for the 4th-6th graders and every public library in the district had events based on his book *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*.

We continue to have an avid group of gamers every Thursday and the inclusion of the Xbox One has allowed us to have more video game programs for all ages.

This was also my last year as the Fairlee Librarian and I would like to thank everyone especially the volunteers and the Board of Trustees for all their support over the years.

Hannah Tracy

I would like to say thank you to everyone. You all have made me feel so welcome at the Fairlee Public Library. I finally feel like things are settling down here at the library. I'm hoping that now that I'm getting the day to day operations down that I'll be able to start implementing some of my own ideas for programs. I also plan to continue the programs that were started by Hannah such as movie night and the gaming nights.

One change that I've already made is switching Story Hour to a weekly event. The numbers for this program have already started to rise. If there are any new programs that you would like to see happening here at the library, please stop by and let me know. I'm very open to patron suggestions on programs.

Samantha Hickman, Library Director

Statistics thru Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b> (thru Dec 1st)
Total Circulation	9742	8634
Total Program Attendance	1208	1090
Total Visits	7107	6882

Most Circulated Item for 2015: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doer.

**BOARD OF LISTERS  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS:**

**VT Homestead Declarations are required to be filed annually by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Form HS-122** Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim must be filed annually for your homestead declaration and **Form HS-144** Household Income must be filed to receive a state property tax adjustment. It is imperative that HS-144 is filed by April 15<sup>th</sup> for the town to be notified by July 1<sup>st</sup> of a state payment to be applied to a tax bill. Late filing could result in a penalty. If your taxes are done by a tax preparer, please make sure that they complete the above forms. There were problems with filings this year, as some tax payers assumed their tax preparer filed their Homestead Declaration forms, and they hadn't.

You may file online. <http://tax.vermont.gov>

Fairlee's 2016 CLA is 102.94%. The CLA or common level of appraisal is the ratio of actual sales to their listed values.

A reminder that Current Use forms are now available online and the annual deadline for new enrollments and additions is **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. For changes in the Program that took effect in 2015, please go to the Department of Taxes website.

As our last town wide reappraisal was done in 2004 and a statistical adjustment in 2008, we are looking at preparing for the next town wide during 2017 – 2018.

For assistance or information concerning Fairlee property assessments, please call the Listers Office at 802-333-9829 or e-mail [listers@fairleevt.org](mailto:listers@fairleevt.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Fairlee Board of Listers

Noël Walker  
Dan Ludwig  
Russell Collins



## FAIRLEE PLANNING COMMISSION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

It has been quite a year for the Fairlee Planning Commission which has followed up on the success of writing a Town Plan with a trio of initiatives.

The year began with Fairlee being accepted as a Designated Village Center by the Downtown Board of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. This designation makes our local business people and commercial property owners eligible for a variety of tax credits and gives the Town state priority on programs, grants and other assistance. Unlike many other programs and designations of its kind this is entirely incentive driven without a regulatory component. This is an integral part of the initiative to upgrade the Village's appearance and improve our quality of life.

With the passage of the Town Plan the PC moved to complete the next step, the top to bottom revision of our land use regulations into a fully integrated Unified Development Bylaw. The Unified Development Bylaw combines the Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, Source Protection Rules (to protect the public drinking water supply) and, Flood Hazard Regulations into an integrated whole which should streamline combined review and result in a simpler and more efficient process for more complex applications and projects. In this effort over the past year the Planning Commission has completed the work on a number of the Articles which are now being enforced as interim bylaws. Our expectation is to finalize work on the remaining Articles and to bring the completed Unified Development Bylaw to a public vote in 2016.

Our third major initiative started toward the end of last year when our Administrative Officer Chris Brimmer obtained a \$10,000 Department of Housing and Community Affairs grant to finance a capacity and buildout study for the newly designated Village Center. This study is designed to guide planning for economic development, housing and public facilities initiatives designed to support village revitalization efforts.

The steps for the coming year will be to get the new Unified Development Bylaw to the voters, conduct the granted study and begin the formation of an economic development committee (this may take the form of a chamber of commerce, advisory council or some other form). The goal is to obtain a Municipal Planning Grant annually to finance our increasingly robust efforts. Suggestions are always welcome, please communicate these to [PC-Chair@fairleevt.org](mailto:PC-Chair@fairleevt.org) or stop into the Town Hall and meet with Chris Brimmer, our Zoning Administrator.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Fairlee Planning Commission

E. Smith Reed, Chair

Peter Berger,

Jason Crance,

Tim Danen,

Miranda Clemson,

Susanne Pacilio,

Mark Bishop,

**FAIRLEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

In 2015, I responded, investigated, completed and/or closed 134 cases. These cases included citizen assists, agency assists to other departments, animal complaints, and a drug investigation. I performed motor vehicle enforcement, vehicle identification number verifications, property checks, and attended public meetings, speaking events, and other functions as needed.

The three-tier system of police enforcement (state, county, and local) continues to work well and provides non-static patrol coverage in the town. Each agency continues to provide traffic enforcement, as well as, enforcement support and assistance as needed to residents and guests to Fairlee. Orford PD is down to a single full-time officer, and is expected to remain at one officer in the future, leading to more assistance and cooperation between our agencies as needed.

As of 11/30/15, total of 110 motor vehicle stops were made by me, as well as participation in three Governor's Highway Safety checkpoints, resulting in the issuance of 46 written warnings and 16 civil or municipal violation notices for the more serious offenses. Offenses ranged from speeding, no insurance, no registration, no valid inspection, and various moving violations. Not included in these regular, reportable interactions, were numerous motorist assist and citizen interactions.

As can be seen in both local and national news, vigilance of enforcement, equality in enforcement, and officer safety during enforcement, are important aspects of policing in today's environment. I plan to discuss and receive recommendations from other agencies and the state on the future receipt and implementation of officer worn body video equipment and other less lethal options in patrol and enforcement. I plan to apply and take full advantage of any state and federal grants to purchase equipment and other items which will allow Fairlee to continue to remain a safe community for our residents, guests, and visitors.

FOR EMERGENCIES, ALWAYS DIAL 911.

The Vermont State Police, for non-emergency calls can be contacted at (802) 222-4680. My contact phone number is (802) 522-8468 and my email is [police@fairleevt.org](mailto:police@fairleevt.org).

Thank you, and I look forward to 2016.

Jason D. Bachus  
Chief of Police/First Constable



Steve, Judy, Jean, Connie, Rob

**LAKE MOREY COMMISSION  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

Lake Morey's 2015 Integrated Management Plan (IMP) consisted of five components:

- Renovate OTF Treatment
- Suction and Hand Harvesting by Professional Divers
- Volunteer Adopt-a-Lake Program
- Greeter Program
- Lake Survey

Renovate OTF Treatment

Under ANC Permit 2012-C01(H), 36 acres in the northern portion of the lake were treated with Renovate OTF on June 15, 2015. The various restrictions were strictly adhered to and lifted only after sample testing by the SePRO labs and subsequent VT DEC authorization with the exception of the irrigation restriction which was allowed to run the 120 day course as a cost savings measure.

Suction and Hand Harvesting by Professional Divers

Under the same permit, Aquatic Endeavors suction harvested all of the previously designated sites. They also hand harvested the entire perimeter of the lake, particularly beyond 8 feet of depth which is difficult for volunteers to access. Over the course of the summer, 7.4 cubic yards of material were removed and placed in the gravel pit.

Volunteer Adopt-a-Lake Program

As in the past this was a key element of the plan. Even though the northern part had been chemically treated and little milfoil was evidenced in the southern portion, the number of hours reported were 751.

Greeter Program

Nathaniel Eastman, for his third year, served as the official greeter and was assisted by volunteers within the community. Nathaniel inspected 185 boats and found no invasive species. Plans are currently underway to significantly expand this program in 2016.

Lake Survey

ACT's late summer surveys revealed that other than a few scattered single-stemmed milfoil plants north of Aloha and south of Bonnie Oaks within the recently treated area, the chemical application appeared to be extremely successful. The professional dive team subsequently returned to address these scattered plants.

The 2015 IMP was completed at approximately \$11,000 under budget which can be mostly attributed to the State's unusually large grant which, for no known reason, exceeded those for previous treatment years. As was the case in 2014, these funds will be absorbed within the Town's General Fund.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lake Morey Commission

# LAKE MOREY FOUNDATION

## 2015 Annual Report

More than 30 years ago, the Lake Morey Foundation was founded as a non-profit organization to foster tax deductible donation to achieve its mission –

*To protect, preserve and enhance Lake Morey and its watershed and viewshed as an environmental, recreational and economic resource.*

With the help of our community, the Lake Morey Foundation enhances life on and around Lake Morey by:

- Providing funds for milfoil treatments to maintain and improve water quality
- Conserving land to protect Lake Morey's watershed and viewshed
- Supporting town initiatives such as improved beach facilities, and celebrating Fairlee's place in history and its future

Over the past year, the Lake Morey Foundation voted to financially support the Town Hall Renovation project and an expanded Greeter Program to protect Lake Morey from invasive species. Additionally, the Foundation contributed \$500 to Friends of Fairlee Forest to support their initiatives.

In 2015, Byron Stone retired after serving more than 20 years as a director. We thank him for his commitment, service and dedication in promoting Foundation initiatives and working closely with the Town on common issues.

The Lake Morey Foundation is grateful to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have donated so generously to the Foundation over the years. It is, after all, these donations that make it possible for the Foundation to support Lake and Town projects as we have in the past and will continue to do in the future.

Submitted by: Meg Richardson, President

Lake Morey Foundation, Inc. PO Box 234 Fairlee, VT 05045

*Members of the Lake Morey Foundation Board of Directors include Greg Allen, Patty Armstrong, Mark Avery, Martha Bacigalupo, Sandy Bloomberg, Gary Brooks, Ray Clark, Bruce Durgin (ex officio member – LMPA), Meg Richardson, Byron Stone and Bob Wertheimer.*

LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE  
ASSOCIATION  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT



THE LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LMPA) WAS FOUNDED IN 1907, MAKING IT THE OLDEST LAKE ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE OF VERMONT. ON BEHALF OF IT'S 200 MEMBERS, THE LMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CARRIES OUT A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF PRESERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF LAKE MOREY AND ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF THE LAKE FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

**2015 was a busy year for our Lake Association. Our initiatives included:**

**Fairlee Fun Day:** co-sponsored with the Fairlee Recreation Council, a day for all Town families to enjoy games and food at The Town Beach. The date for this 2016 event is Saturday, July 9th.

**Maintenance of Hiking Trails:** working with Friends of Fairlee Forest to make the trails surrounding the Lake more accessible and user friendly for all to get their physical exercise. We contributed with funds to place proper signage on the trails. For 2016, we plan to assist with the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Fairlee Forest at the Festival in July.

**Boater Safety:** co-sponsored for the fifth year with the VT State Police Marine Division, a class that lead to the VT boating license. Over the past five years, over 125 safe boaters have been certified with this local class. We plan to continue with this event in 2016 to place even more safe boaters on our waterways. A special thanks to Terry Lewis for facilitating this vital training for our community.

**Greeter and Adopt-A-Lake Programs:** these programs educate lakeshore owners and boat operators about controlling the spread of invasive species in the lake. For lakeshore owners, we sponsored a seminar on the benefits of shoreline vegetation for clean water and our members planted over 100 plants to aide in this process. □For boat operators, we provided inspection of over 250 boats to insure that no invasive species were brought into the Lake. Our plan for 2016 calls for increased Greeter hours in order to inspect a greater number of the boats that enter Lake Morey.

**Lay monitoring and Milfoil Management:** in 2015 our members assisted in regular monitoring of the Lake . A special thanks to member Don Weaver for heading up this key activity. This year, a large portion of the growing area of the Lake was treated to control the spread of Eurasian Milfoil. The results were very positive, and we will continue to monitor in 2016.

**Community Service Activities :** again this past year we teamed up with the Hulbert Outdoor Center, by providing funds to expand the education of Samuel Morey Elementary students with lake related education. Based on the school's positive feedback of this program, we plan to continue our sponsorship in the future .

As we begin our 110th year, our Lake Association will continue to keep a vigilant eye on both the needs of the Lake and the surrounding lands to ensure that we are a responsible and responsive local organization. We appreciate the support of our Town Administrators as we work together to see that the Lake continues to provide healthy recreation of all residents.

In closing, please follow our activities at: [www.lakemorey.org](http://www.lakemorey.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Durgin, President  
Lake Morey Protective Association



## Lake Fairlee Association 2015 Report and Request to the Town of Fairlee

The LFA has had another busy year. It coordinated the June 2015 triclopyr milfoil treatment, maintained another successful greeter program, encouraged safe use of the lake and the protection of its environment, and worked with the Tri-Town Committee to restore the Dam.

Following our less successful 2013 attempt to eradicate patches of milfoil, the LFA decided against isolated treatment of the lake in 2014 in order to qualify for a whole lake treatment in 2015. The state permit for a 2015 chemical application only allowed treatment of moderate to dense patches, however at the concentration level recommended by the manufacturer (2.5 ppm), which was higher than the concentration approved by the State in 2013. On June 16, 2015 our contractor, Lycott Environmental, Inc., applied triclopyr to moderate to dense patches around the lake. The September survey showed significant dieback in the treatment areas, but some growth in untreated areas. Some residents chose to supplement treatment by hiring divers to pull milfoil in untreated areas, with many reporting at least moderate success.

We plan to treat again in 2017, after having monitored the growth of milfoil closely throughout the 2016 growing season. While we remain convinced that the herbicide treatment is the most effective and efficient method of milfoil control on the lake, we also believe hand pulling may be an effective supplement to managing the spread in off-treatment years. We have reached out to the Lake Morey Protective Association to better understand how they incorporate divers into their milfoil management program. As always, we will continue to work with the State scientists and Lycott to further develop a program that will most effectively control our milfoil.

Regarding the greeter program, we have continued to build upon the successes of 2014. Our greeters were present at the boat ramp every weekend from Memorial Day to Columbus Day, and every day throughout the summer. They recorded an impressive total of about 1,800 launch inspections this season and were passionate about their roles educating users about invasive species and encouraging boater safety and care for the lake environment. We are happy that most of them plan to return for the summer of 2016, when we hope to expand the services offered to include a washing station.

Financial support from the State continues to dwindle. Our 2014 grant was \$15,000. We were unable to apply for a grant in 2015, but hope to do so next year. The majority of the cost of our programs comes from lakeshore property owners and other LFA members. Even so, the steady support of each town has been crucial.

We are also very appreciative of local residents and the Selectboards of Thetford, Fairlee and West Fairlee for their support of the Lake Fairlee Dam replacement. While we understand this summer brought some setbacks, we are aware of the ongoing discussions between the Tri-town Committee and the contractor to develop a plan to replace our deteriorating dam. We are optimistic that an agreement can be reached to move the project forward to protect the lake for all of the neighboring communities and the lake users.

We are grateful to the Town of Fairlee for its consistent support over the years. For 2016, the Lake Fairlee Association again requests \$5,000.

For more information please see our website [www.lakefairlee.org](http://www.lakefairlee.org) or contact any one of the LFA board members.

Nolan Riegler  
[nolan.riegler@gmail.com](mailto:nolan.riegler@gmail.com)

## **FAIRLEE RECREATION COUNCIL 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Fairlee Recreation Council has been through many changes throughout the years but there are many events that are staples to our community. Our beach is a hub for recreation in Fairlee. The Recreation Council also hosts events that bring our community together.

Swim lessons are such a wonderful opportunity for the members of our community and surrounding communities. We have such a beautiful beach and have had wonderful lifeguards and lesson instructors making our beach a safe place to enjoy the hot days of summer. The Recreation Council worked hard to make the beach a clean and safe environment. The expectations of the lifeguards were raised to ensure that all who were using the beach were being as safe as possible. There are three sessions offered to hopefully accommodate all who would like to participate. We hope you can join us for this coming year swim lessons sessions!

We hope with the voters support we will be able to sell non-resident beach passes. Our beach is enjoyed by a lot of members of our extended community of neighboring towns and sometimes out of state visitors. By offering a pass system we will be able to monitor and control the users of the beach. By charging a fee for those to use it we will be able to have income toward the supplies that are already being used by the non-residents. We would also like to hire a beach manager who would be taking care of the grounds, monitoring the passes and overseeing the lifeguards.

In 2015, one of the main goals of the Fairlee Recreation Council was to replace the aluminum dock. In the past as the sun warmed the dock it would burn your feet if you were to step on it. With the money from the fundraising account, we purchased a new dock made of a plastic material that would not get heated. This was replaced midsummer and allowed for use for most of the summer swim season.

At the end of swim lessons the Fairlee Recreation Council put on a beach party to celebrate the successful swim lesson sessions. There was food, games and it was a wonderful community gathering. The beach is also the host to the Fairlee Family Fun Day, planned by the Lake Morey Protective Association.

The 2016 Fairlee Community Calendar, "What We Love about Fairlee", features the beautiful scenery of our community along with the people who make our town a special place. We couldn't make the calendar succeed without the support of our advertisers. They are an important part to our calendar and community. Pick one up at the town office. All proceeds will help support the new equipment purchases of the Recreation Council.

On the first Friday of December the Recreation Council along with a great amount of support from Lisa Hinsley and Georgette Wolf-Ludwig hosted the Holiday/Tree Lighting party. We joined together for caroling, lighting the tree, cookie decorating sponsored but the Fairlee Community Church, a story and craft from our local librarian Samantha Hickman, refreshments sponsored by the Orford Congregational Church and a visit from Santa. The room at Town Hall was filled with so much joy as our community members gathered together to kick off our holiday season.

The Recreation Council is dependent on a lot of volunteer work. We appreciate any input or help you may be able to offer. We hope to be able to offer more activities throughout the years as our Town Hall is renovated. Thank you for your continued support of the Recreation Council.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brooke Gladstone, Chair  
Fairlee Recreation Council

## Fairlee Scholarship Committee 2015 Annual Report

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to report we were able to award 8 scholarships in the amount of \$750.00 each to Fairlee students seeking higher education. This came about due to the support of the Fairlee Voters at last year's Town Meeting who voted to allow the change to the Scholarship Committee Policy and Regulations. Thank you for your support and continued donations.

Respectively submitted,

Fairlee Scholarship Committee

Lisa Hinsley

Jane Chambers

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig



**FAIRLEE TOWN CLERK  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

In 1990 when I first started working in the Town Clerk's Office Jean Ward was the Town Treasurer. In those days we documented everything by hand, with a typewriter or on the copier. Outside communication was done by telephone or mail. In 1994 the first computer was installed in the Town Clerk's Office. No longer did I write out dog licenses or type out voter checklists. This was a big change and using a computer was a huge learning curve. Nowadays, I couldn't imagine not having a computer in the office. Everything I do now is somehow linked to a computer program. Many of the documents and applications from the State of Vermont that for years I processed in paper form are now coming to my office in an electronic format through email. Email communication alone has added a whole new venue to the job load.

This past year the Secretary of State's Office updated its statewide voter checklist software and Town Clerks all over the State were mandated to take a three day training course on how to use it. This new software makes it possible for Vermont residents to register to vote online, request absentee/early ballots and track their Vermont voter activity through the Secretary of State Website under "My Voter Page".

**2016 Election Dates**

**Town Meeting Day**      **Tuesday, March 1, 2016 10:00am Samuel Morey Elementary School Gym**

**Presidential Primary**      **Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Town Hall polls open 10am to 7pm**

**RISD Annual Meeting**      **Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the Rivendell Academy Gym 6:30pm**

**Primary Election Day**      **Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Town Hall polls open 10am to 7pm**

**General Election Day**      **Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the Town Hall polls open 10am to 7pm**

*The Fairlee Rabies Clinic will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Fire Station. Fairlee residents may also license their dogs at this time. The deadline to license dogs is April 1, 2016. Dog licenses can also be purchased through the mail with a valid rabies certificate. Dog fees are: \$9.00 for spayed or neutered, \$13.00 for unsprayed or unneutered.*

*Remember to purchase your 2016 Dump and Beach Pass for \$5.00 at the Town Clerk's Office or through the mail for your convenience.*

The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm and Friday 9:00am-12:00noon. If you are unable to come in during my regular business hours please feel free to contact me and set up an appointment. I can be reached at the Town Clerk's Office 333-4363 or by email at [townclerk@fairleevt.org](mailto:townclerk@fairleevt.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, CVC/CMC  
Fairlee Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD IN 2015**

**LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED IN 2015**

First Class Licenses		
Lake Morey Country Club		115.00
Lake Morey Resort		115.00
Leda's Pizza Restaurant		115.00
Exit 15 Enterprises 5-OH Pizza		115.00
Second Class Licenses		
Cumberland Farms #8013		70.00
Champlain Farms		70.00
Chapman's Store		70.00
Wing's Supermarket		70.00
Total		<u>\$ 740.00</u>

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 2015**

175 Neutered Males /Spayed Females @ \$4.00		700.00
56 Males and Females @ \$8.00		448.00
Collected for ST of VT 215 Licenses Sold @ \$4.00 after July 1st @5.00		929.00
Late Fees		80.00
Total		<u>\$ 2,157.00</u>

**CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 2015**

15 Licenses Issued @ \$55.00 per License		
Paid to Town - Licenses		150.00
Paid to Town - Fees		150.00
Collected for State of Vermont		525.00
Total		<u>\$ 825.00</u>

## 2015 FAIRLEE TOWN TREASURER REPORT

What an interesting year in the Treasurer's office! Being involved in the Lake Fairlee Dam bond work and learning about the work that will commence this spring has been a true educational experience. It has been extremely interesting to be "on the outside looking in" at the Tri-Town Commission meetings. Listening to how the work that first the Committee undertook several years ago, and now that the Commission will see through with the three towns working together to accomplish a common goal.

If I could have one wish granted this year it would be that everyone would file their Homestead form on time. So much extra work was created this past Fall for both the Listers and myself by folks not filing in a timely manner. New revised tax bills had to be printed. Refund checks had to be sent in some instances. Folks becoming delinquent because not all tax was paid by October 1. Fairlee has always deferred the penalty for late filers but I will recommend to the Selectboard this year that the allowable fee be charged. That fee collected will help the Town to offset the cost of the extra work required, postage and paper used. Please remember that even if you file an extension for your tax return to be filed, your Homestead MUST be filed by April 15. If not, you may end up having to pay too much in tax if you qualified for a state payment (your state payment won't be applied by the time tax bills are printed in August). It is a complicated system that all municipalities must deal with that our legislature has enacted and until there is a change, you must file your Homestead every year. Thank you in advance!

There are several tax payers that have gotten in the habit of sending "post-dated checks" to me when they pay their property taxes -- a check sent in August but dated October 1. Please, please do not send POST DATED CHECKS when you are paying your property taxes. Many of my fellow treasurers in other towns do not accept post-dated checks and return them to the sender as soon as they are received. I have always kept the ones that I have gotten during my tenure and dealt with them on October 1. BUT please keep in mind, when you send a check that has to be locked up and kept safe for several weeks, you are putting the timeliness of your payment in danger.

Lastly, I have watched our Selectboard this budget session and worked with them to make hard choices and cuts regarding what work could be budgeted for and hopefully done in 2016. I saw only a few tax payers at the Public Hearing. Despite how you may feel about politics on a state or national level, your voice will be heard at the local level. We can still influence local politics if we are involved. Call the Town Clerk, Town Administrator or a Selectboard member to see where you can offer your talents. Remember that the Town has only one full time employee (the Town Administrator) the rest of the employees and elected officials are part-time and work very hard to do the best professional jobs we can during the hours that have been budgeted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Gahagan

## **TRI-TOWN COMMISSION 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

By the time that you read this report from the Tri-Town Commission, concerning the Lake Fairlee Dam, it will be just more than four years since the Selectboards of the three towns of Fairlee, Thetford, and West Fairlee first met to begin a discussion that has indeed proved successful, and against so many odds. Of these past four years, 2015 was undoubtedly the most productive.

Last year in May, the three towns voted overwhelmingly to approve the funding for replacing the failing dam that controls the water level on Lake Fairlee, and to approve the interlocal agreement that allowed the three towns to acquire, take ownership of, and manage the dam as a multi-town municipal asset. What had been the Tri-Town Committee, an informal advisory group, became the Tri-Town Commission.

As a result of having secured all the necessary funding, state and federal permits, final engineering designs, and bids for construction, it was the intent of the Tri-Town Commission to see that the construction of the new dam take place in the summer of 2015. However, a series of complications arose last July and the Tri-Town Commission and the three Selectboard's collectively decided that it was in the best interest of the project to reschedule construction for the summer of 2016. The project is set to begin construction by late spring of this year with completion expected by early fall.

In conclusion, the Tri-Town Commission is extremely proud of the unwavering support and cooperation, for more than four years now, from the three towns integral to the success of this very important, but admittedly difficult, undertaking. And we especially thank the voters of the three towns for their interest, belief in, and patience with the work that has been achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Fairlee:** Jay Barrett

Nancy Anderson

Jason Knowles

**West Fairlee:** Steve Malinoski

Fred Cook

David Roth

**Thetford:** Renee Snow

Ridge Satterhwaite

James Dixon (Chair)

**FAIRLEE WATER DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF OPERATOR'S REPORT – 2015**

This year had to be one of the coldest winters I have seen in my lifetime. I can't remember when the frost went so deep and caused so many problems for the water system. The first was a leak on Club House Road by the Town Beach, on the main waterline. We were very lucky to get Everett J. Prescott emergency repair service very quickly and along with Mike Wright Trucking, Barry Larson and myself, we had the system up and running in a little over five (5) hours. The next was an old pipe on Route 5 by the gas plant, followed by one on lower Terry Hill Road (caused by a town culvert leaking down to the main waterline). The last was a double leak near the pump house on Route 5. I want to thank everyone who helped us during these emergency repairs and the Town Hall staff who were there when we needed them the most.

Two years ago Barry and I had noticed some cracking in the pad on top of the new (2004) water storage tank. After reporting this, the Town hired a structural engineer to check it out and found we needed to inspect the underside of the tank roof. We had planned to have the tank cleaned in 2014 but with other items on our plate, we postponed the cleaning to 2015. It was during that 2015 cleaning, that it was discovered we had a very big problem with the tank roof pre-cast planks starting to fall apart. The Town is trying to get this resolved but it may take several years to get it fixed.

In the meantime, Barry and I have had an extra transducer installed in the older small tank as a backup in the rare instance that the new larger tank should fail. The Fire Department is also involved so Fairlee has fire protection despite the tank problems.

During 2016 we will finish up the mapping of the water system. Other items on our work list for 2016 include hooking up water to the Railroad Station, a replacement line to Lakeside Automotive across Route 5 and continued studies for a new well site.

Again, thank you to all our water users and the Town Hall staff for their assistance. A big thanks to Bev Wilkins and Clyde and Ina Gardner for letting us hook on to their houses to help their neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance E. Colby  
Chief Operator

## ZONING OFFICE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

2015 brought a slowdown in residential construction after the Shoreland Regulation induced frenzy in 2014; on the other hand the upward trend in commercial activity continued with the addition of new businesses and commercial structures this year. The Planning Commission and this office is coming to the end of a year plus long project to give Fairlee its first Unified Development Bylaw that consolidates its land use laws into an integrated whole. This will enhance the Development Review Board's ability to conduct joint reviews, simplify the hearing and permit process, and eliminate contradictory provisions. When Britton Lumber is ready for permitting we will be ready with the most efficient process possible to get reconstruction off the ground.

2016 will bring a focus on village revitalization with a DHCA grant for a village capacity and build out study (awarded) and a grant for the creation of a formal park and ride facility at the Fairlee Railroad Station from VTrans (pending). The capacity and buildout study will provide your Planning Commission with hard data to begin developing economic development policies and programs. It should also provide the foundation for a market study to guide the anticipated business development group that should begin forming in the coming year. The next DHCA grant would cover the expense of a market study. The \$27,500 VTrans Park and Ride grant will provide funds for blacktop, striping, signage, an EV charging station and period appropriate lighting in keeping with the program for village beautification and enhancement. The search for grant monies to further village beautification and enhancement is an ongoing effort.

I expect to pursue other grant opportunities though the coming year as your priorities and vision for the Village and Town develop. Please call me at 333-4158 or send me an email at [zoning@fairleevt.org](mailto:zoning@fairleevt.org) if you have any questions about this or any other zoning topic.

<b>Zoning Permits</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Single Family Home	2	2	5	9	2
Residential Addition	7	7	7	10	6
Residential Accessory Structure	10	6	14	5	4
Home Occupation	0	0	2	0	0
Pool	1	0	0	0	0
Commercial Construction	1	0	2	3	2
Commercial Accessory Structure	1	1	3	2	2
Commercial Use	1	3	2	0	3
Demolition	0	0	0	4	0
<b>Total Issued</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Denials</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Respectfully submitted:

**Chris Brimmer**  
Zoning Administrator

**BIRTHS REPORTED IN 2015**

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
Ellis Justin Joslin	M	February 16, 2015	Lebanon, NH	Justin and Leslie Joslin
Paul Sinsigalli, Jr.	M	September 8, 2015	Lebanon, NH	Paul and Misty Sinsigalli
June Virginia Lewis	F	December 1, 2015	Lebanon, NH	Joshua and Brook Lewis

**Births are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk**

**CIVIL MARRIAGES REPORTED IN 2015**

<u>APPLICANT A</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>APPLICANT B</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
Jesse Carl Tullar	Piermont, NH	Sandra Sullivan	Piermont, NH	February 21, 2015	West Fairlee, VT
Sarah Faye Zack	Thetford, VT	Eric James Atherton	Fairlee, VT	April 1, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Jeremy Hugh Cutler	Cambridge, MA	Elizabeth Lee Cohen	Cambridge, MA	May 30, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Jessica Simone Lindsey	Bedford, MA	John Kincaide Harrelson	Bedford, MA	June 20, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Indie Lynn Scopetti	Plainfield, NH	James Benjamin LeClair	Plainfield, NH	August 8, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Stacey Ann Fennelly	Fairlee, VT	John Avery Pratt	Fairlee, VT	August 8, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Abigail Lynn Bucklin	Graham, WA	Anthony Joseph Sarno	Graham, WA	August 15, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Christine Lin Frazier	Medford, MA	Owen Lydon Denzer	Medford, MA	August 29, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Lydia Anne Gulick	Astoria, NY	Gregory Ross Gilbert	Astoria, NY	September 12, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Courtney Marie Pierson	Fairlee, VT	Adam Derrick Carter	Fairlee, VT	September 19, 2015	Thetford, VT
Elisabeth Mary Higgins	South Salem, NY	Brendan Hollis Truscott	South Salem, NY	September 25, 2015	Stratton Mtn, VT
James Edward Serewicz, Jr.	Charlton, MA	Samantha Michelle Courville	Charlton, MA	October 10, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Courtney Marie Pushee	Fairlee, VT	Isaiah Matthew Washburn	Fairlee, VT	October 10, 2015	Fairlee, VT
Laura Jean Cooper	Nantucket, MA	Brett Michael Davison	Nantucket, MA	October 17, 2015	Fairlee, VT

**DEATHS REPORTED IN 2015**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Glen Ira Ordway, Sr.	85	Lebanon, NH	January 10, 2015
Doris Burns	84	Midlothian, VA	January 30, 2015
Elaïne C. Herb	80	Lebanon, NH	February 15, 2015
Kenneth D. Allen	70	Marco Island, FL	April 2, 2015
Phyllis C. Molesworth	80	Winchester, MA	April 30, 2015
Jean Louise Ward	88	Hartford, VT	April 29, 2015
Leon C. Marsh, Jr.	83	Fairlee, VT	May 6, 2015
Thomas Arthur Jaffarian	67	Hartford, VT	May 20, 2015
Marion C. B. Tyler	94	Haverhill, NH	May 24, 2015
Patricia Maureen Ackerman	85	Hartford, VT	August 26, 2015
Warren Robert Bishop	91	Fairlee, VT	September 8, 2015
Paul D. Saladino	83	Rochester, NH	September 14, 2015
Patricia R. Bean	92	Fairlee, VT	November 6, 2015
Calista "Ada" Ross	98	Orford, NH	November 26, 2015
William Prior, Sr.	89	Haverhill, NH	December 10, 2015
Barbara Ward Fifield	64	Fairlee, VT	December 11, 2015

Deaths are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk

**BURIAL PERMITS & CREMATION CERTIFICATES REPORTED IN 2015**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BURIAL</u>	<u>DATE OF BURIAL</u>
Leeds C. Ackerman	91	Wilder, VT	April 28, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	May 4, 2015
Milton J. "Jim" Emerson	83	Bradford, VT	March 18, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	May 8, 2015
Franklin S. Ordway	86	Topsham, VT	February 4, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	May 16, 2015
Richard Walker Mallary	82	Brookfield, VT	September 27, 2011	Fairlee Village Cemetery	June 7, 2015
Jean L. Ward	88	White River Junction, VT	April 29, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	June 22, 2015
Arthur J. Oberle	70	Colts Neck Township, NJ	September 30, 2009	Fairlee Village Cemetery	July 10, 2015
James B. Dupont	61	Port Orange, FL	March 16, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	August 8, 2015
Martha Durgin	61	Bottendorf, IA	May 9, 2011	Fairlee Village Cemetery	September , 2015
Patrica Ackerman	85	Hartford, VT	August 26, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	September 10, 2015
Richard G. Velte, Jr.	69	Plymouth, NH	July 23, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	September 20, 2015
Leon C. Marsh, Jr.	83	Fairlee, VT	May 6, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	September 26, 2015
Paul D. Saladino	83	Rochester, NH	September 14, 2015	Ely Cemetery	September 28, 2015
Gail Chase	63	Bradford, VT	October 7, 2015	Fairlee Village Cemetery	October 12, 2015

## EMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS IN 2015

Amounts listed are the net amount paid to individuals making \$1,000 or more.

EMPLOYEE	HOURS	DUTIES	AMOUNT
Jason D. Bachus	479.00	Chief of Police/Town Constable	12,136.54
Frank J. Barrett	N/A	Selectboard & Health Officer	1,431.42
Peter Berger	N/A	Selectboard & Town Report Prep	1,003.67
John C. Brimmer	1,261.25	Zoning Administrator & PC Planner	20,111.32
Amber Brooks	144.15	Lifeguard	1,397.79
Autumn Brooks	143.15	Lifeguard	1,388.09
Sylvia Brown	240.50	Town Hall Custodian	2,931.49
Russell W. Collins	371.50	Lister	4,510.78
Troy Collins	98.00	Volunteer FD/Fast Squad	1,357.54
Kevin L. Cummings	188.50	Trash & Recycling Attendant	2,738.16
Joan R. Draheim	190.50	Library Shelver	1,639.66
Nathaniel M. Eastman	197.50	Milfoil - Boat Ramp Greeter	2,735.86
Robert Edmands	165.25	Library & TH Handyman & Trash Attendant	2,289.14
Larry Farnham	48.00	Fire Department (Chief)	1,126.67
Sondra C. Farnham	199.25	Assistant Town Clerk	2,463.14
Melissa P. Gahagan	1,142.50	Treasurer	20,476.90
Will J. Gardner	135.90	Lifeguard	1,342.91
Collin Gould	117.00	Lifeguard	1,134.53
Kayla Gould	180.00	Lifeguard	1,962.22
Brian Hanson	1,399.00	Town Administrator	22,010.20
Samantha Hickman	440.00	Library Director	5,763.27
Lisa Hinsley	221.00	Assistant Town Treasurer	4,051.53
Barbara J. Lantery	429.25	Assistant Town Clerk	4,821.39
Barry G. Larson	540.00	Water Department	12,479.87
Emma K. Larson	157.25	Lifeguard	1,751.36
Dan A. Ludwig	57.75	Lister/Weed Harvester Operator	1,198.17
Leon C. Marsh, Jr.	N/A	Delinquent Tax Collector	1,767.08
Phyllis A. Nemhauser	240.50	Minutes Clerk (DRB, PC, SB)	3,202.71
Ryan G. Peebles	80.00	Volunteer FD/Fast Squad	1,108.20
Samuel Tilden	111.75	Lifeguard	1,083.60
Juanita Titus	130.00	Library Custodian	1,729.57
Hannah Tracy	1,503.00	Library Director	20,289.49
Laurent Veilleux	619.00	Town Administrator	10,941.52
Noël G. Walker	1,411.50	Lister/E-911 Coord./Tech Asst.	19,034.01
Georgette K. Wolf-Ludwig	1,855.50	Town Clerk	30,423.55

## CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS IN 2015

The Town of Fairlee and the Fairlee Water Department paid amounts in excess of \$1,000.00 under various employment and contractual arrangements during 2015 to the individuals and firms listed below:

### TOWN/WATER CONTRACTUAL:

Aldrich & Elliott, PC	Water Dept. Engineers	6,875.60
All-Access Infotech, LLC	IT/Equipment	21,901.40
Aloha Foundation	Dam Bond Prep Work Loan	6,800.00
Amazon	Library Books	1,421.02
Aquatic Control Technology	Milfoil Treatment	44,540.00
Aquatic Endeavors Commercial Diving	Milfoil Divers	9,762.50
Jason Bachus	Mileage & Reimbursements	3,503.08
Bill Hodge's Prop. Service	Cemetery Mowing & Work	7,490.00
Blaktop	Road Resurfacing	65,194.59
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance 2015	35,906.07
BP's Excavation/Logging	Highway Department	5,332.50
Camp Billings	Dam Bond Prep Work Loan	2,380.00
Camp Lochearn	Dam Bond Prep Work Loan	2,380.00
Cargill, Inc.	Winter Roads – Salt	23,174.00
CAI Technologies	Listers Maps	3,550.00
Chief Logging & Const., Inc.	Winter Sand	3,152.43
Chief Supply	Police Department	4,256.58
Clara Martin Center	Appropriation	1,545.00
Clean Waters, Inc.	Water Department	1,710.00
Cott Systems, Inc.	Town Records Management	4,123.36
County of Orange	County Tax	52,174.55
Cramer Electric Co., Inc.	Electrical Work	12,495.31
Dead River	Fuel Oil & Propane	12,420.15
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	3,007.18
Department of Public Safety	VT State Police	9,792.88
Desorcie Emergency Products LLC	Fire Department	3,000.00
Dubois & King	Dam Bond Prep Work Loan	1,700.00
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Water Line Supplies	8,886.89
Endyne Inc.	Water Department	1,179.00
Fairlee Library	Reimbursements	2,735.54
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	Telephone/Library Internet	8,488.68
Ferguson Waterworks	Water Department	3,525.60
Fogg's Hardware	Misc. Supplies	1,506.88
Fornwalt Excavation, LLC	Broken Water Line	1,450.00
Gerard A. Leone Slate Roofing	Town Hall	1,650.00
Green Mountain Library Consortium	Library Auto System Maint.	1,147.11
Green Mountain Power	Electricity	29,609.72
Hampshire Fire Protection Co., Inc.	TH Fire Sprinkler System	3,101.20
High Country Aluminum Products LLC	Town Beach Float	3,432.67
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	5,388.03
Jay's Septic Tank Cleaning	Town Buildings	2,920.00

**Contractual Payments Continued:**

K & R Portable Toilets	Port-a-lets	1,054.04
Lackie, David	Sand/Salt/Aggregate	3,556.00
Lake Fairlee Association	Appropriation	5,000.00
Lake Fairlee Association	Dam Bond Prep Work Loan	1,474.45
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus	Fire Department	2,571.77
Larson, Barry	Mileage	2,757.44
Larson, Barry	Snow Plowing	10,320.00
Leet Ware Construction	Contractor TH 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	146,875.00
Little Rivers Health Care	Appropriation	2,000.00
M&K Commercial Diving LLC	Water Department	4,700.00
Magee Office Plus	Office Supplies	2,301.05
Martin's Quarry	Highway	6,744.60
Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	PC Land Use Planning Books	1,180.62
Merchants Bank	Re-invest Cemetery CD Funds	34,123.69
Mike's Trucking & Excavation	Roads	136,910.42
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage Meter Funds	3,011.28
New England Municipal Resource (NEMRC)	Software/Support/Contract	2,373.59
Northstar Fireworks	Fireworks July 4 <sup>th</sup>	5,000.00
Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement Patrol	14,443.20
Orange East Senior Center	Appropriation	2,200.00
Owens Leasing Co., LLC	Mower	2,909.00
Pace and Hawley, LLC	CPA's Audit for Dam Bond	3,000.00
People's United Bank	Bond Repayment (Water Dept.)	51,987.05
Perley Colby Plumbing & Heating	Plumbing/Water System	27,026.82
Pikcomm	Fast Squad Radios	1,277.80
Postmaster	Box Rentals/Town Report/Postage	1,164.60
Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC	Dam Bond Attorneys	1,664.40
Quinttown Container Services	Recycling/Emerg Bldg Trash	11,594.00
R & R Communications	Fire Department	3,688.50
Redstart, Inc.	Town Forest	5,034.74
Repro	Town Report Printing	3,107.68
Rick Walker Builder	Water Department	2,477.94
Rivendell ISD	School Taxes	2,029,595.00
Rivendell Rec Assn.	Appropriation	1,500.00
Rowell's Grading	Highway Department	10,900.00
Sabil & Sons	FD Equip. Maintenance	1,558.33
Schaal Engineering, P.C.	TH 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	4,699.00
Schaal Engineering, P.C.	Water Department	11,711.43
Simmons Lawn Care	Lawn Care	5,200.00
Stagecoach Transportation	Appropriation	1,145.00
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies - Town	1,375.72
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies – Library	1,242.83
The Cincinnati Cos.	Insurance (FD/Fast Squad)	2,012.00
Thompson Timber Harvest/Trucking	Highway Rebuilding	65,895.14
Tim Danen	Construction Work	11,461.00
Topsham Telephone	Internet (Town Hall & FD)	1,600.85

**Contractual Payments Continued:**

Twin State Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	Water Department	1,153.48
Town of Hanover	Dispatch	10,078.51
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	Membership	1,299.00
UI Insurance Services	Fire Department Insurance	11,856.00
Unifirst Corp.	Town Hall Rug Service	1,988.60
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.	Ambulance Service	36,395.00
Upper Valley Audio Visual	Town Hall Roof Project	3,075.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	Town Hall Copiers	6,742.77
Valley News	Legal Notices/Advertising	2,264.70
Vermont State Treasurer	School Taxes	819,155.78
Visiting Nurse Alliance/Hospice	Appropriation	5,250.00
VLCT (League of Cities & Towns)	Membership	2,020.00
VLCT	Workshops	700.00
VLCT Unemployment Insurance	Insurance	1,379.00
VLCT PACIF	Property Casualty/WC Ins.	28,940.79
VT Dept. of Taxes	State Tax Withholdings	5,832.70
W.B. & R. L. Martin, Inc.	Highway Department	5,027.55
Wings Market	Supplies	1,054.77
W.S. Darley & Co.	Fire Department	3,803.21



## Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts - 2015

### Cemetery Fund - #41

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 4,733.76	\$ 5,153.76
RECEIPTS:		
Interest - Fund Account	4.01	4.52
Sales of Lots	420.00	1,080.00
Cemetery CD Funds	-	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,157.77	16,238.28
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Transfer to CD	-	6,237.69
Transfer to Town (Interest)	4.01	4.52
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 5,153.76	\$ 9,996.07

### Cemetery - Certificate of Deposit - Mascoma Bank (closed when matured 12/8/15) - #50

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 37,872.06	\$ 37,754.00
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	132.00	132.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	38,004.06	37,886.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Account closed and transferred to Merchants	-	27,886.00
Transfer to Cemetery Fund Account	250.06	10,000.00
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 37,754.00	\$ -

### Cemetery - Certificate of Deposit - Merchants Bank (Mascoma CD funds transferred here) - #50

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ -	\$ 27,886.00
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	27,886.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Transfer to Cemetery Fund Account	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ -	\$ 27,886.00

### Rosalene M. Ordway Trust Account - #42

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	1.81	1.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,501.81	2,501.77
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Toward Water On & Off	1.81	1.77
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

## Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts - 2015

### Fairlee Recreation Council - #43

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 8,045.50	\$ 10,319.07
RECEIPTS:		
Donations	-	208.00
Calendar Sales	3,581.00	1,783.82
Interest	6.97	7.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,633.47	12,318.04
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Calendar Expenses	1,314.40	3,000.00
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 10,319.07	\$ 9,318.04

### Fairlee Historical Society Account - #44

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 32,189.36	\$ 46,563.92
RECEIPTS:		
Donations & Dues	15,493.00	-
Donations	-	56,155.00
Dues	-	1,058.00
Book Sales	225.00	75.00
Interest	32.02	36.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	47,939.38	103,888.28
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Misc. Expense (meetings/supplies/postage/etc.)	1,375.46	23,693.60
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 46,563.92	\$ 80,194.68

## Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts - 2015

### Scholarship Fund - #45

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 566.93	\$ 181,287.70
RECEIPTS:		
Donations	350.00	-
Scholarship CD closed	180,203.91	-
Interest from CD	630.03	-
Interest	10.43	126.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	181,761.30	181,413.71
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Scholarships	473.60	6,750.00
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 181,287.70	\$ 174,663.71

### Sheldon Miller Bequest - #46

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 33,519.75	\$ 33,544.01
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	24.26	23.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	33,544.01	33,567.71
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Rivendell Interstate School District*	-	55.05
Thetford Academy*	-	50.00
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 33,544.01	\$ 33,462.66

\*Mr. Miller's bequest stated that checks were to be sent to Thetford Academy and Rivendell Interstate School District every year. Interest has not been sufficient to send his bequested amount since 2011. This year I combined the interest from 2012 through 2015 to send checks and partially satisfy his bequest.

### Scholarship - Certificate of Deposit - Mascoma Bank - #51

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 180,767.40	\$ -
RECEIPTS:		
Transferred from Fund Account	-	-
Adjustment to correct math error	66.54	-
Interest	630.03	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	181,463.97	-
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Transfer CD Interest to Fund account	630.03	-
Close CD and transfer funds to Fund account	180,833.94	-
	\$ -	\$ -

## Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts - 2015

### Lange Forest Account - #47

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 19,321.62	\$ 13,203.20
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	11.76	9.76
Stumpage Income	1,025.09	3,665.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	20,358.47	16,878.49
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Forest Management	7,155.27	2,087.90
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 13,203.20	\$ 14,790.59

### Timber Trust Account - #48

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 30,776.42	\$ 30,611.67
RECEIPTS:		
Logging Income	7,268.32	7,096.27
Interest	20.13	24.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	38,064.87	37,732.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Forest Management	7,453.20	3,262.40
Cash Bond Release	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 30,611.67	\$ 34,469.60

### Gravel Pit/Logging Account - #49

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 27,390.82	\$ 26,927.98
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	21.16	19.02
	27,411.98	26,947.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Forest Management	484.00	132.91
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 26,927.98	\$ 26,814.09

## Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts - 2015

### Railroad Station Fund - #58

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 15,951.01	\$ 17,352.90
RECEIPTS:		
Interest	11.54	12.22
Transfer From Rail Road Station	1,390.35	1,506.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	17,352.90	18,871.35
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Misc. Expenses (water line work)	-	974.46
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ 17,352.90	\$ 17,896.89

Note: This fund was approved by the Selectboard at the end of 2012 so the Town could begin keeping the income from the rental of the railroad station property, separate from the General Fund, for future maintenance and repairs on the railroad station property. In 2013 there were also grant monies remaining that we were allowed to keep.

### Town Hall Insurance Fund - #60

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY</b>	\$ 19,467.37	\$ -
RECEIPTS:		
Insurance Company Proceeds	2,994.93	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	22,462.30	-
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries & Wages	-	-
Payroll Tax Expense	-	-
Expenses	-	-
Town Hall Repair	-	-
Replacement Expenses	46.97	-
Transfer funds to Town Hall Capital Budget	22,415.33	-
<b>FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER</b>	\$ -	\$ -

**2016 WARNED ARTICLES SUMMARY**

**Article 4. Appropriations (see Dept. Budget in parenthesis)**

a) American Red Cross (CO)	\$ 500.00
b) Capstone Community Action (CO)	300.00
c) Central Vermont Council on Aging (CO)	600.00
d) Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed. Inc. (CO)	400.00
e) Clara Martin Center (CO)	1,545.00
f) Cohase Chamber of Commerce (CO)	250.00
g) Green Up Vermont (CO)	100.00
h) Green Mountain Economic Development (Z)	1,000.00
i) Lake Fairlee Assoc. Milfoil (CO)	5,000.00
j) Little Rivers Health Care (CO)	2,000.00
k) Mentoring Project (CO)	500.00
l) Orange County Diversion Program (CO)	200.00
m) Orange County Parent Child Center (CO)	200.00
n) Orange East Senior Center (CO)	2,200.00
o) Oxbow Senior Independence Program (CO)	300.00
p) Rivendell Trails Association (CO)	450.00
q) Rivendell Rec Association (CO)	1,500.00
r) Safeline (CO)	700.00
s) Stagecoach Transportation (CO)	1,410.00
t) Upper Valley Ambulance (Health)	35,172.00
u) Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CO)	300.00
v) Vermont Center for Independent Living (CO)	155.00
w) Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (CO)	100.00
x) Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH/Hospice of the Upper Valley (CO)	5,250.00

<b>Total Appropriations - Included in Budgets (Article 4)</b>	<b><u>60,132.00</u></b>
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**Article 6 & 7. Highway Budget**

<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b><u>\$ (65,000)</u></b>
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**Budgeted Expenses**

Winter Roads - Road Maintenance	90,000.00
Winter Roads - Sand/Salt/Aggregate	30,000.00
Summer Roads - Resurfacing	20,000.00
Summer Roads - Maintenance	35,000.00
Summer Roads - Ditching	15,000.00
Summer Roads - Mowing	6,000.00
Summer Roads - Culvert Maintenance	10,000.00
Guardrail - Maintenance & Repair	10,000.00
Street Signs - Maintenance & Repair	1,500.00
Summer Roads - Sweeping	1,000.00
Street Lighting	7,500.00
Highway Advertising	400.00

**2016 WARNED ARTICLES SUMMARY**

Insurance	334.00
Grant Exp - Lake Road	<u>30,000.00</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses (Article 6)</b>	<u>256,734.00</u>
<b>Highway Budget to be Raised by Taxes (Article 7)</b>	<b><u>\$ 191,734</u></b>

**Article 10. Capital Budget**

b) Highway Rebuilding	150,000
c) Town Hall	75,000
d) Furnace Replacement	4,000
e) Misc. Buildings	5,000
f) Computer Plan	7,333
g) Police Department	7,000
h) Milfoil	1,500
i) Village Center Enhancement	<u>2,500</u>
<b>Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes (Article 10)</b>	<b><u>\$ 252,333</u></b>

**Article 11. Town Expenditures (See Summary)**

Budgeted Income	\$ (222,894)
<b>Budgeted Expenses (Article 11)</b>	<b><u>907,685</u></b>
Town Expenditures to be Raised by Taxes	<u>684,791</u>

**Article 12. Town Expenses and Indebtedness**

General Fund (Income)/Expense	684,791
Capital Budget Raised by Taxes	252,333
Water bond to be raised by taxes	17,879
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	897
Lake Fairlee Dam bond	22,000
Cash Available	<u>(63,349)</u>
<b>Town Amount to be Raised by Taxes (Article 12 )</b>	<b><u>\$ 914,551</u></b>

**This report summarizes the dollar amounts of the warned articles.**

## **NOTES**

SUMMARY	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Administration	\$ 32,926	\$ 30,973	\$ 26,727	18,850
Cemetery	872	766	1,625	-
Development Review Board	1,400	-	-	-
Emergency Services Building	25,320	25,320	25,320	24,120
Fire & Rescue	885	1,308	3,300	-
Library	1,682	1,554	1,128	1,375
Listers	40,830	51,072	52,048	56,056
Milfoil-Lake Morey	53,068	41,077	34,082	59,185
Other	2,375	2,375	2,375	2,375
Planning Commission	5,568	2,386	-	-
Police	8,032	11,704	12,096	10,500
Railroad Station	34,285	4,200	5,400	4,800
Recreation Council	2,300	2,748	1,830	2,550
Town Hall & Parks	14	910	425	-
Trash & Recycling	2,574	2,122	2,122	975
Zoning Office	1,015	9,518	3,228	-
Zoning/Planning/DRB = Zoning	-	-	-	42,108
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>213,145</u>	<u>188,033</u>	<u>171,706</u>	<u>222,894</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administration	202,507	199,246	219,297	254,824
Cemetery	9,306	9,924	9,002	10,458
Community Organizations	31,630	20,822	22,995	23,960
Development Review Board	1,198	3,049	1,232	-
Emergency Services Building	17,507	35,387	44,894	39,505
Fire & Rescue	49,986	56,434	53,322	68,372
Forestry	139	81	555	2,769
Health	26,379	30,933	34,841	35,818
Library	65,877	67,738	76,027	81,082
Listers	35,882	32,345	35,862	38,655
Milfoil-Lake Morey	51,163	51,665	77,726	60,639
Other	57,009	59,671	61,837	68,575
Planning Commission	5,983	7,159	12,855	-
Police	36,367	48,757	46,845	52,149
Railroad Station	34,285	4,200	5,400	3,456
Recreation Council	16,638	19,089	19,140	21,406
Town Hall & Parks	48,163	35,724	37,413	36,500
Trash & Recycling	14,940	16,464	19,494	27,269
Tri-Town Commission	-	-	-	2,678
Zoning Office	21,033	24,242	19,978	-
Zoning/Planning/DRB = Zoning	-	-	-	79,570
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>725,992</u>	<u>722,930</u>	<u>798,715</u>	<u>907,685</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (512,847)</u>	<u>\$ (534,897)</u>	<u>\$ (627,009)</u>	<u>\$ (684,791)</u>

	<b>2013 Taxes (Actual)</b>	<b>2014 Taxes (Actual)</b>	<b>2015 Taxes (Actual)</b>	<b>2016 Taxes (Estimated)</b>
General Fund (Income)/Expense	\$ 512,847	\$ 534,897	\$ 638,009	\$ 684,791
Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes	168,360	113,700	211,070	252,333
Cash Available/Carry Forward	<u>(40,164)</u>	<u>(56,973)</u>	<u>(112,966)</u>	<u>(63,349)</u>
<b>Town to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b><u>641,043</u></b>	<b><u>591,624</u></b>	<b><u>736,113</u></b>	<b><u>873,775</u></b>
Highway Revenues	55,797	35,000	40,628	65,000
Highway Expenses	<u>202,780</u>	<u>207,511</u>	<u>225,501</u>	<u>256,734</u>
<b>Highway to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b><u>(146,983)</u></b>	<b><u>(172,511)</u></b>	<b><u>(184,873)</u></b>	<b><u>(191,734)</u></b>
<b>Water Bond to be Raised by Taxes</b>	17,879	17,879	17,879	17,879
<b>2010 Tax Appeal Credits &amp; Interest</b>	19,851	-	-	-
<b>Veteran's Local Agreement Rate</b>	835	897	897	897
<b>Lake Fairlee Dam Bond Payments</b>	-	-	22,420	22,000
<b>Total Municipal Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b><u>\$ 825,756</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 782,911</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 962,182</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,106,285</u></b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.4246</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.4200</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.4870</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.5402</u></b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimated</b>



ADMINISTRATION	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 840,953.14	\$ 968,261.15	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,178.05	5,924.57	-	-
Delinquent Tax Fee	9,324.53	7,957.28	6,000.00	6,000.00
Clerks Fees	8,085.99	9,501.69	10,000.00	10,000.00
License Fees -Marriage/Dog	1,534.00	1,552.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vehicle Registration Fees	387.00	345.00	400.00	400.00
Copier Fees	220.47	244.00	175.00	200.00
Large Format Copies	232.50	148.50	250.00	250.00
Misc. Income	293.77	418.29	-	-
Interest Income	716.32	635.84	325.00	500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>871,925.77</u>	<u>994,988.82</u>	<u>18,650.00</u>	<u>18,850.00</u>
Less Property Taxes	840,953.14	968,261.15	-	-
<b>Total Revenues Less Property Taxes</b>	<u>30,972.63</u>	<u>26,727.67</u>	<u>18,650.00</u>	<u>18,850.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages - Selectboard	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00
Salaries & Wages - Town Administrator	37,164.12	39,165.84	39,256.00	42,216.00
Salaries & Wages - Town Clerk	39,294.80	39,393.58	41,436.72	42,682.00
Salaries & Wages - Treasurer	22,046.18	26,992.64	25,161.00	28,384.00
Salaries & Wages - Auditor	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Salaries & Wages - Asst. Town Clerks	7,594.65	8,304.67	8,396.96	9,435.00
Salaries & Wages - Minutes Clerk	1,526.35	2,862.92	2,100.00	6,409.00
Salaries & Wages - Tech Asst.	-	1,308.84	-	1,404.00
Delinquent Tax Commission	9,230.34	8,001.46	6,000.00	6,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	9,802.92	10,163.98	9,586.00	10,670.22
Unemployment Insurance	1,944.00	1,379.00	1,578.00	780.00
Auditors Expense	-	-	-	3,000.00
TA/Selectboard Expense	1,202.17	1,986.54	1,400.00	4,128.00
Town Clerk & Treasurer Expense	355.00	1,177.95	1,600.00	1,600.00
Town Report	2,616.93	2,703.46	2,700.00	2,750.00
Vt. League of Cities & Towns	1,949.00	2,020.00	2,020.00	2,025.00
Advertising	542.79	1,874.02	1,500.00	1,500.00
Postage	2,550.99	2,496.43	3,000.00	3,500.00
Office Supplies	2,669.15	2,945.06	2,500.00	3,000.00
Clerk's Supplies	1,132.54	1,263.06	1,200.00	1,200.00
Training	1,607.06	1,070.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Computer & Internet Expense	12,558.90	11,898.34	11,759.00	15,658.00
Website	-	395.00	500.00	750.00
Equipment - New	603.44	482.95	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment - Repair	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance/Contracts	8,751.42	8,008.87	9,450.00	9,494.00
Travel/Mileage Expense	1,306.96	933.23	1,750.00	1,500.00
General Liability/WC Insurance	6,034.00	1,930.75	5,771.00	7,055.00
Medical Insurance	19,532.19	28,653.59	22,159.68	32,434.00
Telephone	1,156.29	1,235.67	1,200.00	1,200.00
Emergency Telephone	1,960.00	1,960.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Profession Fees - Other	262.50	5,200.00	5,000.00	7,000.00

ADMINISTRATION	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	-	-	-	22,000.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	100.00	100.00
Interest Exp - Tax Anticipation	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reimbursable Expenses	401.80	538.88	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>199,246.49</u>	<u>219,296.73</u>	<u>216,574.36</u>	<u>276,824.22</u>
Less Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	-	-	-	22,000.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>199,246.49</u>	<u>219,296.73</u>	<u>216,574.36</u>	<u>254,824.22</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (168,273.86)</u>	<u>\$ (192,569.06)</u>	<u>\$ (197,924.36)</u>	<u>\$ (235,974.22)</u>

**Notes:**

**Salaries & Wages ALL 2016:** 3% increase.

**Salaries & Wages - Town Administrator (TA) 2016:** Total wages \$45,552, 40 hours/week @ \$21.90/hour (includes 3% increase) less \$1,700 in Milfoil budget and \$1,636 in Water budget.

**Salaries & Wages - Town Clerk 2016:** 38 hours/week, \$21.60/hour.

**Assistant Town Clerk 2016:** 12 hours per week @ \$15.12/hour (one hour per week increase).

**Salaries & Wages - Treasurer 2016:** Total salary \$ 28,384; split between the following departments: Admin - Treasurer (25 hours/week + an additional 65 hours, \$21.60/hour): \$26,284 and \$2,100 under Water Department. \$1,404 added for additional hours for Lake Fairlee Dam work.

**Salaries & Wages - Treasurer 2015:** Over due to increased work from Lake Fairlee Dam.

**Salaries & Wages - Minutes Clerk 2016:** 8.5 hours/week, \$14.50/hour, additional duties as assigned.

**Salaries & Wages - Tech Asst.:** New position created in 2015 to move time spent by Head Lister on computer tech support, 2016: 1.5 hrs./wk @ \$18.00/hr.

**Auditor's Expense:** \$3,000 to review 2015 books in 2016.

**TA/Selectboard Expense 2016:** Increased \$2,000 for newsletters and Clerk laptop.

**Town Clerk & Treasurer Expense 2016:** This line item now includes training funds.

**Unemployment Insurance 2016:** The amount is down due to decreasing claim costs to the VLCT Trust Insurance program pool during 2015.

**Computer and Internet Expense 2016:** Technology Services \$12,771; DSL line \$660; NEMRC support and recovery \$1,927 and \$300 for Adobe software.

**General Liability/WC Insurance 2015:** Not under budget -- 1st quarter payment 2015 was made in last quarter 2014.

**Medical Insurance 2016:** Town Administrator, Town Clerk and Treasurer each: Health: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2 @ \$7,879.56/year 1 @ \$8,970.88/year; Eye Care: EyeMed \$53.76/year ; Dental: Delta Dental \$411.24/year.

**Lake Fairlee Dam Bond 2016:** Two payments 1/15/16 \$4,006.41 and 7/15/16 \$18,412.86.

**Reimbursable Expenses 2015:** Amount to be paid by UVA in 2016 and posted as Miscellaneous Income.

<b>HIGHWAY</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Highway Funds	\$ 40,338.24	\$ 40,298.46	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Grant Income	2,159.18	-	-	30,000.00
Misc. Income	494.00	330.00	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>42,991.42</u>	<u>40,628.46</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>65,000.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Winter Roads	94,912.50	75,431.14	90,000.00	90,000.00
Sand/Salt/Aggregate	28,333.99	33,576.76	30,000.00	30,000.00
Summer Rd - Resurfacing	4,310.36	21,672.32	20,000.00	20,000.00
Summer Rd - Maintenance	33,245.61	47,672.34	35,000.00	35,000.00
Summer Rd - Ditching	1,240.00	19,188.04	15,000.00	15,000.00
Summer Rd - Mowing	2,755.00	5,329.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Summer Rd - Culvert Maintenance	1,483.39	5,768.31	15,000.00	10,000.00
Guardrail - Maintenance & Repair	9,989.00	-	12,000.00	10,000.00
Street Signs - Maintenance & Repair	413.02	666.70	3,500.00	1,500.00
Summer Rd - Sweeping	942.50	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Street Lighting	7,759.62	7,611.40	7,500.00	7,500.00
Quinibeck Rebuilding	3,422.86	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Highway Advertising	101.75	566.44	150.00	400.00
Insurance	-	368.50	285.00	334.00
Grant Exp - Lake Road	-	-	-	30,000.00
Misc. Expense	40.00	150.00	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>188,949.60</u>	<u>225,500.95</u>	<u>242,935.00</u>	<u>256,734.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (145,958.18)</u>	<u>\$ (184,872.49)</u>	<u>\$ (207,935.00)</u>	<u>\$ (191,734.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Guardrail 2016:** Section on Terry Hill to be replaced.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes payment \$83.50 for first quarter 2016 due 1/1/16.

**Misc. Expense 2015:** Purchase of Road Inventory Software for Town Administrator to maintain inventory of town roads and repairs that have been done and need to be done.

<b>CEMETERY</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Sale of Lots (60%)	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Income - Fund	4.01	4.52	-	-
Interest Income - CD	132.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>766.01</u>	<u>1,624.52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Cornerstones	360.00	360.00	-	-
Monument Repair	793.77	-	600.00	800.00
Insurance	27.00	37.75	30.00	31.00
Water	555.69	613.84	552.00	552.00
Contracted Services	7,880.00	7,990.00	8,250.00	8,250.00
Flag Expense	258.40	-	300.00	300.00
Association Dues	-	-	25.00	25.00
Misc. Expense	48.87	-	25.00	500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>9,923.73</u>	<u>9,001.59</u>	<u>9,782.00</u>	<u>10,458.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (9,157.72)</u>	<u>\$ (7,377.07)</u>	<u>\$ (9,782.00)</u>	<u>\$ (10,458.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Interest Income - CD 2015:** Reinvested in CD 12/15.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes 1st quarter payment due \$7.75 for 2016.

**Contracted Services 2016:** Fairlee Cemetery mowing \$4,700.00; Ely Cemetery mowing \$2,050; Brushwood mowing \$500; repairs and maintenance \$1,000.

**Misc. Expense 2016:** Hardpack for road work.

<b>COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	500.00
The Mentoring Project	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed, Inc.	-	-	-	400.00
CVCOA	500.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Clara Martin Center	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	241.75	250.00	250.00	250.00
Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	100.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little Rivers Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lake Fairlee Assoc. Milfoil	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Orange County Diversion Program	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Orange East Senior Center	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Rivendell Trails Association	400.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Rivendell Rec Association	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Safeline	500.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Stagecoach Transportation	830.00	1,145.00	1,145.00	1,410.00
Vermont. Assoc. for the Blind & Vis. Impaired	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	-	-	-	100.00
VNA/Hospice	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>20,821.75</u>	<u>22,995.00</u>	<u>22,995.00</u>	<u>23,960.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (20,821.75)</u>	<u>\$ (22,995.00)</u>	<u>\$ (22,995.00)</u>	<u>\$ (23,960.00)</u>

<b>DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
DRB Permit Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	-	-	-
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Wages - Minutes Clerk	1,103.77	753.85	1,425.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	77.60	57.72	120.00
Advertising	319.63	164.14	500.00
Postage	123.66	31.34	200.00
Supplies	62.27	-	100.00
Professional Fees	1,362.50	225.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,049.43</b>	<b>1,232.05</b>	<b>3,845.00</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (3,049.43)</b>	<b>\$ (1,232.05)</b>	<b>\$ (3,845.00)</b>

<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Grant Income - Planning Grant	2,386.00	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,386.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Wages - Minutes Clerk	1,332.22	1,208.38	1,558.00
Salaries & Wages - Planner	-	7,882.06	8,400.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	95.48	695.38	124.00
Regional Planning Commission	1,260.00	1,299.00	1,299.00
Grant Expense - Planning Grant	4,000.00	-	-
Advertising	46.90	143.76	250.00
Postage	169.12	333.12	250.00
Supplies	255.19	1,243.62	300.00
Training/Mileage	-	50.00	250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,158.91</b>	<b>12,855.32</b>	<b>12,431.00</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (4,772.91)</b>	<b>\$ (12,855.32)</b>	<b>\$ (12,431.00)</b>

**Notes:**

The budgets of the Development Review Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator have been combined to reflect a unified Zoning, Planning and Economic Development budget. The need for a unified department was arrived at with the input gathered at several public meetings, held by the Selectboard, with the Town's business owners, taxpayers and residents, to increase efforts toward economic development and Village redevelopment with an integrated approach to land use planning, design and zoning.

**PC Supplies 2015:** Includes annual purchase of Vermont Planning and Land Use Handbooks.

*For the 2016 budgets, please see the next page, Zoning Department, for the newly combined Zoning Department budget.*

**ZONING OFFICE**

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
ZA Permit Fees	\$ 9,518.35	\$ 3,227.55	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>9,518.35</u>	<u>3,227.55</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Wages - ZA	20,880.87	17,065.83	16,686.00
Salaries & Wages - E 911 Coord	403.38	234.92	750.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	1,628.19	1,323.52	1,386.00
ESRI Software Update	400.00	400.00	400.00
Postage	18.76	41.38	100.00
Supplies	127.14	154.73	200.00
Equipment	-	-	200.00
Training	120.00	-	200.00
Mileage	320.38	402.57	300.00
Telephone	343.39	354.77	375.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>24,242.11</u>	<u>19,977.72</u>	<u>20,597.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (14,723.76)</u>	<u>\$ (16,750.17)</u>	<u>\$ (13,097.00)</u>

**Notes:**

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**ZONING OFFICE**  
(formerly PC, DRB and ZONING)

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>COMBINED</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>Actuals</b>	
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<b>Revenues</b>		
ZA Permit Fees	3,227.55	\$ 5,000.00
Grant Income - Park and Ride @ RR	-	\$ 27,500.00
Grant Income - Planning Grant	-	9,608.00
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,227.55</b>	<b>42,108.00</b>
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<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries & Wages - Planner/ZA	24,947.89	31,590.00
Salaries & Wages - Clerk	1,962.23	-
Salaries & Wages - E911 Coordinator	234.92	500.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	2,076.62	2,455.00
ESRI Software Update	400.00	400.00
Regional Planning Commission	1,299.00	1,300.00
Green Mtn Economic Development	-	1,000.00
Grant Expense - Planning Grant	-	10,000.00
Grant Expense - Park and Ride @ RR	-	27,500.00
Advertising	307.90	500.00
Equipment	-	200.00
Postage	405.84	500.00
Professional Fees	225.00	1,500.00
Supplies	1,398.35	1,000.00
Telephone	354.77	375.00
Training	-	250.00
Mileage	452.57	500.00
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,065.09</b>	<b>79,570.00</b>
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<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (30,837.54)</b>	<b>\$ (37,462.00)</b>

**Notes:**

*The actual numbers reported above are the total combination of the DRB, Planning Commission and Zoning Office 2015 actuals.*

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**Salaries & Wages - Planner/ZA 2016:** The Zoning Administrator's hours have been increased to 30/week @ \$20.25/hour in keeping with the professional nature of the enhanced position.

**Salaries & Wages - Clerk 2016:** Now budgeted under Administration.

**Green Mountain Economic Development 2016:** This is a new line item from the Zoning Office. The Town has not been a member and paid dues since 2007.

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Emerg Building Rent	\$ 23,210.00	\$ 25,320.00	\$ 25,320.00	\$ 24,120.00
Emerg Building Rent - Prev Year	2,110.00	-	2,110.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>25,320.00</u>	<u>25,320.00</u>	<u>27,430.00</u>	<u>24,120.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Equipment - Repair	44.95	8.99	300.00	300.00
Building Repairs	15,593.91	28,594.67	26,050.00	21,000.00
Contracted Services	2,340.36	690.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Insurance	2,621.12	2,585.89	2,478.00	2,505.00
Electric	5,927.92	5,251.87	6,500.00	5,000.00
Fuel	7,232.29	6,128.36	7,700.00	7,700.00
Water	378.48	386.04	500.00	500.00
Rubbish	1,248.00	1,248.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>35,387.03</u>	<u>44,893.82</u>	<u>46,028.00</u>	<u>39,505.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (10,067.03)</u>	<u>\$ (19,573.82)</u>	<u>\$ (18,598.00)</u>	<u>\$ (15,385.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Emerg Building Rent 2016:** Amount decreased by \$1,200/year because Upper Valley Ambulance no longer rents the "old" fire station building.

**Building Repairs 2016:** Drain repair \$15,000 and painting of the building \$6,000.

**Contracted Services 2016:** Septic pumping \$250; furnace maintenance \$500; generator maintenance \$450.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes payment \$108.25 due for first quarter of 2016.

<b>FIRE &amp; FAST SQUAD</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Firemen's Stock Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Income	1,308.00	3,300.00	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,308.00</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	10,455.00	11,850.00	12,000.00	13,500.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	799.86	906.58	920.00	1,033.00
Supplies - Fire	97.69	484.13	500.00	1,500.00
Supplies - FAST	192.90	-	-	-
Office Supplies	180.97	121.79	100.00	500.00
Training - Fire/FAST	1,870.00	492.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Computer/Internet	659.40	1,682.09	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment - New	13,500.16	9,757.94	18,000.00	15,500.00
Equipment - Repair	4,643.56	5,116.17	5,000.00	5,000.00
Vehicle Operation/Maintenance	4,342.30	3,230.70	8,000.00	8,000.00
Insurance - Fire	9,611.59	9,166.13	9,685.00	9,447.00
Insurance - FAST	1,849.29	1,947.23	1,911.00	1,892.00
Telephone & Dispatch FD	8,230.95	8,567.28	8,150.00	8,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>56,433.67</u>	<u>53,322.04</u>	<u>67,766.00</u>	<u>68,372.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (55,125.67)</u>	<u>\$ (50,022.04)</u>	<u>\$ (67,766.00)</u>	<u>\$ (68,372.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Computer/Internet Expense 2016:** \$840 for computer program updates and IT, \$660 for Topsham Telephone.

**Supplies - Fire 2016:** Increase to line item is \$1,000 for FAST Squad med kits.

**Equipment - New 2016:** New portable pump \$4,500; two sets of gear \$3,800; six new pagers \$2,700. Fast Squad Equipment \$750 radios

**FORESTRY**

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	75.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	5.74	19.13	19.00	19.00
Equipment - New	-	285.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
Vehicle Operation/Maintenance	-	-	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>80.74</u>	<u>554.53</u>	<u>2,769.00</u>	<u>2,769.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (80.74)</u>	<u>\$ (554.53)</u>	<u>\$ (2,769.00)</u>	<u>\$ (2,769.00)</u>

**HEALTH**

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	45.90	45.90	46.00	46.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	30,287.00	34,195.00	34,195.00	35,172.00
Lake Septic Inventory	-	-	250.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>30,932.90</u>	<u>34,840.90</u>	<u>35,091.00</u>	<u>35,818.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (30,932.90)</u>	<u>\$ (34,840.90)</u>	<u>\$ (35,091.00)</u>	<u>\$ (35,818.00)</u>

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Book Income	\$ 508.96	\$ 496.63	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Program Income	-	20.00	75.00	75.00
Computer Income	324.12	152.38	200.00	200.00
Copier Income	186.49	183.48	200.00	200.00
Postage Income	534.44	261.88	500.00	500.00
Grant Income	-	-	3,500.00	-
Computer Phone Income	-	13.24	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,554.01</b>	<b>1,127.61</b>	<b>4,875.00</b>	<b>1,375.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages - Librarian	26,747.83	31,536.64	30,000.00	31,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Sub. Salary	251.52	345.84	760.00	760.00
Salaries & Wages -Cleaning	1,098.69	2,292.30	1,842.00	1,588.00
Salaries & Wages - Shelver	2,720.46	1,775.46	2,850.00	-
Salaries & Wages - Seasonal Asst.	-	-	-	1,116.00
Salaries & Wages - Grounds	707.25	365.94	458.00	466.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	2,391.71	2,751.16	2,747.00	2,672.00
Automation System Maintenance	552.15	540.21	896.00	896.24
Books	4,060.65	4,006.17	4,000.00	4,000.00
Books - Juvenile	2,122.25	2,050.45	2,050.00	2,050.00
Media (DVD's, audio books etc.)	1,363.41	1,301.26	1,250.00	1,300.00
Subscriptions	613.80	400.99	400.00	460.00
Inter-Library Loan for Lost Books	15.14	1.95	50.00	50.00
Audio/Visual Co-ops	770.96	790.90	590.00	595.00
Prizes	47.98	106.93	100.00	175.00
Programs	1,047.89	1,240.70	1,250.00	1,350.00
Public Relations	66.83	16.38	100.00	75.00
Computer Expense	1,549.23	2,094.91	4,470.00	4,470.00
Copier Expense	58.69	-	250.00	250.00
Annual Cleaning Expense	325.00	456.12	450.00	450.00
Postage	1,511.02	1,359.15	1,250.00	1,300.00
Supplies	858.04	657.07	800.00	800.00
Custodial Supplies	80.45	293.89	300.00	350.00
Conf., Dues & Workshops	435.00	83.00	500.00	500.00
Equipment - New	-	1,499.66	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	248.04	660.02	500.00	500.00
Building Repairs	1,199.72	685.48	1,550.00	1,550.00
Mileage	409.88	425.17	672.00	690.00
Insurance-Contents/Building	2,566.00	3,151.25	2,498.00	2,613.00
Medical Insurance	7,186.56	8,076.44	7,971.00	8,345.00
Telephone	336.85	358.60	360.00	360.00
Computer Telephone	1,269.79	1,417.41	1,200.00	2,390.00
Electric	2,145.60	1,966.79	2,000.00	2,200.00
Security	-	-	-	763.00
Fuel	2,601.51	2,082.75	3,100.00	3,100.00

LIBRARY	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Water	378.48	386.04	390.00	398.00
Septic	-	850.00	350.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>67,738.38</u>	<u>76,027.03</u>	<u>79,454.00</u>	<u>81,082.24</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (66,184.37)</u>	<u>\$ (74,899.42)</u>	<u>\$ (74,579.00)</u>	<u>\$ (79,707.24)</u>

**Notes:**

**Insurance-Contents/Building 2015:** Over by \$653.25, amount due January 1 for first quarter 2016.

**Salaries & Wages 2016:** 1.8% increase for grounds and cleaning. Cleaning salary decreased because of new hire. Library director was a new hire. Librarian has earned an increase to \$31,000 per year. This increase puts her \$9,300 lower than the Vermont Library Association recommended to be the minimum a library director should earn.

**Salaries & Wages - Shelver 2016:** Position was removed and duties will be done by volunteers.

**Salaries & Wages 2016 - Seasonal Assistant:** New line item for a seasonal library assistant. This position will work 10 hours/week from June-August to help with summer reading.

**Books 2016:** Decrease due to use of private funds at \$200 for the next four years.

**Books-Juvenile 2015:** Decrease due to use of private funds at \$50 for the next four years.

**Media (DVDs, audio books etc.)** Increased \$50 because of demand (1138 checkouts in 2014 and 1134 from 1/15 - 10/15).

**Subscriptions 2016:** Increased to cover costs of what we already subscribe to.

**Prizes 2016:** Increased to provide more prizes for current and new programs.

**Programs 2016:** Increased 8% to provide additional services to current programs and start new programs.

**Custodial Supplies 2016:** Increased 17% because of demand.

**Equipment - New 2016:** Button maker and supplies (for all programs). New receipt printer, DVD player for movie night, more games for Xbox, new gaming chairs and outdoor games for gaming night.

**Computer Telephone 2016:** Increase for increased internet speed.

**Medical Insurance 2016:** Includes medical, eye and dental.

**Computer Telephone 2016:** Increased to provide faster, more reliable internet for our patrons.

**Security 2016:** New line item to provide a panic button for library staff. This includes a one time setup fee and a monthly fee for service.

**Septic 2016:** Nothing. Budgeted every other year.

<b>LISTERS</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
State of Vermont - Current Use	\$ 50,016.00	\$ 50,992.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
State of Vermont - Pilot	1,055.70	1,055.70	1,056.00	1,056.00
Trf from Reappraisal Reserve Fund	-	-	-	5,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>51,071.70</u>	<u>52,047.70</u>	<u>51,056.00</u>	<u>56,056.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	25,986.59	28,290.73	24,950.00	30,888.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	1,986.79	2,164.29	1,909.00	2,363.00
Map Maintenance	2,600.00	3,950.00	3,950.00	2,600.00
User Assoc. Fees	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
CAMA/MICROSOLVE	672.62	453.81	434.00	454.00
Postage	87.05	107.46	125.00	125.00
Supplies	104.48	19.99	150.00	150.00
Mileage	505.28	466.62	550.00	550.00
Telephone	352.49	359.25	375.00	375.00
Professional Fees	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>32,345.30</u>	<u>35,862.15</u>	<u>33,593.00</u>	<u>38,655.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 18,726.40</u>	<u>\$ 16,185.55</u>	<u>\$ 17,463.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,401.00</u>

**Notes:**

**Salaries & Wages 2016:** Two listers at \$15/hour for 12 hours/week. Lister Chair at \$18/hour for 23 hours/week. \$5,000 to be transferred from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund toward Salaries & Wages for reappraisal review.

MILFOIL	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Grant Inc - State of Vermont	\$ 18,430.00	\$ 17,490.00	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 30,000.00
Misc. Income - In-kind	22,647.00	16,592.00	27,393.00	21,185.00
Misc. Income - Donations	-	-	5,000.00	8,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>41,077.00</u>	<u>34,082.00</u>	<u>52,943.00</u>	<u>59,185.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages - Boat Greeter	3,000.00	2,962.50	3,000.00	10,432.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	229.51	226.64	230.00	798.00
In-kind Expense	22,647.00	16,592.00	27,393.00	21,185.00
Gasoline/Oil	24.12	48.80	200.00	70.00
Contractual	22,750.00	54,302.50	59,000.00	25,000.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	591.48	138.00	450.00	250.00
Equipment - Storage	696.25	696.25	750.00	700.00
Insurance	-	377.00	301.00	304.00
Misc. Expense	26.80	682.76	610.00	200.00
Misc. Expense - TA Salary	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,636.00	1,700.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>51,665.16</u>	<u>77,726.45</u>	<u>93,570.00</u>	<u>60,639.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (10,588.16)</u>	<u>\$ (43,644.45)</u>	<u>\$ (40,627.00)</u>	<u>\$ (1,454.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Grant Income - State of Vermont 2015:** The last payment from the State, \$14,000, was not received until January 4, 2016. This will show as Grant Income 2016.

**Misc. Income - Donations 2015:** \$5,500 commercial divers' invoice paid directly by Aloha Foundation (the Town received no funds) to help offset our expenses.

**Grant Income - State of Vermont 2016:** Less since no chemical treatment required.

**Misc. Income - Aloha Foundation 2016:** The Aloha Foundation is paying for one week of professional diver time (they will receive the invoice and pay themselves).

**Misc. Income - Donations 2016:** Lake Morey Foundation and Lake Morey Protective Association will reimburse the Town for the expenses associated with the expanded hours to the Greeter Program \$8,000.

**Salaries & Wages - Boat Greeter 2016:** Boat Ramp Greeter Program (DEC permit stipulation) Town's portion not increasing from previous years.

**Gasoline/Oil 2016:** Decreased due to contractors providing their own boats and gasoline.

**Contractual 2015:** One week of professional diver time, \$5,500, was paid by the Aloha Foundation to decrease the amount paid by the Town.

**Contractual 2016:** ACT no chemical treatment but required surveys and reports will be provided. 4 weeks of professional diver time by Aquatic Endeavors. (One week of dive time will be paid by the Aloha Foundation \$5,500 to decrease the amount paid by the Town.)

**Insurance 2015:** \$76 payment made for 1st quarter of 2016 insurance due 1/1/16.

OTHER	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Weed Harvester Income	\$ 2,375.00	\$ 2,375.00	\$ 2,375.00	\$ 2,375.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>2,375.00</u>	<u>2,375.00</u>	<u>2,375.00</u>	<u>2,375.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Board of Civil Authority	264.88	56.31	1,000.00	1,000.00
Elections	3,127.95	309.08	1,000.00	3,400.00
County Tax	46,402.66	52,174.55	52,175.00	52,175.00
Memorial Day/July 4th	1,924.06	1,783.30	2,150.00	3,000.00
Weed Harvester Expense	1,311.06	1,132.29	1,500.00	1,500.00
Land Records Restoration	950.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fireworks	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Emergency Management	1,189.94	381.53	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>59,670.55</u>	<u>61,837.06</u>	<u>65,325.00</u>	<u>68,575.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (57,295.55)</u>	<u>\$ (59,462.06)</u>	<u>\$ (62,950.00)</u>	<u>\$ (66,200.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Elections 2016:** 2016 is an election year. Extra funds are needed for programming the tabulator for three elections.

**Memorial Day/July 4th 2016:** Added monies to help fund the band and bouncy house on July 3rd. Also added \$600 for new Scottish band to be in parade (Maple Leaf 7 Band will remain on common and play before and after parade).

**Emergency Management 2016:** Generator rent \$750; office supplies \$200; radio repair \$150; mileage \$200; training \$200.



Bob and Jean Ward

**RAILROAD STATION**

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Railroad Station Rent	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>4,200.00</u>	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Insurance	1,598.00	1,940.00	1,541.00	1,596.00
Electric	346.56	339.08	360.00	360.00
Prop Improv/Maintenance	865.09	1,614.81	2,100.00	1,500.00
Trf Income to RR Fund	<u>1,390.35</u>	<u>1,506.11</u>	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>4,200.00</u>	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>4,001.00</u>	<u>3,456.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 799.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,344.00</u>

**Notes:**

**Railroad Station Rent 2015:** \$600 2014 rent posted in January 2015.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes 1st quarter 2016 payment \$399.

**Property Improv/Maintenance 2016:** Outside touch-up painting \$450. Paint and rehang old wooden gutters to add to historic look of building \$300. Port-a-let \$510 (cost split with tenant).

**Railroad Station Fund Account #58:** Additionally in 2016, funds \$3,500 will be used from the Fund Account to pay Bore Tech to bore under Route 5 to replace the old cast iron waterline into the Railroad Station.



<b>RECREATION COUNCIL</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Beach User Fees	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Beach Pass	937.50	755.00	950.00	950.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>2,747.50</u>	<u>1,830.00</u>	<u>2,550.00</u>	<u>2,550.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages - Lifeguards	9,789.36	10,893.91	10,500.00	7,500.00
Salaries & Wages - Beach Manager	-	-	-	5,500.00
Salaries & Wages - Town Administrator	980.00	-	1,090.00	-
Payroll Taxes Expense	748.88	833.41	887.00	995.00
Red Cross	875.00	1,367.00	900.00	1,000.00
Beach - Operations/Maintenance	1,533.61	1,528.99	1,500.00	1,550.00
Beach - Buildings/Grounds	1,410.65	513.41	1,250.00	1,250.00
Special Activities	842.89	706.01	750.00	750.00
Advertising	-	-	100.00	100.00
Postage	112.22	157.72	100.00	150.00
Equipment - New	457.19	332.78	1,000.00	-
Insurance	1,067.00	1,464.50	1,143.00	1,286.00
Telephone	328.39	349.79	275.00	325.00
Electric	289.85	259.96	300.00	300.00
Water	473.50	552.11	500.00	500.00
Rubbish	180.00	180.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>19,088.54</u>	<u>19,139.59</u>	<u>20,495.00</u>	<u>21,406.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (16,341.04)</u>	<u>\$ (17,309.59)</u>	<u>\$ (17,945.00)</u>	<u>\$ (18,856.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Salaries & Wages - Beach Manager 2016:** Newly created position to oversee daily beach operations, manage lifeguards, swim lessons and sell beach passes.

**Salaries & Wages - Town Administrator 2015:** No time spent at beach during 2015 summer so nothing was charged to Rec. Council for TA.

**Equipment - New 2016:** Will now buy new equipment from the Rec Council Fundraising account.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes payment of 1st quarter 2016 \$321.50.

<b>POLICE</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines & Fees	\$ 4,387.04	\$ 3,787.49	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Grant Income	6,870.40	7,506.81	6,635.22	7,000.00
Special Duty	447.04	801.40	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>11,704.48</u>	<u>12,095.70</u>	<u>12,135.22</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	7,130.00	9,424.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Special Duty	320.00	645.00	350.00	360.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	569.94	770.33	792.00	793.00
Subcontractors	22,306.87	20,760.88	20,300.00	20,300.00
Uniforms	-	498.00	500.00	500.00
Grant Expense	10,505.62	3,899.53	3,000.00	7,000.00
Supplies/Forms	272.78	-	200.00	100.00
Postage	-	2.90	25.00	20.00
Training	-	39.95	200.00	200.00
Computer/Internet	-	-	-	1,803.00
Equipment/Fees	-	1,074.49	1,000.00	1,500.00
Equipment Repair	122.00	-	-	-
Mileage	2,182.88	3,068.82	3,000.00	3,000.00
Special Duty Expense	40.00	-	100.00	-
Insurance	2,307.00	3,660.25	2,792.00	3,473.00
Dispatch PD	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Animal Control	-	-	200.00	100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>48,757.09</u>	<u>46,844.65</u>	<u>45,459.00</u>	<u>52,149.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (37,052.61)</u>	<u>\$ (34,748.95)</u>	<u>\$ (33,323.78)</u>	<u>\$ (41,649.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Subcontractors 2016:** Vermont State Police \$10,000; Orange County Sheriff's \$10,000; Winter Lake Patrol \$300.

**Computer/Internet 2016:** State requirements \$963; computer program updates and IT \$840.

**Equipment/Fees 2016:** Increased due to potential new State requirements.

**Mileage 2016:** A new line item will be created for Vehicle Expense if the Town purchases the cruiser. The remaining amount budgeted for Mileage will be used for Vehicle Expense.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes 1st quarter payment 2016 \$868.25.

<b>TOWN HALL &amp; PARKS</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Building/Parks Rent	\$ 235.00	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Income	675.00	50.00	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>910.00</u>	<u>425.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	5,179.31	4,653.53	5,280.00	5,280.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	119.66	356.01	404.00	404.00
Parks	459.11	1,127.27	870.00	1,000.00
Custodial Supplies	418.58	964.18	750.00	1,000.00
Equipment - New	832.40	400.00	750.00	1,250.00
Equipment - Repair	-	94.75	-	250.00
Building Repairs	7,651.28	7,678.37	5,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	5,129.00	6,346.00	5,042.00	5,216.00
Electric	3,000.36	2,858.82	3,100.00	3,100.00
Fuel	3,717.32	3,487.39	6,600.00	5,000.00
Water	656.83	814.54	700.00	700.00
100th Anniversary Town Hall	1,699.93	-	-	-
Contracted Services	6,860.10	8,631.65	9,100.00	9,300.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>35,723.88</u>	<u>37,412.51</u>	<u>37,596.00</u>	<u>36,500.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (34,813.88)</u>	<u>\$ (36,987.51)</u>	<u>\$ (37,596.00)</u>	<u>\$ (36,500.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Salaries & Wages 2016:** Custodian 4 hrs/wk., increase to \$16.73/hr, \$1,740/year, and increase handyman hourly rate to \$15.00/hr.

**Parks 2015:** Over budget due to paint expense for refurbishing 5 Town Welcome Signs \$ 110.23; mulch \$76.32; Lake Morey Road median strip flowers \$190.72 and tree pruning and limbing \$750.

**Equipment - New 2016:** \$500 to begin replacing air conditioner units and \$500 new vacuum cleaner.

**Building Repairs 2016:** \$4,000 to paint the bandstand and flagpole.

**Contracted Services 2016:** Septic pumping \$350; furnace maintenance \$900; fire sprinkler system \$750; rug cleaning service \$2,100; lawn care \$5,200.

<b>TRASH &amp; RECYCLING</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>12/31/2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Trash Income - T & R	\$ 80.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Dump Pass	907.50	755.00	900.00	750.00
Scrap Metal	895.94	622.18	500.00	-
Aluminum	238.37	135.00	125.00	125.00
Grant Income - Green Up	-	350.00	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>2,121.81</u>	<u>2,122.18</u>	<u>1,625.00</u>	<u>975.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	3,737.02	4,387.83	5,460.00	5,460.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	285.84	335.75	418.00	418.00
Recycling	9,996.00	9,996.00	9,996.00	15,966.00
Facility Maintenance	164.49	1,424.96	1,000.00	1,500.00
Household Hazardous Waste	165.00	-	250.00	-
Metal Dump	48.85	552.45	200.00	200.00
Brush Dump	875.00	1,025.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Membership Fee - CVSWD	979.00	983.00	980.00	1,966.00
Green-Up	-	-	-	200.00
Workers Comp. Ins.	213.00	438.75	298.00	559.00
Misc. Expense	-	350.00	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>16,464.20</u>	<u>19,493.74</u>	<u>19,602.00</u>	<u>27,269.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ (14,342.39)</u>	<u>\$ (17,371.56)</u>	<u>\$ (17,977.00)</u>	<u>\$ (26,294.00)</u>

**Notes:**

**Salaries & Wages 2016:** 1.5% increase to \$15.97/hour.

**Recycling 2016:** Increase in expense due to increase to Contractor.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes 1st quarter 2016 payment \$139.75 due 1/1/16.

**Misc. Expense 2015:** Green Up Day Grant Expense is posted to Misc. Expense.

**Green-Up 2016:** New line item for expenses associated with Green-Up Day -- snacks for volunteers, bottled water, gloves, bug repellent and t-shirts.

**TRI-TOWN COMMISSION**  
**(Fairlee's Portion is 34%)**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>12/31/2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Stipend - Road Crew	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stipend - Tri-Town Rep (TA)	-	-	-	1,571.48
Stipend - Treasurer	-	-	-	477.36
VLCT Dues	-	-	-	289.00
VLCT Workers Comp Insurance	-	-	-	-
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	-	-	-	340.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,677.84</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (2,677.84)</b>

**Notes:**

This budget is being prepared with the only information the Commission had available to share.



<b>WATER</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>12/31/2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Annual Water Rent	\$ 97,936.54	\$ 113,589.32	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 108,120.00
Metered Water Rent	18,575.48	6,018.06	13,042.00	13,303.00
Seasonal Water Rent	15,582.95	14,633.72	15,039.00	15,340.00
Late Fees	470.12	670.11	400.00	500.00
Water Hookup Fees	3,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Town Portion of Loan Payment	17,879.00	17,879.00	17,879.00	17,879.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>153,444.09</u>	<u>154,790.21</u>	<u>152,360.00</u>	<u>155,142.00</u>
Less Town Portion of Loan Payment	17,879.00	17,879.00	17,879.00	17,879.00
Less Water Users Portion of Loan Payment	33,253.26	33,253.26	33,253.36	33,253.36
<b>Total Revenues for Operating</b>	<u>102,311.83</u>	<u>103,657.95</u>	<u>101,227.64</u>	<u>104,009.64</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries & Wages	9,416.50	14,153.40	10,360.00	12,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	718.81	1,078.05	793.00	918.00
Advertising	33.50	78.36	100.00	100.00
Discounts Allowed	3,846.50	3,210.71	3,900.00	3,500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	240.00	245.00	300.00	300.00
Insurance	2,674.00	3,623.50	2,952.00	2,686.00
Mileage/Travel Reimb	385.00	897.23	500.00	700.00
Office Supplies	80.17	-	100.00	100.00
Postage	297.96	339.36	350.00	350.00
Professional Fees	75.12	14,355.43	4,500.00	10,000.00
Pump House Repairs & Maintenance	10,909.20	16,182.34	14,000.00	14,000.00
Water Lines Repair & Maintenance	13,078.12	41,030.16	20,000.00	20,000.00
Special Projects	10,822.24	14,388.60	22,000.00	22,000.00
Gate Valve/Hydrants	64.00	1,326.32	3,000.00	1,500.00
State of Vermont	943.45	745.43	900.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,633.81	1,448.00	1,500.00	1,750.00
Training	83.00	174.00	300.00	200.00
Treasurer/TA Salary	3,482.00	3,736.00	3,736.00	3,736.00
Testing Water/Well Head	790.00	820.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
Electric	10,864.21	10,475.05	10,000.00	11,000.00
Propane	887.35	721.65	800.00	900.00
Other Expenses	-	-	200.00	200.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water Bond Payment - Peoples Bank	51,987.04	51,987.05	51,987.00	51,987.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>128,311.98</u>	<u>186,016.61</u>	<u>158,278.00</u>	<u>164,927.00</u>
Less Water Bond Payment	51,987.04	51,987.05	51,987.00	51,987.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>76,324.94</u>	<u>134,029.56</u>	<u>106,291.00</u>	<u>112,940.00</u>
<b>Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 25,986.89</u>	<u>\$ (30,371.61)</u>	<u>\$ (5,063.36)</u>	<u>\$ (8,930.36)</u>

**Notes:**

**As of December 31, 2015 water delinquencies total \$5,812.26**

**Metered Water Rent 2015:** Some income was posted to Annual Water Rent.

**Annual Water Rent 2015:** Rates were increased by 2%.

**Professional Fees 2015:** Over due to fees paid to structural engineer regarding water tank.

**Annual Water Rent 2016:** Rates will be increased at least 2% but will be determined by Water Commissioners in early 2016.

**Salaries & Wages 2016:** 1.5% increase to \$26.60/hour.

**Insurance 2015:** Includes 1st quarter 2016 payment due 1/1/16 \$671.50.

**Special Projects 2016:** Mop up mapping (locate shut offs not found yet). Cover Water Department work on tank top repair. Continue replacing 3/4" line with 1 1/4" line.

**Professional Fees 2016:** Line item increased for attorneys, engineers and experts on water tank issue.

**CAPITAL BUDGET 2016**

Capital Budget Categories	2015 Balance		2015 Raised		2015 Transfer Between Funds	2015 Actual		2016 To Be Raised		2016 Proposed	
	Forward	10,951	Taxes	10,000		Spending	Forward	Taxes	Spending	Balance	
Bridges & Culverts	10,951	10,000	-	-	-	20,951	-	-	-	20,951	
Highway	11,137	-	-	10,000	-	1,137	-	-	-	1,137	
Mountain Rd Rebuilding	1,047	-	-	-	-	1,047	-	-	-	1,047	
Highway Rebuilding	-	100,000	-	83,781	-	16,219	150,000	55,000	111,219		
Town Hall	56,737	75,000	-	131,038	-	699	75,000	75,000	699		
Furnace Replacement	-	6,000	-	-	-	6,000	4,000	-	10,000		
Railroad Station	1,101	-	-	-	-	1,101	-	-	1,101		
Fire & Rescue	125,146	-	-	-	-	125,146	-	-	125,146		
Misc. Buildings	2,860	-	-	2,860	-	-	5,000	-	5,000		
Town Common	4,687	-	-	-	-	4,687	-	-	4,687		
Computer Plan	13,678	6,570	-	3,434	-	16,814	7,333	13,028	11,119		
Library-Facility	6,251	1,000	-	757	-	6,494	-	-	6,494		
Playground Equip.	621	-	-	-	-	621	-	-	621		
Police Department	1,033	2,000	-	-	-	3,033	7,000	10,000	33		
Financial Audit	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000		
Transfer Station	2,500	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500		
Milfoil	11,000	5,500	-	-	-	16,500	1,500	-	18,000		
Village Center Enhancement	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 253,749</b>	<b>\$ 211,070</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 231,870</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 232,949</b>	<b>\$ 252,333</b>	<b>\$ 153,028</b>	<b>\$ 332,254</b>		

**Notes for 2016:**

**Highway Rebuilding:** \$150,000, \$50,000 for Quinnbeck Road.

**Town Hall:** \$75,000 for roof repair.

**Furnace Replacement:** \$4,000 to continue saving toward furnaces.

**Misc. Buildings:** \$5,000 for emergency repairs.

**Computer Plan:** \$7,333 toward equipment replacement including a new file server, two computers, one laptop and battery back-ups. Includes upgrade and warranty.

**Police Department:** \$7,000 to add to previous balance for purchase of the police cruiser from Chief Bachus.

**Milfoil:** \$1,500 toward the next treatment.

**Village Center Enhancement:** \$2,500 toward purchase of trees for Village Center or, to be used as matching grant funds.

**Notes for 2015:**

**Highway Rebuilding:** Balance forward includes \$10,000 received from Better Back Roads Grant.

**TOWN OF FAIRLEE**  
**Combined Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances**

	December 31,	
<b>ASSETS</b>	<u><b>2014</b></u>	<u><b>2015</b></u>
Current Assets		
General Fund Checking - Merchants	\$ 1,829,620.73	\$ 1,819,401.33
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Due to/From	<u>(982,212.96)</u>	<u>(1,246,885.95)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>847,457.77</u>	<u>572,565.38</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 847,457.77</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 572,565.38</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Due to School	427,815.00	400,446.00
Due to State for School	388,065.81	461,768.35
Prepaid Property Taxes	-	5,072.62
FWT Payable	597.73	(485.28)
Social Security Payable	1,803.84	(99.88)
Medicare Payable	420.04	(25.14)
State W/H Payable	1,202.91	1,634.65
Health Insurance Payable	2,915.65	3,232.46
State Lic Fees - Marriage	140.00	70.00
State Lic Fees - Dogs	4.00	24.00
State Lic Fees - Hunt/Fish	<u>173.50</u>	<u>43.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>823,138.48</u>	<u>871,680.78</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Fireman's Stock Account	1,782.79	1,966.87
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	43,189.67	49,303.79
Restoration Fees Reserve Fund	8,226.12	7,641.05
Listers' Training Reserve Fund	1,678.85	1,578.63
Railroad Station Fund	17,347.58	17,896.89
Capital Budget Reserve Fund	<u>253,747.52</u>	<u>228,121.01</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>325,972.53</u>	<u>306,508.24</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,149,111.01</u>	<u>1,178,189.02</u>
Fund Balances		
Fund Balances - Prior Years	(22,047.59)	32,079.51
Fund Balances - Current Year	<u>46,366.88</u>	<u>(331,194.91)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>24,319.29</u>	<u>(299,115.40)</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u><u>\$ 847,457.77</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 572,565.38</u></u>

**FAIRLEE WATER DEPARTMENT**  
**Combined Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance**

	December 31,	
ASSETS	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current Assets		
Due from Town	\$ 304,885.62	\$ 278,659.22
Total Current Assets	304,885.62	278,659.22
 Total Assets	 \$ 304,885.62	 \$ 278,659.22

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Fund Balances		
Fund Balance - Prior Years	198,239.60	223,371.71
Restricted Fund Balance - Reserve	81,513.91	86,513.91
Fund Balance - Current Year	25,132.11	(31,226.40)
Total Fund Balances	304,885.62	278,659.22
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 \$ 304,885.62	 \$ 278,659.22



**TOWN OF FAIRLEE  
2015 GRAND LIST  
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED  
AS APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON JULY 27, 2015**

**GRAND LIST:**

Municipal	2,048,492.00
Homestead	700,853.00
Non-Residential	1,347,806.00

**TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED:**

	<b>Grand List x</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>		
General Fund	2,048,492.00	0.3650	\$	747,699.58
Highway Fund	2,048,492.00	0.1019		208,741.33
Water Bond	2,048,492.00	0.0088		18,026.73
Vet Local Agree Rate	2,048,492.00	0.0004		874.00
Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	2,048,492.00	0.0109		22,419.27
Non-Residential Education	1,347,806.00	1.5212		2,050,282.49
Homestead Education	700,853.00	1.7478		1,224,950.87
Total Taxes Assessed & Billed:				4,272,994.28
Late HS-131 Penalty		-		-
			\$	<u>4,272,994.28</u>

Municipal Tax Rate	0.4871
Total Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.0082
Total Homestead Tax Rate	2.2348

**TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:**

<b>Collections:</b>	
General Fund	\$ 731,638.98
Highway Fund	204,257.57
Water Bond	17,639.52
Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	21,937.71
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	855.22
Non-Residential Educ.	2,006,242.37
Homestead Educ.	1,198,638.90
Total Collections	4,181,210.27
Delinquent to Collector	91,784.02
Total Taxes Accounted For:	<u>\$ 4,272,994.28</u>

**VETERANS EXEMPTIONS:** \$ 100,000.00

**DELINQUENT TAXES:**

Submitted to Treasurer,	
Delinquent for 2012	6,314.53
Delinquent for 2013	2,504.59
Delinquent for 2014	25,904.63
Delinquent for 2015	57,060.27
Total Delinquent Taxes 12/31/15:	<u>\$ 91,784.02</u>

Sworn to this 21st day of January 2016

Jason Bachus

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2016  
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Fairlee, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Samuel Morey Elementary School Gymnasium in the said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the Town Officers' Reports.

Article 3. To elect all necessary officers of the Town and to fill any office that may be vacant, including:

Selectboard Member, for one year  
Selectboard Member, for three years  
First Constable, for one year  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, for one year  
Lister, for three years  
Auditor, for three years  
Budget Committee Member, for three years  
Planning Commission Member, for one year  
Planning Commission Member, for four years  
Cemetery Commissioner, for five years  
Grand Juror, for one year  
Grand Juror, for one year  
Town Agent to Prosecute, for one year  
Library Trustee, for four years  
Library Trustee, for five years  
Recreation Council Member, for one year  
Recreation Council Member, for four years  
Recreation Council Member, for five years

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following appropriations. All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

- a) Five Hundred dollars (\$500) to the American Red Cross for disaster support (CO)
- b) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.) for fuel, food and housing assistance to families (CO)
- c) Six Hundred dollars (\$600) to Central Vermont Council on Aging for senior services including a helpline, transportation and meal delivery (CO)
- d) Four Hundred dollars (\$400) to Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed. Inc. (CO)
- e) One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five dollars (\$1,545) to Clara Martin Center for counseling services (CO)
- f) Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$250) to Cohase Chamber of Commerce for membership (CO)
- g) One Hundred dollars (\$100) to Green Up Vermont (CO)
- h) One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Green Mountain Economic Development (Z)
- i) Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Lake Fairlee Association for milfoil eradication program (CO)

- j) Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) to Little Rivers Health Care for insurance and medical assistance including mobile dental van (CO)
- k) Five Hundred dollars (\$500) to the Mentoring Project for young persons (CO)
- l) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to the Orange County Diversion Program, a cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders (CO)
- m) Two Hundred dollars (\$200) to Orange County Parent Child Center (formerly known as Kids Place) for parenting and family support programs (CO)
- n) Two Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$2,200) to the Orange East Senior Center for providing meal and social services at the center (CO)
- o) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to the Oxbow Senior Independence Program for adult day care services (CO)
- p) Four Hundred Fifty dollars (\$450) to the Rivendell Trails Association for trail maintenance, hikes and education (CO)
- q) One Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$1,500) to Rivendell Rec Association (CO)
- r) Seven Hundred dollars (\$700) to Safeline for a hotline for crisis support and referral services (CO)
- s) One Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,410) to Stagecoach Transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities, and commuters (CO)
- t) Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two dollars (\$35,172) to Upper Valley Ambulance for emergency services (H)
- u) Three Hundred dollars (\$300) to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired for services including rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, social networking and statewide transportation (CO)
- v) One Hundred Fifty-Five dollars (\$155) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living to help Vermonters with disabilities by providing the Meals on Wheels Program, Peer Advocacy Counseling Program and information and referral services (CO)
- w) One Hundred dollars (\$100) to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (CO)
- x) Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$5,250) to the Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH/Hospice of the Upper Valley for home health care and hospice support services to individuals and their families (CO)

- Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee authorize the Selectboard to accept and administer any Federal, State or private grant money?
- Article 6. To act upon the Recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Highway Expenses and to appropriate a sum of money for Highway expenses.
- Article 7. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for the Maintenance and Improvements of the Town Highways for the ensuing year, and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2016 and shall be due and payable on or before October 3, 2016. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.
- Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee rename the name of the Capital Budget Fund “Highway Rebuilding” to “Highway Rebuilding & Repaving”? This is to better identify the use of funds for Highways as needed.
- Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee transfer the funds within the Capital Budget Funds from the “Mountain Rd. Rebuilding” and “Highway” to “Highway Rebuilding & Repaving”?

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee appropriate the following sums to undertake and save for capital improvements within the Town in accordance with the Capital Budget and Program adopted by the Selectboard? All sums have been included in the Town Budget. A sum not to exceed:

- a) \$150,000 towards Highway Rebuilding & Repaving
- b) \$75,000 towards Town Hall
- c) \$4,000 towards Furnace Replacement
- d) \$5,000 towards Misc. Buildings
- e) \$7,333 towards Computer Plan
- f) \$7,000 towards Police Department
- g) \$1,500 towards Milfoil
- h) \$2,500 towards Village Center Enhancement

Article 11. To act upon the recommendations of the Budget Committee as they pertain to Town Expenditures and to appropriate a sum of money for Town Expenses.

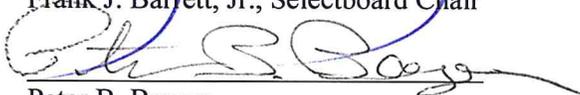
Article 12. To raise such sum of money as may appear necessary for Town Expenses and Indebtedness for the ensuing year and to authorize collection of same by the Town Treasurer under 32 VSA 4791. Property taxes shall be billed on or before September 1, 2016 and shall be due and payable on or before October 3, 2016. Interest shall be at a rate allowed by law and shall be payable on all past due taxes.

Article 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee allow the Recreation Council to establish a system for the sale of non-resident beach passes?

Article 14. To transact any other proper Town business that may come before this meeting.  
a) Discussion on Lake Fairlee Dam Project

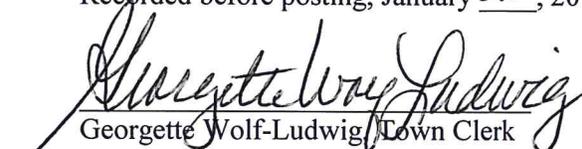
Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Fairlee duly called, noticed and held on January 25, 2016.

  
Frank J. Barrett, Jr., Selectboard Chair

  
Peter B. Berger

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Catherine H. McGrath

Recorded before posting, January 26, 2016

  
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk