

**INFORMATION MEETING**

6:00 PM Monday, February 22, 2016  
Akeley Memorial Building

**VOTING**

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
Stowe High School Gymnasium

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Beginning at 8:00 AM  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
Stowe High School Auditorium

**ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**



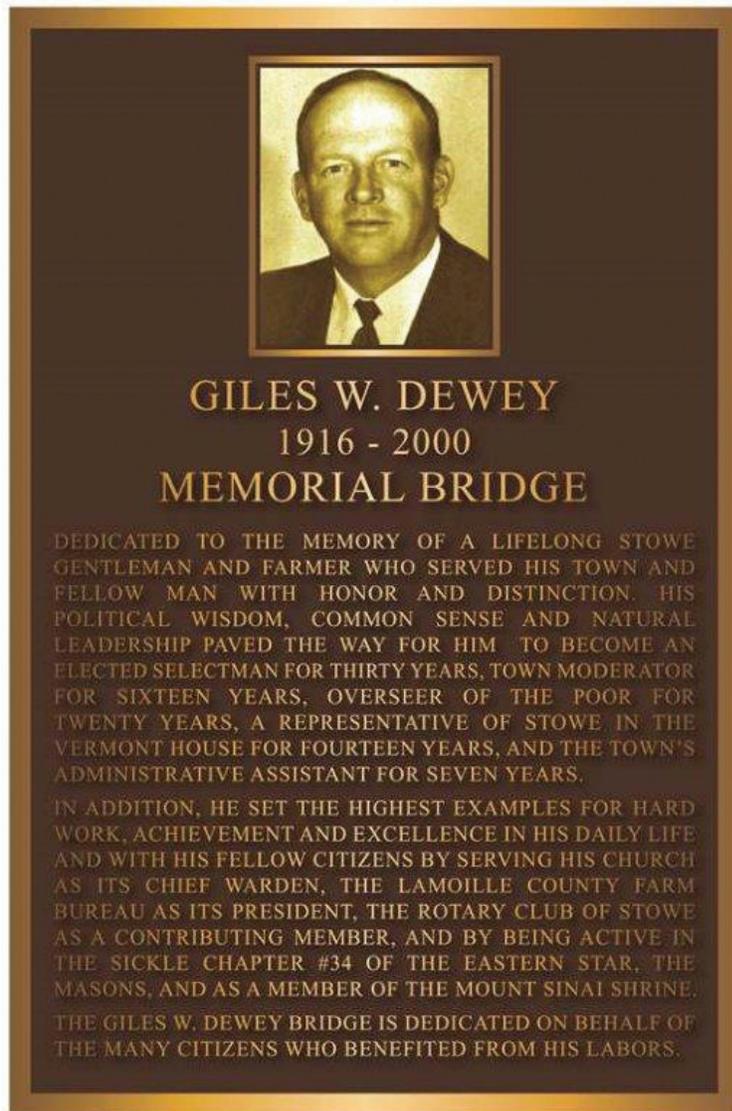
TOWN OF STOWE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR**

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015  
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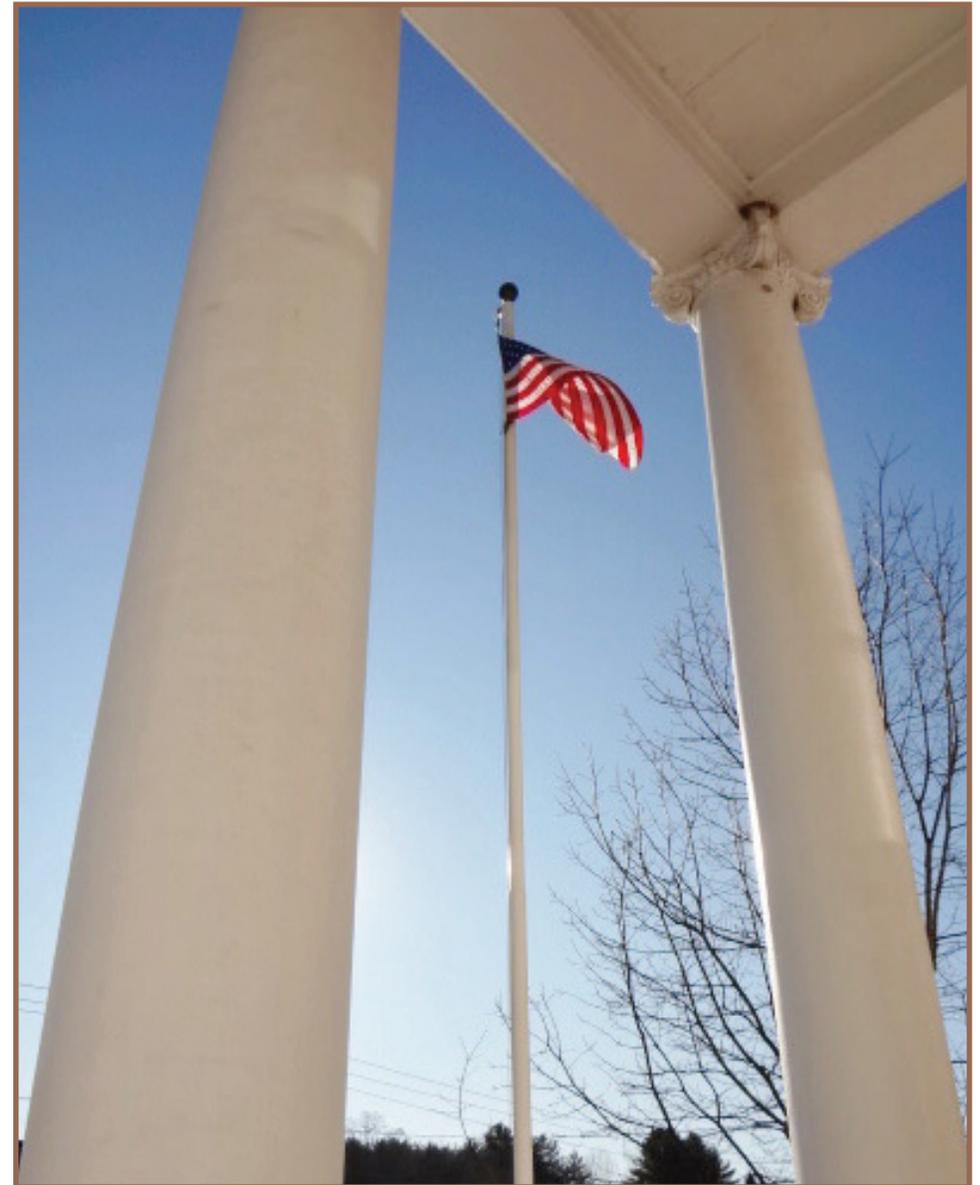
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Upon completion of the Mountain Road/Route 108 bridge project, Former Selectboard member Peter Beck requested that the current Selectboard recognize the 2000 Resolution dedicating the bridge to Giles Dewey. The dedication did not occur in 2000 due to the delay in construction which did not begin until 2015. The bronze plaque shown here will be installed adjacent to the footbridge this Spring.

**Please join the Selectboard in honoring the outstanding achievements of Giles W. Dewey**

Many thanks to Teresa Merelman for our Cover Photo.



*OUR THOUGHTS and PRAYERS are with the MEN AND WOMEN and their families who continue to SERVE OUR COUNTRY, both overseas and here in the United States of America.*

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### ELECTED

#### Town Moderator:

Town Moderator:

Term expires 2016

Leighton C. Detora

#### Selectboard:

Term expires 2016

Term expires 2016

Term expires 2017

Term expires 2018

Term expires 2018

William Adams II

Cornelius Van Dyke

William Noyes

Lisa G. Hagerty

Adam Davis

#### Listers:

Term expires 2016

Term expires 2017

Term expires 2018

Paul E. Percy

Leo V. Clark

Ellen Thorndike

#### School District Moderator

Term expires 2016

Leighton C. Detora

#### School Directors:

Term expires 2016

Term expires 2016

Term expires 2017

Term expires 2018

Term expires 2018

Richard N. Bland

Susan Segal

C. Cameron Page

Emily Bradbury

James Brochhausen

#### Justices of the Peace:

All terms expire January 31, 2017

Mary Black

Marshall Faye

Norman Williams III

Kermit R. Spaulding

Susie Connerty

Lyndall P. Heyer

Elizabeth Lackey

Charles T. Lusk

Mitzi McInnis

Leighton C. Detora

Pall D. Spera

Richard C. Marron

**APPOINTED  
ALL TERMS EXPIRE APRIL 30TH OF THE YEAR**

Cemetery Commissioners:

Term expires 2016	Judy Demeritt
Term expires 2016	Peter Smith
Term expires 2016	Gerry Griffin
Term expires 2016	Karin Gottlieb
Term expires 2017	Donna Adams
Term expires 2017	Barbara Allaire
Term expires 2018	Claire "Skeeter" Austin

Library Trustees:

Term expires 2016	Darla Witmer
Term expires 2016	David Bryan
Term expires 2016	Stefi Clymer
Term expires 2017	Charles Lusk
Term expires 2017	Richard Johannesen Jr.
Term expires 2018	Kim Kaufman
Term expires 2018	Charlotte Maison Kastner

Recreation Commissioners:

Term expires 2016	Tom Ashworth
Term expires 2017	Pascale Savard
Term expires 2017	Norman Williams III
Term expires 2018	Brett Loomis
Term expires 2018	Walter Levering
Term expires 2018	Lynn Altadonna
Term expires 2018	Theresa Wehse

Development Review Board:

Term expires 2016	Michael Diender
Term expires 2016 (Alternate)	Peter Collotta
Term expires 2017	Tyler Mumley
Term expires 2017	Douglas White
Term expires 2017	Tom Hand
Term expires 2018	Chris Walton
Term expires 2018	Nick Lizotte

Planning Commission:

Term expires 2016	Mila Lonetto
Term expires 2016	Chuck Ebel
Term expires 2016	Arnold Ziegel
Term expires 2017	Charles Baraw, Jr.
Term expires 2017	Brian Hamor
Term expires 2018	Robert Davison
Term expires 2018	Neil Percy

Conservation Commission:

Term expires 2016	Andre Blaise
Term expires 2016	Gar Anderson
Term expires 2017	Robert Moore
Term expires 2017	David Jaqua
Term expires 2017	Christine McGowan
Term expires 2018	Marina Meerburg

Historic Preservation Commission:

Term expires 2016	Barbara Baraw
Term expires 2016 (alternate)	George Bambara
Term expires 2017	McKee MacDonald
Term expires 2017	Sarah McLane
Term expires 2018	Gordon Dixon
Term expires 2018 (alternate)	Cindy McKechnie
Term expires 2018	Sam Scofield

Stowe Electric Utility Commissioners:

Term expires 2016	Mary Lintermann
Term expires 2017	Larry Lackey
Term expires 2018	Richard C. Marron

**TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

Town Manager .....Charles Safford  
 Executive Assistant and Clerk to Selectboard ... Susan H. Moeck

Town Clerk/Treasurer & .....Alison A. Kaiser  
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
 Asst. Town Clerk /Asst. Treasurer Megan Gregory, Lisa Walker  
 Deputy Registrars .....Megan Gregory, Lisa Walker,  
 Chris Palermo & Mark Faith

Finance Manager ..... Cindy Fuller  
 Assistant Finance Manager.....Linda Kelly  
 Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist .....Robert McCarthy

Director of Planning .....Tom Jackman  
 Zoning Director .....Richard Baker  
 Acting Zoning Administrator .....Tom Jackman

Secretary to Recreation, Cemetery .....Barbara S. Allaire  
 Commissions and Development Review Board

Public Works Director/Town Engineer ..... Harry Shepard  
 Assistant Public Works Director..... Richard Grogan  
 Assistant Town Engineer ..... Chris Jolly

Road Commissioner .....Charles Safford  
 Highway Superintendent ..... Stephen J. Bonneau  
 Highway Foreman.....Daren Small  
 Road Crew: John Allen, Eric Bates, Melvin Wells, Joe Martin,  
 Jasson Wells, Archie "Bunker" Hodgdon, Todd Barup  
 Town Mechanic .....Greg Adams

Fire Chief .....Mark Sgantas  
 First Assistant Chief.....Mark Walker  
 Second Assistant Chief .....John Schnee  
 Captains ..... Kyle Walker & Scott Reeves  
 Fire Director..... Wendall Mansfield

Police Chief ..... Donald B. Hull  
 Patrol Sergeants: Steve Stewart, Bruce Merriam.; Patrol Corporal:  
 David Knight and Christopher Rogers; Detective: Frederick Whitcomb; Patrol  
 Division: Bruce Emerson, Kyle Walker, Neil Mogerley, Scott Kirkpatrick,  
 Ryan Cashin; Zachary Smith; Technology Officer: Darron Tabor  
 Part-Time Officers: Matthew Andrews, Francis Gonyaw, Pierce Reid,  
 David Selby, Jon Zygmuntowicz, Michael Dougherty, Andre Labier, Steve  
 Holbrook, Christian Mellen, Chris Jones, Adam Pockette, Zachary Isham

Wastewater Superintendent ..... Greg Lewis  
 Chief Plant Operator ..... Bryan Longe  
 Plant Operator.....Mark Stirewalt  
 Plant Operator .....Jesse Wilkesman  
 Lead Lab Technician ..... Gwyn Wilkins-Mandigo  
 Water Superintendent..... Richard Grogan  
 Chief Water Plant Operator ..... Michael Mandigo  
 Water Plant Operator ..... Allen Ross

Parks & Recreation Director..... Matthew Frazee  
 Program Director .....Emily Boek  
 Administrative Assistant..... Nicole Adams

Arena Superintendent ..... Tony Whitaker  
 Arena Foreman ..... Steve Demeritt  
 Arena Attendant/Groundskeepers.... Sam Black & Jeff Baumann  
 Parks Superintendent ..... Bruce Godin  
 Parks Foreman ..... Michael Manning  
 Parks Seasonal Laborers ..... Jack Bent,  
 Michael Hall, Robert Hepburn, Michael Hughes, Jay Leonard,  
 Samantha Vance

Electric Department:

General Manager ..... Ellen Burt  
 Controller ..... Kevin Weishaar  
 Director of Operations ..... Doug Haselton  
 Business & Customer Care..... Patricia Waugh  
 Office Manager ..... Lily Burgess  
 Systems Administrator ..... James Brewster  
 Mgr. of Regulatory Compliance ..... Matt Rutherford  
 Accountant ..... Tracy West  
 Billing Clerk ..... Bethany Hackwell  
 Billing/Customer Service ..... Tammy Hammond  
 Working Foreman ..... Steve Cutler  
 1st Class Lineman ..... Silas Power  
 1st Class Lineman ..... Adam Fortunati  
 1st Class Lineman..... Evan Bilodeau  
 2nd Class Lineman ..... Willie McAllister  
 2nd Class Lineman ..... Tim Percy  
 Meter Reader ..... Randall Mandigo

EMS Director ..... Scott Brinkman  
 EMS Provider/Adm. Assistant..... Larry (Duke) Rhodes  
 EMS Paramedic ..... Chris Bowles  
 Stowe Rescue Volunteer Association Chair..... Tim Lambert

Library:

Director ..... Cindy Weber  
 Children's Librarian/Assistant Director..... Julie Pickett  
     Program and Systems Librarian..... Kelly McElligott  
     Circulation Librarian ..... Jessica Psaros  
     Technical Services Librarian..... Margot O'Connell  
 Custodian ..... Peter Smith  
 Akeley Memorial Building/Public Safety Facility Custodian  
     Robert Hoadley

Other Appointments

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management

District Supervisor ..... Willie Noyes  
 Health Officer ..... Richard Baker  
 Deputy Health Officer ..... Tom Jackman

State Public Health Veterinarian.....Robert Johnson, DVM  
1-800-640-4374 or 253-4426(h)

Constable ..... Donald Hull

Grand Juror ..... Mark Kolter

Agent to Convey Real Estate .....Charles Safford

Fence Viewers.....David Bryan, Bud McKeon, William Kelk

Tree Warden ..... Charles T. Lusk

Town Fire Warden .....Mark Walker

Deputy Fire Warden ..... Kyle Walker

Appraiser for the Board of Listers ..... Tim Morrissey

Town Service Officer ..... (vacant)

Lamoille County Planning Commission Reps

Brian Leven, Chandler Matson

LCPC Transportation Advisory Committee .....Tom Jackman,  
Chris Jolly, Alternate

LCPC Brownsfield Committee Rep .....Tom Jackman

LECP Lamoille Emergency Planning Committee ..... Ed Stewart

Alternate..... Derek Libby

Stowe Transit Advisory Committee....Tom Jackman, Rob Moore;

Richard Marron, Robert Apple, Ed Stahl, Sheri Baraw

Stowe Land Trust Rep .....Tom Jackman

Green Mountain Byway Steering Comm. Co-Chair ....Tom Jackman

Green Up Day CoordinationTom Jackman/Conservation Comm.

Emergency Management Coordinator ..... Ed Stewart

E 9-1-1 Address Contact Person .....Richard Baker

Sheriff's Advisory Board Rep.....Lisa Hagerty

## **STOWE COMMUNITY VISION**

*“Stowe is a small New England resort town that exhibits a pride of place and sense of community characterized by a healthy natural environment including forested mountains, an agrarian landscape and historic compact village settlements; a tradition of hospitality; a respect for historic precedent; a dedication to protect and enhance its scenic resources by maintaining the unique context, scale and visual patterns that define the landscape; a vibrant recreation-based economy which maintains the town’s historic character and traditional standard of quality; a strong community spirit reflective of the town’s sense of security and diverse population; and a wealth of educational, cultural and social opportunities which sustain an enviable way of life.”*  
( 2015 Town Plan)

The 2015 Town Plan can be obtained at [www.townofstowevt.org](http://www.townofstowevt.org) or by calling the Planning Office at 253-2705.

**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING**  
**TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to vote by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Stowe High School Gym. The polls shall open at seven o'clock in the morning, (7:00 a.m.), and shall close at seven o'clock in the evening, (7:00 p.m.), during which time the following articles are to be acted upon:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meetings and Moderator of the School District Meetings, respectively.  
Australian Ballot

Article 2: To elect all Town officers as required by law, to wit:  
a. One Selectboard member for a three (3) year term.  
b. One Selectboard member for a two (2) year term.  
c. One Town Lister for a three (3) year term.  
Australian Ballot

Article 3: To elect all School Directors of the Stowe Town School District:  
a. One for a term of three (3) years.  
b. One for a term of two (2) years.  
Australian Ballot

Article: 4 Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$12,363,600, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,566 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.8% higher than spending for the current year.  
Australian Ballot

Article 5: Shall the voters approve the concept for a building not to exceed 30'W x 50'L x 23'H with the appearance of a farm building, to be located in the southern portion of Mayo Farm

Field “L”, also known as the “Polo Fields”, directly across the small stream that separates Field L from Field K and approximately 50’ from the top of the bank, to be used for storage and daytime recreational activities, including the provision of shelter during inclement weather, with a small fenced area to screen a sanitary toilet facility?

Australian Ballot

ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,  
Vermont, dated this 25th day of  
January, 2016.

WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II  
WILLIAM NOYES  
LISA HAGERTY  
ADAM DAVIS  
CORNELIUS VAN DYKE

ATTEST:

The School Directors,  
Stowe School District,  
Vermont, dated this 25th  
day of January, 2016.

C. CAMERON PAGE  
EMILY BRADBURY  
JAMES BROCHHAUSEN  
RICHARD BLAND  
SUSAN SEGAL





**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**STOWE VERMONT**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Stowe and the legal voters of the Stowe School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Stowe High School Auditorium on TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 at 8:00 AM to act upon any of the following articles not involving Australian Ballot:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

- Article: 1 Will the voters accept the annual report of the School Directors as presented?
- Article : 2 Will the voters authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and receipt of returns from the State for such purposes, evidenced by notes of the District for that purpose?
- Article : 3 Will the voters authorize the payment of its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?
- Article : 4 Will the voters authorize the Stowe School Board of School Directors to apply four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2016-2017 school year budget, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the school district's capital projects fund for the purpose of building improvement and repairs, and establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the above amounts?
- Article : 5 To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**TOWN MEETING:**

Article 1: Shall the voters approve the Selectboard's proposed General Fund Budget of eleven million three hundred seventy two thousand one hundred ninety three dollars (\$11,372,193) of which eight million six hundred one thousand five hundred thirty six dollars (\$8,601,536) is to be raised by property taxes and two million seven hundred seventy thousand six hundred fifty seven dollars (\$2,770,657) is to be funded by non-tax revenues?

Department	Budget Request
Accounting	\$ 255,653
Administration	\$ 438,775
Akeley Memorial Bldg	\$ 167,483
Annual Leave Reserve Fund Transfer	\$ 120,000
Cemetery	\$ 15,731
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 324,578
Community Affairs	\$ 100,522
Cultural Campus	\$ 75,262
Debt Management	\$ 1,188,128
Elections	\$ 6,229
Emergency Management	\$ 2,382
EMS	\$ 545,584
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	\$ 400,000
Fire	\$ 221,577
General Government	\$ 527,447
Highway	\$ 2,119,122
Insurance	\$ 188,224
Library	\$ 571,358
Listers	\$ 110,807
Mountain Rescue	\$ 20,138
Parks	\$ 522,166
Planning	\$ 144,039
Police	\$ 1,708,370
Public Safety Building	\$ 139,269
Public Works Administration	\$ 327,189
Recreation	\$ 477,675
Solid Waste	\$ 550
Stowe Arena	\$ 499,534
Street Lights	\$ 18,294
Zoning	\$ 136,107

Article 2: Shall the voters approve the Selectboard allocating six hundred ten thousand dollars (\$610,000) of the accumulated Capital Fund for the following capital projects:

Fire Department – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	\$ 188,000
Phase II – West Branch Little River Management Project	\$ 150,000
Temporary Sidewalk Repairs – Depot St. & South Main St.	\$ 42,000
Recreation Path Reconstruction/Overlay 2,100 feet +/-	\$ 80,000
Lower Village Sidewalk/River Rd. Intersection Improvements – FY 17 contribution	\$ 150,000

Article 3: Will the Town in Town Meeting adopt the provisions of Title 32 VSA Section 3840 providing for the exemption of real estate from taxation for an additional period of five years to a portion of property owned and used by Mystic Lodge 56, Free and Accepted Masons?

Article 4: Shall the voters approve compensating each of its five (5) Selectboard members three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for their service in the ensuing year, each of the three (3) Listers two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for their service in the ensuing year, and the Moderator seventy-five dollars (\$75) for each annual or special town meeting over which the moderator presides?

Article 5: To hear and to act on the report of the Town officers and the Auditor's report for the budget period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Article 6: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ATTEST:  
The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,  
Vermont, dated this 25th day of  
January, 2016.

ATTEST:  
The School Directors,  
Stowe School District,  
Vermont, dated this 25th  
day of January, 2016.

WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II  
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RICHARD BLAND  
SUSAN SEGAL

## TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

### NOTICE TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information about the Town and School District Meeting. If you have other questions, ask your Town Clerk (802)253-6133 or call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

**REGISTER TO VOTE!** Go to your Town Clerk's office. You must apply by 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 24, 2016, if you want to vote in the Town and School District Meeting. Check to make sure your name appears on it. **NO PARTY REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY!** You don't have to tell anyone which party you favor.

The only time you will be asked to affiliate with a party will be at the primary elections. You will be asked to choose a party ballot to establish a slate for the general election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE!** If you will be out of town on Town and School District Meeting Day, are ill or disabled, (or if you reside in an institution, are in school or the military), apply at your Town Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. February 29, 2016. **SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED!** You can see the ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots will be posted no later than **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016.**

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

#### Check-In:

1. Go to an entry checklist table.
2. Give your name and residence, if asked, to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

#### Enter:

1. Enter within the guardrail and do not leave until you have voted.
2. An election official will hand you a ballot.
3. Go to a vacant booth.

#### Mark Your Ballot:

Darken the oval to the right of the choice you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many persons to vote for (EXAMPLE: "Vote for not more than two.)

#### Write-Ins:

To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot. Also darken the oval to the right of the name you have written in so that it may be tallied.

**Check-Out:**

1. Go to the exit checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**Vote, then Exit:**

1. Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box or the Vote Tabulator.
2. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

**WHAT TO DO IF:**

**YOU ARE NOT ON THE CHECKLIST:** If your name has been dropped from the checklist and you think it was in error, explain it to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority, or other election officials call an immediate meeting of the members of your local Board of Civil Authority who are present at the polls. They should check thoroughly and correct any error.

If you are still not satisfied, call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

**YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT:** Ask an election official for another. Three ballots are the limit.

**YOU ARE DISABLED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR CANNOT READ:** Have a friend tell an election official. A ballot may be brought out to your car by two officials if you so choose to vote there.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO:**

1. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Try to tell another person how to vote once you are inside the building where voting is taking place.
3. Mislead the Board of Civil Authority as to your or another person's eligibility to vote.
4. Show your marked ballot to others so as to let them know how you voted.
5. Make a mark on your ballot which would identify it as yours.

**PLEASE DO NOT:**

1. Socialize in the voting area, especially when others are in the process of voting.
2. Bring in or leave brochures, buttons or other campaign materials in the polling place.

## ANNUAL MEETING FY 17 FAST FACTS

**Net FY'17 Budget:** The net budget increased from \$8,392,254 in FY'16 to \$8,601,536 in FY'17, an increase of \$209,282 or 2.49%.

**Tax Rate:** The proposed net budget increase is supported by growth in the Grand List and allocation of unallocated fund balance to hold the tax rate at \$0.4040, which is the same as FY'16.

**Grand List:** For budgeting purposes, the Grand List has been projected to increase 2.5% from \$20,772,816 to \$21,292,136. One cent on the tax rate is projected to raise \$212,921 in property taxes.

**Fund Balance:** The General Fund had an estimated fund balance of \$779,773 as of June 30, 2015. Of this amount, \$135,584 is nonspendable inventory and prepaid expenses, \$19,878 is restricted for old age assistance and library development expenses, and \$14,275 is assigned for recreation scholarship and library operation expenses. There is \$227,674 that is assigned to reduce FY'16 property taxes, leaving \$382,363 of undesignated surplus.

**Undesignated Surplus:** The proposed budget allocates \$227,674 to offset taxes in the FY'17 budget and leaves an unallocated fund balance of \$154,689. The \$227,674 is the same amount of fund balance that was used to offset taxes in FY'16. The \$154,689 would be the total amount of unallocated fund balance and equals 1.40% of the proposed FY'17 General Fund Operating Expenditures. An unallocated fund balance is recommended by the auditors to help address emergency spending and stabilize the municipal tax rate.

**Employment Levels:** Ten hours of additional time has been added to the Clerk/ Treasurer's Office for a total of three full-time employees. In addition to the existing three full-time employees, a new full-time paramedic has been budgeted to the Emergency Medical Service Department's budget.

**Pay:** Employees who fall under the Personnel Regulations, Police Association Contract, and the IBEW Agreement are scheduled to receive a 1.5% pay increase, plus any step increase they may be eligible for. The cost of living for these employees is tied to the change in the CPI-U from October 2014 to October 2015.

**Capital Fund:** The FY'17 capital budget is comprised of \$610,000 in proposed projects. The funding for these projects comes from \$550,000 in projected FY'16 local options taxes and \$60,000 from unallocated capital reserves. The proposed projects are:

Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (\$188,000)

Phase II – West Branch Little River Management Project (\$150,000)

Temporary Sidewalk Repairs – Depot & S. Main Street (\$42,000)

Rec Path Reconstruction Overlay 2,100 feet +/- (\$42,000)

Lower Village Sidewalk Improvements (\$50,000)

Mountain Road Village—Phase 2 Design & Permitting (\$150,000)

**Equipment Fund:** The following pieces of equipment are scheduled to be replaced through the Equipment Fund in FY'17:

Highway Dump (\$170,000)

Highway Skid Steer (\$40,000)

Highway Excavator (\$180,000)

Parks 72" Mower (\$14,000)

Parks F-350 4 X 4 Dump (\$40,000)

Police Chief's Vehicle (\$34,000)

Police Patrol Vehicle (\$48,805).

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Town of Stowe  
Comparative Budget Summary Sheet

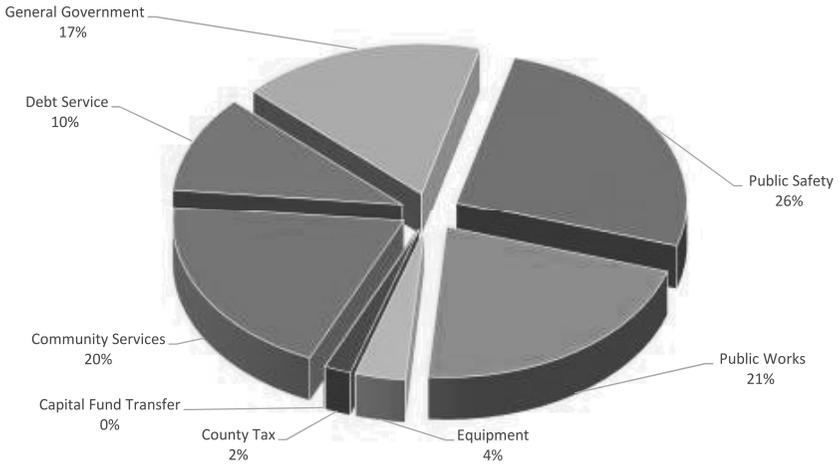
Total Operating Expenditures

Departments	FY15 Adopted	FY15 Actual	FY16 Adopted	FY17 Budget Request	FY16- FY 17 \$ Change (Decrease)	FY16- FY 17 \$ Change (Decrease)
Accounting	284,769	267,486	260,725	255,653	(5,072)	-1.95%
Administration	397,800	404,755	408,465	438,775	30,310	7.42%
Akeley Memorial Building	120,129	126,356	130,541	167,483	36,942	28.30%
Annual Leave Transfer	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	-	0.00%
Capital Fund Transfer	50,000	318,000	40,000	-	(40,000)	-100.00%
Cemetery Commission	14,333	12,428	16,008	15,731	(277)	-1.73%
Clerk ,Town Clerk & Treasurer	295,874	304,780	312,996	324,578	11,582	3.70%
Community Affairs	66,422	66,603	79,522	100,522	21,000	26.41%
Cultural Campus	35,092	35,466	35,937	75,262	39,325	109.43%
Debt Management	1,283,094	1,283,092	1,256,417	1,188,128	(68,289)	-5.44%
Elections	5,357	3,970	3,387	6,229	2,842	83.91%
Emergency Management	2,376	1,416	2,406	2,382	(24)	-1.00%
EMS	429,255	393,087	447,341	545,584	98,243	21.96%
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	390,000	390,000	400,000	400,000	-	0.00%
Fire	219,231	197,855	220,847	221,577	730	0.33%
General Government	554,797	548,900	574,992	527,447	(47,545)	-8.27%
Highway	2,101,057	2,089,126	1,967,045	2,119,122	152,077	7.73%
Insurance	203,951	184,033	209,871	188,224	(21,647)	-10.31%
Library	549,286	578,420	561,995	571,358	9,363	1.67%
Listers	103,519	104,832	105,542	110,807	5,265	4.99%
Mountain Rescue	18,576	16,569	19,689	20,138	449	2.28%
Parks	491,325	472,167	504,833	522,166	17,333	3.43%
Planning Department	133,486	122,524	139,066	144,039	4,973	3.58%
Police	1,648,778	1,602,750	1,657,310	1,708,370	51,060	3.08%
Public Safety Building	142,978	146,930	135,227	139,269	4,042	2.99%
Public Works - Administration	312,144	249,023	327,561	327,189	(372)	-0.11%
Recreation	502,598	480,302	487,366	477,675	(9,691)	-1.99%
Solid Waste	550	500	550	550	-	0.00%
Stowe Arena	510,395	517,060	535,354	499,534	(35,820)	-6.69%
Street Lights	28,252	25,481	28,252	18,294	(9,958)	-35.25%
Zoning	133,707	126,281	133,830	136,107	2,277	1.70%
Expenditure Total:	11,149,131	11,190,193	11,123,075	11,372,193	249,118	2.24%

Total Operating Revenues

Departments	FY15 Adopted	FY15 Actual	FY16 Adopted	FY17 Budget Request	FY16- FY 17 \$ Change (Decrease)	FY16- FY 17 \$ Change (Decrease)
Accounting	20,300	30,765	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%
Administration	633,271	728,450	689,023	745,433	56,410	8.19%
Akeley Memorial Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Leave Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Commission	1,200	545	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
Clerk ,Town Clerk & Treasurer	173,670	167,852	172,916	161,071	(11,845)	-6.85%
Community Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural Campus	1,496	1,299	1,496	1,524	28	1.87%
Debt Management	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	-	0.00%
Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMS	189,000	188,449	201,505	192,505	(9,000)	-4.47%
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire	750	6,667	750	750	-	0.00%
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highway	185,600	233,732	182,500	183,800	1,300	0.71%
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library	29,296	78,832	28,500	27,000	(1,500)	-5.26%
Listers	7,500	7,485	7,500	7,500	-	0.00%
Mountain Rescue	500	-	500	-	(500)	-100.00%
Parks	38,030	58,243	35,743	41,780	6,037	16.89%
Planning Department	2,500	-	2,500	3,500	1,000	40.00%
Police	123,800	124,652	112,000	115,200	3,200	2.86%
Public Safety Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works - Administration	44,000	44,050	47,000	47,000	-	0.00%
Recreation	196,320	198,187	172,205	172,105	(100)	-0.06%
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stowe Arena	397,807	370,441	425,556	416,605	(8,951)	-2.10%
Street Lights	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zoning	47,725	65,410	52,253	56,010	3,757	7.19%
Revenue:	2,442,765	2,655,057	2,503,147	2,542,983	39,836	1.59%
Add Surplus Carry Forward:	612,020	-	227,674	227,674	-	0.00%
Total Revenue:	3,054,785	2,655,057	2,730,821	2,770,657	39,836	1.46%
Net Budget	8,094,346	8,535,136	8,392,254	8,601,536	209,282	2.49%
Town Grand List	20,491,908	20,492,899	20,772,816	21,292,136	519,320	2.5%
Town Tax Rate	\$ 0.3950	\$ 0.3950	\$ 0.4040	\$ 0.4040	\$ 0.4030	(0.0000)

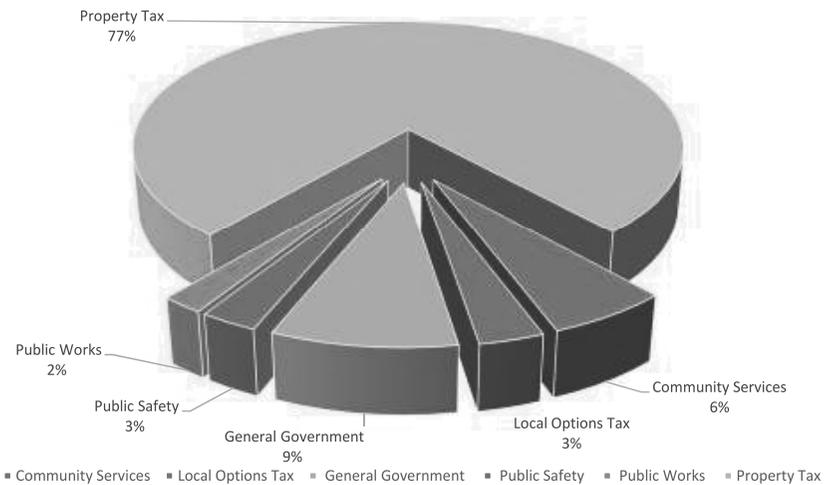
**FY17 Budgeted Expenses - General Fund**



**CATEGORY KEY**

- General Government:** Accounting, Administration, Akeley, Annual Leave, Elections, General Government, Miscellaneous, Insurance, Listers, Planning, Town Clerk, Zoning
- Public Safety:** Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire, Mountain Rescue, Police, Public Safety Building, Dispatch Services
- Public Works:** Highway, Public Works Administration, Solid Waste, Street Lights
- Community Services:** Arena, Community Affairs, Cultural Campus, Library, Parks, Recreation

**FY17 Budgeted Revenues - General Fund**



**FY 17 PROPOSED COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUDGET**

Central VT Adult Ed	\$ 3,500
Capstone (CVCAC)	\$ 800
Central VT Council Aging	\$ 3,000
Childrens Room	\$ 500
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$ 2,750
Green-Up Day	\$ 200
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 1,000
LCNat.ResourceConservation District	\$ 100
Lamoille Eco Dev Corp	\$ 3,000
Lamoille Home Health Assoc	\$12,942
Lamoille Housing Partnership	\$ 250
Lamoille Family Center	\$ 3,000
Lamoille Food Share	\$ 7,000
Lamoille Restorative Center	\$ 1,250
LC Mental Health	\$ 5,000
Meals on Wheels (LENS)	\$ 3,500
Maple Leaf Farm	\$ 3,000
No Country Animal League	\$ 1,000
No Central VT Recovery Center	\$ 1,000
Rural Community Transportation	\$ 2,200
Out & About	\$ 1,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 660
Stowe American Legion	\$ 350
Stowe Historical Society	\$ 4,000
Stowe Land Trust	\$ 6,000
Stowe Performing Arts	\$ 3,000
Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball	\$ 2,000
Stowe Vibrancy	\$20,000
VT Association for the Blind	\$ 500
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 420
VT Rural Protection Task Force	\$ 100
Helen Day Art Center	\$5,000
Stowe Nordic Club	\$2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,522</b>

### 5 YEAR EQUIPMENT FUND

DEPT	VEHICLE	MAKE	PURCHASE YEAR	Next REPLACEMENT Fiscal year	Replacement value	Life Cycle	FY15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Budget	FY 19 Budget	FY 20 Budget	
FIRE	1800 GAL TANKER W2	FREIGHTLINER	2008	2038	220,000	30	-	-	-	-	-	0	
FIRE	SILVERADO UTILITY TRUCK	CHEVY	2003	2018	32,000	15	-	-	-	32,000	-	0	
FIRE	4X4 TRUCK W/PUMP E3	INTERNATIONAL	1986	2016	200,000	30	43	220,000	-	-	-	0	
FIRE	AERIAL LADDER TRUCK T1***	SUTPHEN	1991	2021	300,000	30	-	-	-	-	-	0	
FIRE	2574 TANKER TRUCK W1	INTERNATIONAL	1994	2024	200,000	30	-	-	-	-	-	0	
FIRE	PUMPER TRUCK E1	AMERICAN LAFRANCE	2001	2031	350,000	30	-	-	-	-	-	0	
FIRE	16 ENGINE 2 4x4	INTERNATIONAL	2013	2043	398,000	30	-	-	-	-	-	0	
FIRE	16 RESCUE 1 R1	INTERNATIONAL	1996	2026	300,000	30	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	WHEELOADER 1	JOHN DEERE	2012	2027	135,000	15	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	WHEELOADER 2	JOHN DEERE	2015	2030	150,000	15	120,214	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2012	2024	170,000	12	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	7/9/14	2027	170,000	12	119,126	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	7/9/14	2027	170,000	12	126,386	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 6 WHEELER	INTERNATIONAL	2003	2017	170,000	12	-	-	170,000	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2007	2019	170,000	12	-	-	-	-	170,000	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2009	2021	170,000	12	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2010	2022	170,000	12	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	GRADER	JOHN DEERE	1996	2021	215,000	25	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	772D MOTORGRADER	JOHN DEERE	2005	2030	215,000	25	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP (SHOP)	FORD	2008	2018	35,000	10	-	-	-	35,000	-	0	
HIGHWAY	F-550 1.5 TON DUMP TRUCK	FORD	2011	2021	70,000	10	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP (VILLAGE)	FORD	2014	2024	35,000	10	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	F-250 FOREMAN'S PICKUP	FORD	2011	2016	35,000	5	21	35,000	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	763-SKID STEER LOADER	BOBCAT	2010	2020	34,000	10	-	-	-	-	-	34,000	
HIGHWAY	RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE	JOHN DEERE	2013	2028	80,000	15	-	-	-	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	5600 TURBO WORK MACHINE	BOBCAT	2007	2017	40,000	10	-	-	40,000	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	EXCAVATOR EW17D	VOLVO	2001	2017	180,000	16	-	-	180,000	-	-	0	
HIGHWAY	6215 ROADSIDE MOWER	JOHN DEERE	2008	2023	70,000	15	-	-	-	-	-	0	
MTN RES	K-30 RESCUE - HOMELAND	FORD	2011	2031	85,000	20	-	-	-	-	-	0	
MTN RES	CREW CAB 4WD PICKUP	0	2003	2020	35,000	15	-	-	-	-	-	35,000	
MTN RES	ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	BOMBARDIER	2018	2030	20,000	12	-	-	-	20,000	-	0	
MTN RES	SNOWMACHINE	SKI DOO	2003	2019	16,000	12	-	-	-	-	16,000	0	
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MTN RES	ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	BOMBARDIER	2003	2021	21,000	12	-	-	-	-	-	0	
PARKS	KUBOTA TRACTOR	KUBOTA	2010	2022	32,000	12	-	-	-	-	-	0	
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2014	2022	14,000	8	-	-	-	-	-	0	
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PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2009	2017	14,000	8	-	-	14,000	-	-	0	
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2010	2018	14,000	8	-	-	-	14,000	-	0	
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2011	2019	14,000	8	-	-	-	-	14,000	0	
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER	EXMARK	2012	2020	14,000	8	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	
PARKS	KUBOTA UTILITY	0	2008	2018	20,000	10	-	-	-	20,000	-	0	
PARKS	SKID STEER	GEHL	2008	2018	25,000	10	-	-	-	25,000	-	0	
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP	FORD 2 wheel drive	2004	2016	25,000	10	11	25,000	-	-	-	0	
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP	FORD 2 wheel drive	2006	2016	25,000	10	11	25,000	-	-	-	0	
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP - 4x4	FORD 4x4	2008	2018	35,000	10	-	-	-	35,000	-	0	
PARKS	F-350 DUMP 4x4	FORD 4x4	2007	2017	40,000	10	-	-	40,000	-	-	0	
PARKS	F-250 PICKUP - 4x4	FORD	2015	2025	30,000	10	28,979	-	-	-	-	0	
PARKS	F-350 DUMP 4x4	FORD	2013	2023	35,000	10	-	-	-	-	-	0	
PARKS	SNOWMACHINE & GROOMER	SKANDIC SWIT	2012	2022	17,000	10	-	-	-	-	-	0	
ARENA	ZAMBONI 548	ZAMBONI	10/29/13	2032	97,000	18	-	-	-	-	-	0	
POLICE 1	UNMARKED CRUISER	FORD	2014	2022	30,000	8	-	-	-	-	-	0	
POLICE 2	CHIEF SMALL SUV	FORD	2009	2017	34,000	8	-	-	34,000	-	-	0	
POLICE 3	PATROL SUV (SUPERVISORS)	CHEVY	2011	2017	48,805	6	-	-	48,805	-	-	0	
POLICE 4	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2014	2018	48,805	4	-	-	-	48,805	-	0	
POLICE 5	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2012	2016	48,805	4	-	48,805	-	-	-	48,805	
POLICE 6	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2015	2019	48,805	4	37,116	-	-	-	48,805	0	
POLICE 7	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2012	2016	48,805	4	-	48,805	-	-	-	48,805	
RESCUE 1	AMBULANCE -1	International/Osage	2012	2021	186,000	9	-	-	-	-	-	0	
RESCUE 2	AMBULANCE -2	FORD	2003	2012	230,000	9	-	-	230,000	-	-	0	
RESCUE 3	ALS1	CHEVY	41899	2024	50,000	9	48,330	-	-	-	-	0	
							Annual Expense:	492,606	628,810	526,805	229,805	248,805	197,610
							Beginning Fund Balance:	458,063	357,012	128,402	11,597	201,792	382,987
							General Fund Transfer:	390,000	400,000	410,000	420,000	430,000	440,000
							Other Expenditures:	-	-	-	-	-	-
							Other Revenues:	1,555	-	-	-	-	-
							Ending Fund Balance:	357,012	128,402	11,597	201,792	382,987	625,377

## **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Fiscal year 2015 was an exceptionally busy and productive year for all Town departments. The highlights are as follows:

### **Public Works Department**

#### **Bridges**

In 2015, one of the most challenging undertakings was the Dewey Bridge Replacement Project on Rt. 108. The Selectboard is pleased to report that the project was completed on time and within budget. The complex reconstruction of the bridge was made fiscally possible through a combination of Federal, State and local funding. Federal and State monies funded 95% of the project cost with a 5% contribution from our capital project funds. The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) led the project with the cooperation of our Police, Public Works and Water Departments. This multi-partner collaboration was a key contributing factor in the successful implementation of the multifaceted components of this significant piece of work. The project highlighted several traffic flow challenges that exist in Stowe and these discoveries are informing discussions and planning on how to best manage the increasing congestion and flow of traffic through our community. During the project, traffic flow was managed through a combined effort from VTrans, Town Departments, and Contractor's Crane Service who served as the general contractor. On behalf of the Town of Stowe, the Selectboard sincerely thanks the community for their patience and support during the necessary periods of intersection management and traffic detours.

The Heyer Bridge was reconstructed by the Stowe Highway Department. The Moscow Bridge received extensive repairs following damage caused by a vehicular accident. VTrans started the Gables Bridge project in the fall with an anticipated summer 2016 completion. As with the Dewey Bridge project, the water main on the Gables Bridge needed to be relocated prior to any bridge construction start. Our Public Works and Water Departments completed the water main relocation this fall.

#### **Waterways**

The Little River Restoration Project Phase 1 was undertaken and completed this summer. Phase 2 is scheduled for summer 2016. The project was split into two phases primarily for funding reasons. Phase 1 was partially funded with a grant from the USDA agricultural fund totaling \$433,602. \$137,000 in local funds completed the project. Phase 2, with an estimated cost of \$550,000, has found funding thru an Ecosystem Restoration Grant in the amount of \$400,000. The remaining amount of \$150,000 is proposed to be funded through the Capital Fund. Total Phase 1 and 2 costs are estimated to

be 1.2 million dollars with \$833,000 coming from grants and \$287,000 from local option tax dollars.

Stowe's Public Works Director and Town Planning Director have worked extremely hard on these projects to obtain grant monies and obtain permits. The Recreation Path is an instrumental asset to our community and its preservation is vital to our infrastructure. These grants not only allowed us to fix a serious problem but hopefully protect the Path for many years to come. A special "thank you" from the Selectboard to Paul Percy for his energy and support on this project.

### **Roadways**

Voters approved monies for paving in 2015 to fix a section of the 108/100 intersection. The intersection paving project was coordinated with the bridge completion project and gave a much needed finishing touch to the village intersection. Luce Hill Road was paved from the Barrows Road intersection to Trapp Family Lodge.

Roadway intersection discussions were a significant topic this year. The Dewey Bridge construction gave us an opportunity to evaluate traffic flow situations and the impact of a light at the West Hill/Rte.100 Intersection. Many citizens remarked that it helped the flow of traffic from West Hill Rd. onto Rte. 100 at certain times of the day, and a left turn lane was needed north bound on Rte. 100. VTrans has committed to do a study of the intersection to evaluate the alternatives for intersection improvements and work with the community on identifying a preferred alternative. This is the first step in the eligibility process to obtain federal funding for intersection improvements.

The Luce Hill Rd. intersection with Rte. 108 is to change. VTrans is proposing a T style intersection. The Selectboard and local property owners have approved the intersection changes. VTrans is currently working on easements and other related matters.

Commencing during 2017, VTrans is planning on reconstructing Rte. 100 from the Interstate to the town line in Lower Village. There was an initial proposal to introduce a north bound left turn lane on Rte. 100 at the Moscow intersection. However, following residents voicing concerns about safety, discussions ensued resulting in a suggestion of the development of a roundabout system for this intersection. Consequently, the Selectboard has asked VTrans to cancel their proposal for a left hand turn lane. VTrans has committed to a more comprehensive study of the intersection to evaluate alternatives and work with the community on deciding on a preferred alternative. This process will help us obtain federal funding for more substantive intersection improvements.

## **Planning**

Our town departments, commissions and volunteer organizations play an important role in the planning and development of community projects. The Planning Commission's two year revision of the Town Plan was presented and accepted by the Selectboard. The Stowe Town Plan builds upon Stowe's past planning efforts to manage growth, protect scenic, historic and natural resources, and maintain a vibrant economy. The Cady Hill Management Plan was finalized in a cooperative agreement between Stowe Land Trust and the Town. Stowe Vibrancy presented "Stowe 2020 A Vision for Stowe Village". The Plan was developed by the Stowe Village Vision Task Force, a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers. The plan will serve as a basis for directing the work to be done by Stowe Vibrancy over the next five years. In support of the continued work of the Town in advancing "Stowe 2020", the Town in cooperation with Stowe Vibrancy intends to apply for downtown designation. This will help provide additional grant funding opportunities that will further enhance our community. The Lower Village sidewalk planning continues to move forward; an application for grant funding had been submitted to the State to assist the Town in meeting the anticipated project cost. The Lower Village sidewalk project is being proposed for 2016 -17 to be coordinated with the Rte. 100 paving project.

The Stowe Electric Department (SED) is pursuing a 1MW solar array project in Nebraska Valley. A special town vote held on January 19<sup>th</sup> resulted in a "yes" vote for the project. SED will lease Town owned land (reclaimed portion of the gravel pit) for 25 years with a total value of \$550,000. SED will borrow monies in the amount of \$3.1 million from a low interest bearing bond to be paid for by SED rate payers. The project will begin construction in the spring of 2016.

## **Parks and Recreation**

The Selectboard asked the recreation committee to evaluate two projects previously approved and partially funded by the voters, the polo field shelter and the skate board park. The polo field shelter was deemed to be an important project to move forward. The project scope has been further developed in planning and a concept proposal is in front of the voters at Town Meeting. The skate board park project funding was unallocated due primarily to unavailable land. The money will be available for future allocation for a different project(s).

## **Communications Infrastructure**

The Selectboard supported an application from ATT to erect a cell tower on private land with access from the Haul Road. Verizon has applied to the public service board for placement of a tower on the north hill ridge in the town of Waterbury. Some Stowe residents have asked the Selectboard to seek party status as part of the application review and we have done so. We continue to monitor and weigh in on the proposal.

## **Sewer and Water**

The Sewer and Water Departments continue to play a key role in the growth of the community. The state is requesting the town increase their water reserves for peak demand. As a result the –Public Works Department is evaluating the best way to do so. Water Department customers continue to see an annual 8% increase in rates to cover past debt from previous infrastructure investments.

The capacity of our sewer plant has been a driving force in the allowance of growth at Stowe Mountain Resort and other businesses throughout the sewer district. Our Public Works Department and Sewer Departments play a vital role in the delivery of services provided by the Sewer district. Managing a sewer system in today’s world is complex. Compliance with state regulations, managing existing contracts and demand coupled with ensuing preparedness for future developments is a time consuming endeavor. We appreciate and thank our Town departments for their commitment and diligence during a very busy year of complex development projects.

## **Fire and Rescue**

The EMS Director, Fire Chief and Stowe Rescue made a presentation to the board on the impact of the changing environment of volunteerism in the Fire and Rescue services. The challenges of volunteer retention and recruitment present some concerns in relation to the future capacity of the Stowe services. Our Fire and Rescue Departments are staffed primarily with volunteers who give a significant amount of time to the community and we sincerely appreciate their service. The Selectboard recognizes the critical need for an effective and efficient service for the community and are working very closely with the EMS Department and Stowe Rescue to enable us to take the necessary action to secure the future of these vital services. All parties involved recognize there are challenges ahead and are working collaboratively to ensure effective service planning to meet both the short and long term needs of our community.

## **New Town Website**

The Town of Stowe [www.townofstowevt.org](http://www.townofstowevt.org) introduced a new municipal web site design and format. New features include Quick Links for easy online payments or stay connected by signing up for special email notifications such as traffic alerts, tax payment reminder or zoning permits issued. The website information, documents and meeting agendas are consolidated in a format that provides easy navigation to assist you in learning about your town not only for residents but for visitors as well or those researching business opportunities. Thank you to our Web Site Task Force - Susan Moeck, Rich Baker, Megan Gregory, Lisa Hagerty, David Jaqua, Mary Evslin and Ed Stahl.

### **Service Acknowledgements**

Congratulations to Marcia Smith who retired from our Stowe Library staff after volunteering for 19 years and employed for another 15 years. We sincerely say “thank you” for your dedicated service. Best Wishes to the Recreation Department’s Assistant Tessa Massett who left to pursue a career in program development. We are saddened at the passing of Diane Darling who retired from Stowe Electric this past year after 14 years.

The Selectboard would like to thank all volunteers, employees, tax payers and citizens that work together for the betterment of Stowe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Adams, Chair  
Willie Noyes, Vice Chair  
Lisa Hagerty  
Adam Davis  
Neil Van Dyke

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If you haven't had a chance, please check out our new Town of Stowe website. We hope that you not only find it very informative and a useful tool but pleasing to the eye as well. There is a ton of information, documents and forms consolidated in a format that provides easy navigation to assist you in learning about your town not only for residents but for our visitors as well on the "Visitors" tab. And for those researching business opportunities, there is helpful information on the "Business" tab. We believe you will find our new site a valuable instrument in discovering more about Stowe and Stowe government. You can now "Stay Connected" by signing up for special email notifications. There are "Quick Links" for Online Payments or for easy access to zoning applications and of course a calendar to let you know when the next meeting is. Also, all information and features are accessible in a neat mobile format.



## STOWE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Stowe Cemetery Commission is a seven member board appointed by the Select Board and responsible for the regulation and maintenance of the Town of Stowe's seven cemeteries: Sterling, Old Ivory Luce, Old Yard, Old Mansfield, Thomas Luce, West Branch and Riverbank. The commission members are Gerry Griffin, Karin Gottlieb, Judy Demeritt, Skeeter Austin, Treasurer, Barbara Allaire, Secretary, Peter Smith, Vice Chair, and Donna Adams, Chair. The Cemetery Superintendent is Bruce Godin, attending to grounds and building maintenance with the town parks crew and arranging work with cemetery contractors, funeral directors, and other persons using the cemeteries. West Branch and Riverbank are currently used for burials, and lots are available in Riverbank Cemetery only.

Stone restoration takes the largest part of our budget and the commission has focused on Old Yard memorial restoration for the past few years because of its many old and leaning tablets. We anticipate that the majority of that work will be done by summer 2016. West Branch Cemetery has had a lot of dangerous trees removed and we plan to replant there in the spring. Some Riverbank trees have been removed and replaced as they became potential hazards to people and memorials, and more will be done as money becomes available.

We invite members of the public to view the historic Victorian hearses housed in the former garage next to the White House at Riverbank Cemetery and read the brochures located in the kiosks there and at Old Yard and West Branch. The information located therein should be enlightening to those interested in the history of Stowe. In addition, Pat Haslam's book, "The Annotated Cemetery Book II, Stowe, Vermont 1798-1915:Four Record Books" is for sale at the Town Clerk's office and on the town website.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month and welcome public input.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Adams

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Among its roles and responsibilities, the Stowe Conservation Commission's number one priority is the stewardship of town-owned conserved properties. These include:

- Sterling Forest (1,530 acres)
- Cady Hill Forest (320 acres, including what was formerly known as Macutchan Forest)
- Mayo Farm (235 acres)
- Sunset Rock (32 acres)
- Sterling Gorge Conservation Lot (3.7 acres) (provides a buffer for Sterling Gorge)
- Moscow Recreation Field (4.7 acres)

In addition, the Town also co-holds conservation easements with Stowe Land Trust on the following properties:

- Adams Camp (513 acres)
- Bingham Falls (73 acres)
- Nichol's Field (37 acres)
- Burnham Farm public access easement (107 acres)

Even though they are not owned by the Town, as co-holder of the easements, we have a shared responsibility with SLT to steward these properties.

The Commission was involved in the following activities in 2015:

### **Conservationist of the Year Award**

At the annual Town Meeting in March, the Commission presented its Conservationist of the Year award to Charlie Berry, Stowe Land Trust Director Emeritus, in recognition of over 25 years of leadership in the conservation of scenic, recreational, and productive farm and forest lands in the greater Stowe area.

### **Green-up Day**

The Commission coordinated the most successful Green-Up Day ever on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with over 200 people participating and over one ton of trash picked up. New this year was a parallel initiative called "Doodie Day" during which volunteers picked up 160 pounds of dog poop along the Stowe Rec Path. We look forward to continuing this effort and invite everyone to join us on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Sunset Grille and Taproom, starting at 8:00 AM.

### **Cady Hill Forest**

The Stowe Mountain Bike Club (SMBC) has had a signed MOU with the Town of Stowe since 2005, designating it as the official trail corridor manager for the mountain bike networks in Cady Hill Forest and Sterling Forest. Maintenance and trail work performed by SMBC Trail committee and volunteers included, but was not limited to, cutting/clearing fallen trees; clearing other debris and trail obstructions; clearing drainage areas and culverts; enhancing drainage areas; improving/replacing bridging; and bringing in additional materials where needed. SMBC also worked with the Town to construct a new connector trail from the “sap bucket” on Zog’s to Bridgey and an extension of Zog’s to Cady Hill Connector.

The number of recreational users in Cady Hill Forest has increased dramatically, and we anticipate the use will continue to increase. Therefore, we anticipate the demands for maintaining the network to increase as well.

The forest got a little love this fall from invasive plant control contractor Mike Bald of “Got Weeds?” The Commission hired Mike to knock back the invasive Japanese barberry that has been spreading into the forest west of the power line corridor along Charlie’s Trail. Over 4 days this fall, Mike pulled 2997 barberry plants, and 281 invasive bush honeysuckle shrubs. The Commission plans to host a volunteer work day in 2016 to continue the process of controlling the barberry that Mike started.

The Commission also worked with Audubon Vermont, who conducted a Bird Habitat Assessment for Cady Hill Forest. The information will be used to help guide future forest management activities.

### **Sterling Forest**

During the summer of 2015, the Commission hired Sustainable Trailworks, LLC. to do some much needed drainage work on the Marston Trail and the Upper Gorge Loop. Over one dozen water bars were installed on the Marston and more than 2 dozen on the UGL.

The Commission has been working with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR), Vermont Land Trust and Audubon Vermont to plan a timber harvest in a roughly 100-acre area in the southern section of the forest, between Maple Run Lane and the Catamount Trail. The project involves creating a number of “patch cuts” ranging in size from ½ acre to as large as 5 acres with the intention of creating songbird habitat as well as browse for moose and deer. The timber harvest is scheduled for February, 2016.

As part of the Vermont Town Forest Centennial Celebration, Sterling Forest was awarded a Town Forest Centennial Award. The award recognized one town forest in each county that exemplified excellence in stewardship,

management and community use and engagement. In addition, Sterling Falls Gorge was awarded a 2015 Certificate of Excellence award by Trip Advisor.

Conservation Commission members in 2015 included:

Rob Moore, Chair, Christine McGowan, Vice-chair, David Jaqua, Marina Meerburg, Gar Anderson, Catherine Drake and Andre Blais.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jackman, *Planning Director*



Double Chair located in Cady Hill Forest  
was donated by Kitty Coppock  
in memory of her husband Al.

## COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Appointed by the Selectboard, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes' sole responsibility is to collect past due Town and School taxes listed on the Town Treasurer's Warrant following the installment due dates in August, November, February and May of each year. The following chart shows the delinquent amount immediately following the deadline.

In order to offset the cost of collecting delinquent taxes and in order to stimulate timely payment, Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and Chapter 9 of the Town Charter provide for interest charges to be assessed against all delinquent accounts. These revenues are turned over to the Town's General Fund.

The Town of Stowe follows a firm, consistent and fair policy of collecting delinquent taxes. All taxes are required to be in the hands of the Treasurer by the deadline. Postmarks by the appropriate due date are acceptable.

Delinquent taxes are billed monthly, and every effort is made to accommodate people who try to satisfy their obligation. The Town's policy is to send all accounts with any portion due, one year or more, in arrears to the Town Attorney for tax sale. Although this may seem harsh to some, experience has shown that those few accounts that remain delinquent after one year will be paid only if the Town follows this avenue. After all, the collection of delinquent taxes has a direct bearing on the Town's financial condition. In most tax sale cases, full payment is made before the tax sale actually becomes final.

Respectfully submitted,

ALISON A. KAISER

*Collector of Delinquent Taxes*

Summary of Delinquent Taxes

<u>Warrant Date</u>	<u>Amount Billed</u>	<u>Delinquent Warrant Amount</u>	<u>% Delinquent of Total Billed</u>	<u>Remaining Delinquent Amount 6/30/2014</u>
August, 2010	\$9,828,959	\$613,408	6.24%	\$0
November, 2010	\$9,828,959	\$795,831	8.10%	\$0
February, 2011	\$9,828,959	\$866,294	8.81%	\$0
May, 2011	<u>\$9,828,959</u>	<u>\$744,501</u>	<u>7.57%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$39,315,836	\$3,020,034	7.68%	
August, 2011	\$8,922,044	\$535,140	6.00%	\$0
November, 2011	\$8,922,044	\$586,529	6.57%	\$0
February, 2012	\$8,922,044	\$753,189	8.44%	\$0
May, 2012	<u>\$8,922,044</u>	<u>\$641,986</u>	<u>7.20%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$35,688,178	\$2,516,844	7.05%	
September, 2012	\$9,489,489	\$294,472	3.10%	\$0
November, 2012	\$9,489,489	\$781,642	8.24%	\$12
February, 2013	\$9,489,489	\$777,514	8.19%	\$0
May, 2013	\$9,489,489	\$650,174	6.85%	\$0
TOTAL	\$37,957,956	\$2,503,802	6.60%	
August, 2013	\$9,525,734	\$640,779	6.73%	\$0
November, 2013	\$9,525,734	\$667,498	7.01%	\$0
February, 2014	\$9,525,734	\$801,391	8.41%	\$0
May, 2014	\$9,525,734	<u>\$717,748</u>	<u>7.53%</u>	\$122
TOTAL	\$38,102,936	\$2,827,416	7.42%	
August, 2014	\$9,739,969	\$685,446	7.04%	\$41,604
November, 2014	\$9,739,969	\$714,833	7.34%	\$97,123
February, 2015	\$9,739,969	\$873,665	8.97%	\$119,108
May, 2015	\$9,739,969	<u>\$801,266</u>	<u>8.23%</u>	\$211,029
TOTAL	\$38,959,877	\$3,075,210	7.89%	

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DELINQUENCIES AS OF 6/30/2015

\$468,998

## **2015 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

In 2015 the Development Review Board reviewed and issued decisions for 12 new or amended subdivisions, 23 conditional uses, 4 Ridge and Hillside Overlay projects and 1 setback variance.

Administratively, Richard Baker continues to serve as the Zoning Administrative Officer. As the Administrative Officer Rich helps applicants get ready for the Board's review, prepares warnings and agendas, writes draft decisions, and provides technical assistance to the Board.

Once again this year, Barbara Allaire has served as the Board's secretary. We appreciate her many years of continued service. Peter Collotta resigned from the Commission as a regular member after eight years of service and was replaced by Nick Lizotte. Michael Beugnies left after five years of service and was replaced by Tom Hand. The Board thanks Peter and Michael for their many years of dedicated service.

DOUGLAS WHITE, Chair  
Stowe Development Review Board

DREW CLYMER  
MICHAEL DIENDER  
CHRIS WALTON  
TYLER MUMLEY  
NICK LIZOTTE  
TOM HAND  
PETER COLLOTTA (ALTERNATE)

## TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

The Town of Stowe Electric Department (“SED”) had a very productive 2015.

On January 7, 2015, SED filed a fully allocated cost of service study (“ACOSS”) and rate redesign, the first one filed by a Vermont utility based solely on smart meter data. An ACOSS study ensures that the various system costs are distributed as equitably as possible among our customers. Once these new rates were approved by the Public Service Board, SED implemented them for all electric usage starting October 2015. Evaluation of the smart meter data justified eliminating Residential Demand Rate 06, benefiting our customers who use more than 2,000 kWh per month. It also allowed SED to reduce the LED Streetlighting rate which has already saved the Town save around 40% on the cost of powering their streetlights.

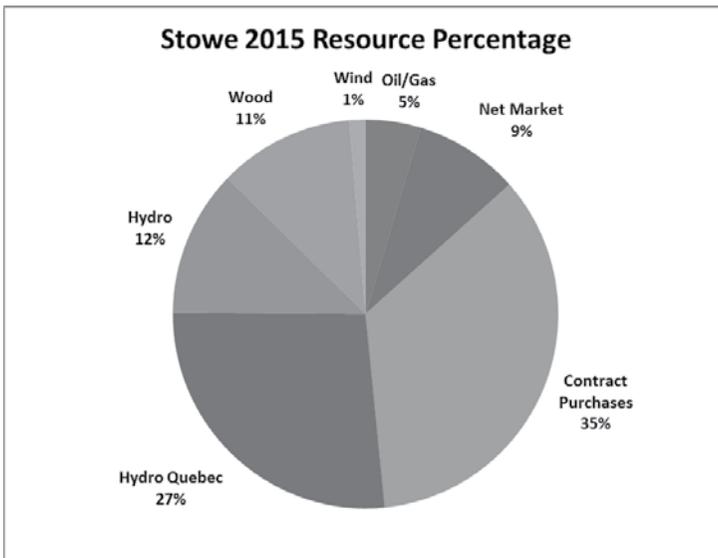
Stowe Electric staff have spent considerable time this year on the development of a solar project to help stabilize electric rates. The utility-owned 1 megawatt Nebraska Valley Solar Farm will be built in town, will generate \$2,000,000 in electric savings over 30 years, and will provide \$550,000 in lease payments to the Town for the use of the property. The project is the most cost-effective way to meet the new State Renewable Energy Standard (Act 56, 2015) which requires utilities to either source a portion of their electricity from community-scale renewable energy projects or pay penalties to the State for not meeting the mandates. The project is funded in part through the Federal Clean Renewable Energy Bond program which will provide a subsidy to the amount of \$1.45 million towards the interest on the bonds issued to finance the project. The remainder of the cost of the project will be paid only through SED revenues and not through property taxes.

Stowe Electric also rolled out new technology services in 2015. One of the most significant advancements was the implementation of InvoiceCloud, a service that allows SED customers to view and pay their bills online, as well as set up automatic bill payments. Many customers have taken to it as it allows for a convenient bill-payment process. Stowe Electric also implemented a full server migration to an off-site location. This provides additional physical security for SED’s server system as well as digital security services provided by the server hosting company.

Other noteworthy projects and equipment improvements of 2015 were:

- Replacement of underground service infrastructure throughout Stowe.
- Upgrade of electric equipment such as transformers, cut outs, and lightning arrestors in the Ayers Farm Road neighborhood.
- Replacement of poles and cross arms on Cottage Club Road.
- Purchased two pick-up trucks and ordered a new bucket truck to replace vehicles which had reached the end of their useful lives.
- Finished the upgrade of electrical lines and laid fiber cables in the right-of-way to the top of Mt. Mansfield.

There have also been developments in the implementation of electric vehicle supply equipment (“EVSE”), also referred to as EV charging stations. As referenced in the 2014 Annual Report, Stowe Electric has received a grant from VLITE to fund the Stowe Electric Vehicle Tourism Initiative to install 8 EVSE in town to establish Stowe as a prime destination for drivers of electric vehicles. The site evaluation process has been all but concluded and the installation of the EVSE is planned to begin in the Spring of 2016. 2015 also saw the installation of Stowe’s third EVSE at the new Trapps Brewery. This EVSE, and the two others at the Green Mountain Inn and the Stowe Mountain Resort, are all served under the first electric rate approved in Vermont designed specifically for electric vehicle charging stations.



As of December 31, 2015, there are 38 (thirty-eight) net-metering systems installed by Stowe Electric customers, a total increase of more than 25% since 2014. The combined electric generation capacity of these systems equals 1.76% of Stowe’s peak load. This means there is a lot of opportunity for SED customers to install their own net-metering systems before SED will reach the 15% cap set by Vermont statute. Furthermore, SED has continued to support environmentally viable and economically sound power from local and regional sources. Below is a chart of SED’s power resources for 2015, showing that our percentage of renewable power is currently 51%.

Thank you to all our ratepayers for your continuing support. The SED Commission and Management will continue to be dedicated to increasing efficiency, customer service and reliability.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Burt, *General Manager*  
Town of Stowe Electric Department



## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2015 marked the 40th anniversary of Emergency Medical Services in Stowe. With the creation of Stowe Rescue Squad, Inc. in 1975, Stowe was “on the map” having a dedicated in-town agency for Emergency Medical Services. The overall responsibility of operations and management of that agency became the responsibility of the Town in 2006 with the formulation of the Town’s Department of EMS; however volunteers continue to be the cornerstone of service.

The year of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 (FY2015), has been a good year for The Department of EMS. Good in that despite more challenges of having adequate coverage with our combination volunteer/paid department, we continue to provide excellent care. Our department is staffed with three full-time employees and four Per-Diem employees; more than 30 volunteers are engaged at different levels. The department’s staff and Per Diem employees help augment the volunteers without whom we would not be able to meet the demands of call volume such that we have. Each year, through natural attrition we lose a few volunteers, and also gain a few; this year, we recruited a large class of already-certified individuals that are at different stages of the onboarding process. Many of these volunteers are also members of the Mt. Mansfield Ski Patrol, and the large influx of new membership is in large part from the partnering nature of the relationship shared by our organizations. It has been a good year indeed.

Our volunteers are certified at the following levels: CPR/Driver, EMR, EMT, AEMT (Advanced EMT), and Paramedic. Our volunteers’ years of service range from 1 year to 30+ years of service. As our volunteers continue to serve and give their scarce free time, we are ever more thankful for their dedication, and to the support of their families and employers; without this support we would not have the robust service we do.

The following table illustrates the call distribution for the year:

Type of Call	Number
Treated and Released	2
Transported by EMS	389
First Response—Intercept	4
Standby Only – No Patient Contact	54
Patient Refused Care	129
No Treatment Required	10
No Patient Found	1
Cancelled	33
Total	622

Despite the strength of our volunteer group and their dedication, the Department is realizing a change needs to occur: more staff are needed to better and more thoroughly support the volunteers. The department is working to add staffing through the budgetary process. In years past, through direct fund raising campaigns, Stowe Rescue Squad, Inc. has been able to support the Town Department with gifts of equipment from time to time, as well as supporting the training needs of volunteers and by providing community outreach and education programs. Over the next year, and years in the future, Stowe Rescue Squad, Inc. hopes to assist the department reach new staffing levels with assistance grants. This will help a great deal as the department works to improve, and also retain a strong volunteer group.

Stowe EMS enjoys a close working relationship with the Stowe Fire Department, Stowe Mountain Rescue, Stowe Emergency Management, and the Stowe Police Department. The work of these departments would not get done without many, many hours volunteered by members of these agencies. I would personally like to thank each volunteer for their commitment and dedication.

Respectfully submitted, SCOTT BRINKMAN, *EMS Chief*

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The Finance Department works to support all departments with the processing of payments for services and goods with vendors, paychecks for all town employees and volunteers, monthly financial reporting of expenditures and revenues, and the development of yearly budgets. All financial reporting is prepared and analyzed by the team for submission to the Town Manager, Selectboard, Auditors, State and Federal Government, and other agencies for the purposes of review, compliance and oversight. Finance handles the accounting for water and sewer loans, grants, and capital and equipment fixed assets. We perform the reconciliations of all bank accounts that are managed by the Town Treasurer. We handle the benefit administration for all employees.

The Finance team has seen a lot of changes this year with the departure of Mark Lyons, Finance Director in February 2015; and transfer of Nicole Adams, Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist, in January 2016 to the Town's Recreation Department. In April 2015, Cindy Fuller was hired as Finance Director, and in February 2016, Bob McCarthy joined us as the new Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist. Without the support of Linda Kelly, our intrepid Assistant Finance Manager, the transitions would have been challenging.

With thanks to all at the Town for their patience and understanding during these transitions, we have been able to keep the lights on and the trucks on the road by making sure the bills were paid and the employees were compensated. We are very proud of the fact that we had a successful audit of the financial statements and are looking forward to another new year with new challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

*CINDY FULLER*



## STOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The stowe fire department was organized in 1905. Firefighters then started out with a horse drawn ladder wagon and a hose wagon that carried the departments hose and was pulled by hand in the village. The first piece of motorized equipment was purchased in 1929, engine, built by the American Lafrance company. A lot has changed over the years and we have progressed into a professional volunteer fire department. Our present equipment consists of three engines, two are four wheel drive, two tankers, a rescue truck, ninety-five foot aerial tower, a utility truck and a trailer that contains an air cascade system with various equipment.

For the period 1/1/2014 -12/31/2014 the department responded to 282 calls, the following is a breakdown:

Structure fires	21
Car fires	4
Brush fires	6
Overpressure, rupture	2
Motor vehicle accidents	21
Rescues	7
Gas leaks, spills, hazardous	29
Service call	8
Good intent	26
False alarms, false call	157

From these totals Stowe received mutual aid help thirteen times. Stowe provided mutual aid help nineteen times, of mutual aid responses sixteen were structure fires. The past two years we have been faced many challenging fires with good outcomes. I attribute that to the departments leadership and skill, committed members, who work very hard, and create a great team.

Thank you to the town of Stowe and the people who support us. Please remember without volunteers, many small and rural fire departments and emergency services would not be able to respond to the needs of their residents. Without volunteers many community safety tasks would be left undone.

Respectfully submitted,  
 MARK SGANTAS, *Chief*

## HELEN DAY ART CENTER

Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond Street, PO Box 411, Stowe, VT 05672,  
802 253 8358 [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com)

Gallery Hours: Wednesday –Sunday 12:00:00 during exhibits.

*Helen Day Art Center's mission is to enhance the human experience through the visual arts.*

2015 was defined by continued innovation in exhibitions, and improved quality in education offerings at the Art Center. We are fortunate to have the support of the Town of Stowe, this community, and that of many other residents and visitors.

We opened with the **Play** exhibit which engaged over 900 local students as creators, exhibitors, collaborators and documentarians. Curated by guest Matt Neckers, it was a wonderfully interactive project with great turnout from regional schools. **W. David Powell & Peter Thomashow and Experiments:** recent paintings and sculptures by Richard Whitten accompanied Play - both adding to and benefitting from the energy of that show.

May featured the annual **Student Art Show** featuring works from Stowe Elementary, Stowe Middle School, Stowe High School, Lamoille North Middle School, and High School. As usual, it was an explosion of home-grown creativity - wall to wall and floor to ceiling.

Summer brought our third **Biennial Now You See Me: The Best of the Northeast Masters of Fine Arts** exhibition curated by guest Jennifer Cawley - an exhibitor from the inaugural 2011 exhibit.

July opened the 24th annual **Exposed** outdoor sculpture exhibition - curated by Assistant Director Rachel Moore- once again enhanced the village and recreation path with monumental artworks, further making the case that Stowe is a cultural destination in addition to its many features.

**Fractured: Works on Paper** followed the MFA show with expectation defying works by nationally and internationally known artists curated by Moore. Works by Olafur Eliasson, Kiki Smith, Jane South, Dawn Clements, Leonardo Drew and Sarah Amos, among others, graced our gallery walls.

We closed the year with the holiday season opening **Members' Art Show and Festival of Trees & Light** curated by Katharine Longfellow, Gallery Manager which brought the community together to share and celebrate the season through decorated evergreens, a Hanukkah display, and over 80 members' art works.

Susan Holliday, Education Coordinator, led the programming to new levels of excellence and increased our outreach to and engagement with underserved students - **awarding over \$5,000 in scholarships** during the year. We offered 38 classes to youth and teens **and served 439 students** in addition to the 14 adult courses & workshops **and 108 adult students** reached. Other education programs included “Art Apres” at Stowe Mountain Lodge, the Fourth Annual Steamroller Printmaking workshop, and Family Day in December.

**The Art Center Board of Trustees** are instrumental to our success. Thanks to the following Board members who served in 2015: Diane Arnold, Toni Barr, Adam Blue, Robin Coggins, Ellisa Doiron, Giulia Eliason, Jay Ericson, Scott Griffith, Brian Hamor, Remy Joseph, Diane Looney, Greg Popa, Lisbeth Roncarati, Molly Triffin, Lance Violette, Yu-Wen Wu, Jill Zborovancik; Emerita/us: Ted Lockwood, Ginny Neel, Annie Strobel

We are very proud of our accomplishments and contributions in 2015. Don't miss one creative opportunity; visit the Helen Day Art Center in 2016!

Yours,

NATHAN SUTER, *Executive Director*

## 2015 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) performs design review for exterior alterations, demolition and relocation of historic buildings and for any development within the Stowe Historic Overlay District (SHOD). In addition, the SHPC promotes town projects that foster historic preservation. The Commission is proud of its record of helping promote development that is aesthetically compatible with the existing historic character of the Stowe Village and Lower Village and with other historic buildings outside of the SHOD.

In 2015, the Commission reviewed 32 applications. Richard Baker, Zoning Director, serves as staff to the SHPC for design review. Tom Jackman, Planning Director, serves as staff to the SHPC for town historic preservation projects.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Noelle McLane, *Chair*

Barbara Baraw  
Gordon Dixon  
McKee Macdonald  
Sam Scofield  
Lucinda B. McKechnie (alternate member)  
George Bambara (alternate member)

## STOWE FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

### TO WELCOME ... TO INSPIRE ... TO ENRICH THE MIND

*“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” – Lady Bird Johnson*

2015 was a busy time here at the library. We had some staff changes, implemented a few library initiatives, collaborated with the community, added to our collection, and completed a small interior remodel.

Two beloved, long-time staff members retired in the past year. Megan Carder retired at the very end of the 2014, and her presence was sorely missed at the start of the year. Megan oversaw office procedures, circulation, and Inter-Library Loans. Marcia Smith retired in March but for many years was the “face” of the Library, greeting people at the front desk, assisting with questions, making reading suggestions, and checking library materials in and out. Both Megan and Marcia have moved on to the next chapter of their lives but have continued to support the library in various ways.

The Library has been involved in several statewide library projects. We have migrated over to a new cataloging system, which has resulted in less technical issues, dedicated staff time, and contract costs. We have also signed up for a new courier system that will enhance our lending to and borrowing from other libraries.

The Stowe Free Library joined the Stowe Arts and Culture Council with the intent to create meaningful partnerships with other entities in the Town. See the website, [www.stoweartsandculture.org](http://www.stoweartsandculture.org) for more information. We also participated in the Dickens Christmas Festival. Our beautiful building was decorated by the Library Board with wreaths and garland furnished through the generosity of the Friends of the Stowe Free Library, Robin Collins provided a nature themed Christmas tree, and the lobby display was ornamented with fabulous vintage Santa Clauses. The Friends also scheduled an evening program, An Old Fashioned Christmas in Vermont with Ellen Stimson.

We have continued to strive for a relevant and noteworthy collection. The Friends assisted us with their pledge to supply new travel guides and juvenile Dorothy Canfield Fisher award books for the library.

We created a new children’s early literacy cubby. Little ones can prepare themselves for their future success in school by engaging with the digital learning center here at the library.

We are happy to provide learning opportunities for all through services and resources and will continue To Welcome, To Inspire, and To Enrich the Mind.

Thank you, the residents of Stowe and all of our library patrons, for allowing us to serve you and to be an integral part of this great community. And thank you to the following: the Town of Stowe Select Board, the Stowe Free Library Board, the Friends of the Stowe Free Library, the Library Staff and Volunteers, the Town Employees, the Copley-Munson Foundation, the Oakland Foundation, the Ashgate Foundation, the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Green Mountain Library Consortium, Keurig Green Mountain, the Stowe Garden Club, the Helen Day Art Center, the Stowe Historical Society, and all who have provided support and funding.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDY WEBER, *Library Director*

### **Statistics:**

Total current collection size: 35,151 physical items

Total circulation of materials for the year: 87,300

Total uses of public computers for the year: 7,171

Total programs / attendees for the year: 196 / 3,638

Total current registered cardholders: 5,504



## **STOWE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

One of the principle duties of the Stowe Free Library Board of Directors involves the creation and fulfillment of a Long Range Plan. A feature of each plan is that it contemplates a five year window, and the most recent plan went into effect in 2010.

In March of this year, after consultation with Amy Howlett, a Vermont Department of Libraries consultant, the Board established a steering committee to shape the process by which the now-labeled Strategic Planning Initiative would move forward. That committee determined, forthwith, that the Long Range Plan of a community resource needed first of all a way wherein the community itself could participate in the creation of that plan.

A list of names was drawn up by the committee, with plenty of help, letters soliciting interest in the project and twenty-seven volunteers agreed to take part in each of two, two hour-long meetings, moderated by Amy Howlett, in September and October of 2015. The volunteers came from a broad spectrum of the community, with representatives from the business realm, the school system (student and administration), Stowe Area, the Selectboard, Library volunteers, our incomparable Friends of Stowe Free Library, the Historical Society, the media and lots of library users.

The product of the labors of all the players in this now exists in draft form, having been molded into a coherent whole by the Library's peerless director, Cindy Weber. This is not the forum to go into detail, but the Task Force determined three topics to be the focus of the next five years;

- Create Young Readers
- Connect to the Online World
- Satisfy Curiosity

How these goals will be accomplished are a part of the final form of the Strategic Plan. The document will stand, first, as the guiding text for the Library and the Directors for the next five years, and, pre-eminently as testament to the Town of Stowe's enduring commitment on an individual level to the well-being of the community. The Directors deeply appreciate and salute each, who played a part.

It's not in the Plan, but we will have coloring books.

Charles Lusk, Chair, for the Board

STOWE FREE LIBRARY  
INCOME SUMMARY  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Book Sale Share from Friends.....	\$6,000
Copier Fees .....	1,375
Registration Fees .....	4,595
Fines.....	2,577
Material Replacement.....	914
Bank Account Interest .....	33
Donations.....	4,486
Endowment Income-.....	15,167
Other Income .....	195
Income before Grants/Bequests .....	\$35,342
 Total Grant Income.....	 \$6,796

STOWE FREE LIBRARY ASSETS  
June 30, 2015

CASH

Checking Account .....	\$10,084
Development Account.....	19,374
Cash Drawer.....	75
Total Cash Accounts.....	\$29,533

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

*Montanari Fund*

Restricted. Income to be used for books, materials and supplies. Principal can only be used by agreement with Selectboard. Sentinel Balanced Fund .....	\$522,476
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*Susan W. Downer and Mrs. A. H. Slayton Fund*

Unrestricted. Income can be used as desired. Principal should remain untouched. Union Bankshare Common Stock .....	\$188,136
Fidelity Short-term Bond Fund.....	15,130
Total.....	\$203,266

*Rogers and Emily Adams Fund*

Restricted. Can be used for books and materials only, specifically not for furniture and maintenance. Principal can be drawn down to \$200. Designed as a receptacle for other gifts. Fidelity Asset Manager:20% .....	\$17,696
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*Doris Houston Fund*

Restricted. Income to be used for library expenses. Principal to remain untouched. Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund .....	\$53,342
Dodge & Cox International Fund .....	5,688
Total.....	\$59,030

Total Endowment Funds.....	\$802,468
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## **STOWE BOARD OF LISTERS**

The State of Vermont's equalization study of Stowe's 2015 Grand List determined that the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for Stowe is 98.51%. In simple terms, if your property is currently assessed at \$98,510 the state estimates that it would sell for \$100,000.

The CLA is used to determine education property tax rates. The 2015 study has been reviewed by the Listers and is accurate under the current methodology used by the State. The State adjusted our 2014 CLA from 98.52% to 99.96% after errors were found in the study by the Town Appraiser. Therefore this year's decrease in the CLA from 99.96% to 98.51% shows a slight increase in the average property value in Stowe compared to the 2014 study.

The Town's appeal of the 2012 CLA is still ongoing and is now being heard at the Lamoille County Superior Court. Stowe is challenging the State's methodology used to determine the CLA because it did not treat Stowe taxpayers fairly during the declining real estate market from 2008 to 2011.

On a more positive note, this year's estimated Grand List growth of 2.5% is greater than the past few years because several large commercial and residential projects are at or near completion.

For the 2015 Grand List, we made equity adjustments to 3 condominium projects and 3 timeshare projects because sales showed that these properties were being over assessed compared to other condominium projects in Stowe. Equity adjustments were also made to 1 residential neighborhood because sales showed that this neighborhood was under-assessed compared to other residential properties in Stowe. The Listers will continue to monitor assessments and make equity adjustments when market trends so warrant.

Finally, in 2015 the Legislature made a number of changes to Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program (Current Use). For example, the penalty for withdrawing from the program was increased to 10% of the Fair Market Value of developed or withdrawn land. However, property owners in the program were given a one-time option to remove enrolled land at a reduced penalty or in most cases no penalty at all. 11 of 121 Stowe property owners removed portions of enrolled land under this 'Easy Out' option.

The Board of Listers and Town Appraiser Tim Morrissey constantly strive to maintain equity in the Grand List and to further that cause we continually monitor Stowe's real estate market prior to setting the annual Grand List values. Our property records are available for review by the public during regular office hours. We have an open door policy and are happy to assist with any questions you may have about your property assessment.

Stowe Board of Listers  
Paul Percy, Chairman  
Ellen Thorndike  
Leo Clark

**BREAKDOWN OF GRAND LIST BY PROPERTY CATEGORY**

Main District

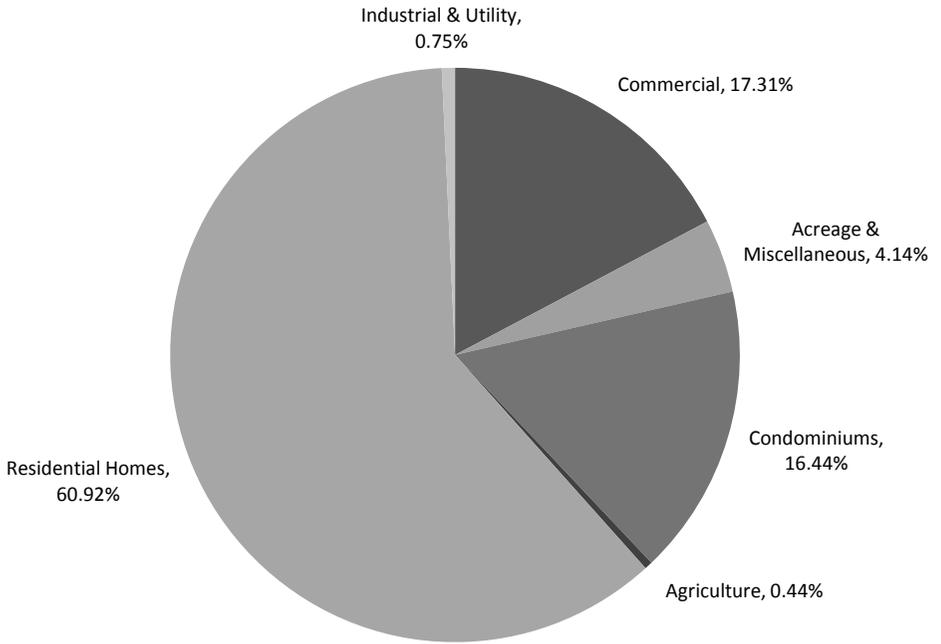
(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	1,618	718,660,300	312,895,900	405,764,400	718,660,300
Residential II R2	532	594,712,900	168,695,900	426,017,000	594,712,900
Mobile Homes-U MHU	3	72,700	58,300	14,400	72,700
Mobile Homes-L MHL	9	1,390,600	894,300	496,300	1,390,600
Seasonal I S1	9	1,469,800	0	1,469,800	1,469,800
Seasonal II S2	7	3,391,300	0	3,391,300	3,391,300
Commercial C	241	361,375,100	5,169,300	356,206,800	361,375,100
Commercial Apts CA	27	13,542,400	1,426,800	12,115,600	13,542,400
Industrial I	3	1,635,000	0	1,635,000	1,635,000
Utilities-E UE	4	14,345,700	0	14,345,700	14,345,700
Utilities-O UO	6	320,500	0	320,500	320,500
Farm F	8	9,626,000	4,531,000	5,095,000	9,626,000
Other O	1,007	356,108,300	24,944,500	331,163,800	356,108,300
Woodland W	18	3,674,900	0	3,674,900	3,674,900
Miscellaneous M	262	86,020,300	0	86,020,300	86,020,300
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>2,166,345,800</b>	<b>518,615,000</b>	<b>1,647,730,800</b>	<b>2,166,345,800</b>
P.P. Cable	1	145,100		145,100	145,100
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>145,100</b>		<b>145,100</b>	<b>145,100</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>2,166,490,900</b>	<b>518,615,000</b>	<b>1,647,875,900</b>	<b>2,166,490,900</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	11/11	110,000	110,000	0	110,000
Veterans >10K		330,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>440,000</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	1	145,100			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	8/8	6,161,400			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>9/8</b>	<b>6,306,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current Use</b>	<b>121/121</b>	<b>80,867,600</b>	<b>15,002,600</b>	<b>65,865,000</b>	<b>80,867,600</b>
<b>Special Exemptions</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>15,617,300</b>	<b>15,617,300</b>
<b>Partial Statutory</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>87,704,100</b>	<b>15,112,600</b>	<b>81,572,300</b>	<b>96,684,900</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>87,704,100</b>	<b>15,112,600</b>	<b>81,572,300</b>	<b>96,684,900</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>20,787,868.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>5,035,024.00</b>	<b>15,663,036.00</b>	<b>20,698,060.00</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>		<b>65 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411</b>			

Year to Year Comparison of Grand List Totals, Budgets and Tax Rates										
YEAR	GRAND LIST HOMESTEAD	GRANDLIST NON HOMESTEAD	RATIO TO FMV	TOWN BUDGET	SCHOOL TAX RAISED HOMESTEAD	SCHOOL TAX RAISED NON HOMESTEAD	TAX RATE Homestead	TAX RATE Non Homestead	TAX RATE Homestead	TAX RATE Non Homestead
1977	132,917,100		100%	630,833	1,288,000		1.44		1.44	
1978	138,127,700		95%	676,826	1,256,963		1.40		1.40	
1979	143,687,400		88%	787,407	1,339,167		1.48		1.48	
1980	150,217,500		83%	941,864	1,446,595		1.59		1.59	
1981	157,978,100		78%	1,034,756	1,540,286		1.63		1.63	
1982	173,020,100		70%	1,200,892	1,808,990		1.74		1.74	
1983	182,434,800		65%	1,311,392	1,842,100		1.73		1.73	
1984	327,917,100		100%	1,690,226	2,095,170		1.16		1.16	
1986	362,297,300		92%	2,006,031	2,387,000		1.22		1.22	
1987	383,100,000		80%	2,270,215	2,779,815		1.32		1.32	
1988	403,015,000		70%	2,570,285	3,159,634		1.43		1.43	
1989	426,135,700		62%	2,850,687	3,508,586		1.50		1.50	
1990	437,801,000		64%	2,976,547	3,993,591		1.60		1.60	
1991	446,500,300		65%	3,036,078	4,378,404		1.67		1.67	
1992	452,171,300		65%	3,079,764	4,603,450		1.70		1.70	
1993	461,886,200		64%	3,140,826	4,849,805		1.73		1.73	
1994	469,544,100		64%	3,145,945	5,071,076		1.75		1.75	
1995	480,519,700		63%	3,073,667	5,110,876		1.704		1.704	
1996	743,047,600		100%	3,470,728	5,292,400		1.179		1.179	
1997	754,068,800		98%	3,564,544	5,330,900		1.178		1.178	
1998	746,664,300		97%	3,403,415	7,893,032		1.513		1.513	
1999	763,519,500		96%	3,481,112	8,441,295		1.562		1.562	
2000	787,212,900		93%	3,732,303	8,712,858		1.577		1.577	
2001	816,277,400		88%	3,860,228	9,286,024		1.611		1.611	
2002	842,922,200		82%	4,629,625	10,125,159		1.750		1.750	
2003	852,293,300		73%	5,175,631	11,260,846		1.9104		1.9104	
2004	294,701,666	578,982,773	64%	5,648,150	6,115,942	12,162,692	2.7209	2.7463	2.7463	2.7463
2005	545,798,515	1,215,950,084	100%	5,963,286	6,154,970	14,102,588	1.4653	1.4974	1.4653	1.4974
2006	547,831,800	1,271,743,000	96%	5,974,533	7,162,353	17,008,290	1.6395	1.6695	1.6395	1.6695
2007	540,551,500	1,359,506,800	89%	6,308,143	7,458,530	19,215,269	1.7107	1.7443	1.7107	1.7443
2008	522,063,200	1,451,267,200	82%	6,870,370	7,789,183	22,218,901	1.8388	1.8778	1.8388	1.8778
2009	542,931,100	1,449,557,600	82%	7,008,620	8,577,225	23,777,093	1.9358	1.9663	1.9358	1.9663
2010	542,119,200	1,449,638,100	83%	7,100,615	8,463,023	23,827,701	1.9176	2.0002	1.9176	2.0002
2011	560,926,000	1,424,848,300	94%	7,221,375	7,926,445	20,634,653	1.7755	1.8106	1.7755	1.8106
2012	561,574,900	1,454,700,400	100%	7,313,749	8,019,290	20,949,140	1.7922	1.8043	1.7922	1.8043
2013	525,465,200	1,505,173,600	100%	7,702,577	7,756,917	22,485,788	1.8585	1.8762	1.8585	1.8762
2014	516,537,100	1,524,123,300	100%	8,094,349	7,689,171	23,174,295	1.8865	1.9204	1.8865	1.9204
2015	503,502,400	1,566,303,600	99%	8,392,254	7,542,466	24,052,158	1.9068	1.9444	1.9068	1.9444

1977, 1984, 1996, 2005 and 2012 were base reappraisal years in which the Grand List increased to 100% of Fair Market Value. State law requires that a Town's Grand List not fall below 80% of FMV or it must do a reappraisal. For this reason most towns will do a reappraisal every 7 to 10 years. The year 2004 up shows Homestead and Non Homestead Grand List, taxes collected & tax rates to reflect Act 68.

### Distribution of the 2015 Grand List Tax Assessment



Residential Homes - 36.70% are Homestead Property and 63.30% are Non Residential Property

## **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

*Mission: Promoting Healthy Living and Community  
Vitality through Public Recreation*

### **Stowe Arena**

The Stowe Arena had another great year featuring a Stowe High School boys state championship, new hockey tournaments and overall growth of ice rentals and public visits.

The Turf season featured usage from Stowe Soccer Club, Stowe Youth Lacrosse, Stowe Baseball/Softball Association and many Stowe residents and neighbors participating in indoor soccer leagues through the Capital Soccer Programs as well as a variety of drop-in programs including soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and walking.

The Summer Ice Season allowed many of our long standing, devoted local adult hockey groups to extend their seasons and get on the ice as early as June. The summer also featured new hockey camps and tournaments including Planet Hockey, Vermont Stars tournament, and several NAHA hosted camps and tournaments.

The Arena has begun to attract more tournaments and camps while the local traditions and usage continues. The Hyde Cup tournament was once again full with 8 teams and more than 100 participants. Stowe Youth Hockey Associations numbers continue to grow as does their Annual Winter Carnival Tournament and will be hosting Squirt and Pee Wee Vermont State Play downs again this year after a successful hosting for the first time last winter. This year there was a total of 357 hours of tournaments and camps compared to 255 in 2014. Overall hours booked for ice time increased from 1512 in 2014 to 1563 in 2015 and we are working on bringing in new tournaments and camps in 2016.

The Learn to Skate and Hockey Initiation programs also continue to grow and gain in popularity. We have had 50 participants thus far this season for Learn to Skate. Hockey Initiation had 41 participants. The program is a very successful collaboration between our department and Stowe Youth Hockey Association.

### **Recreation**

What a fun year in the Recreation Department! With the success of our bi-annual program guides and our social media outreach, the community is becoming informed about all that we offer. These guides are full of information about parks, facilities, community partners, programs, and events. Currently, distribution is prioritized within the elementary school and local businesses. Our social media outreach has gained momentum with more

people following our Facebook page and seeing our program updates and information on front porch forum. The guides are distributed through the Stowe Reporter and available at businesses throughout the area so pick yours up today!

Emily Boek, Program Director and has continued to provide new and creative programs for all ages and ability levels that focus on physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. We continue to offer a variety of programs for all ages including: Kid's Night Out, Vacation Camps, After School Program, Summer Camp, Hunting Education, CPR/AED/ First Aid, Red Cross babysitter's course, dog training, soccer camp, tennis and much more. We have also offered new programming with a focus on promoting health, fitness and fun to all including: Snowshoeing, Cross Country Skiing, Yoga, Hip Hop Dance, and Pickleball, just to name a few.

Some additional noteworthy program updates include information about our summer camp, afterschool program and community garden. Our Summer Camp averaged 70-80 kids per week, and featured a vast variety of activities, learning, friendships, exploration, field trips and adventures. We had great Summer Camp staff this year and hope to have many returning next year. The revamped after school program – Stowe Rec Adventures Club had another strong year again averaging 15-18 kids. The children enjoy activities like art, outdoor adventures, local field trips, baking, science experiments, sports and more. Our Community Garden had another successful season with 42 participants who grew a variety of flowers and vegetables that fed their friends, family and donated to the Food Shelf.

Our events were well attended this year. We had a rain free night of music, games, fireworks and fun on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year we offered a new year round performance series which invites the public to watch and participate in informational and entertaining shows. Some noteworthy performers include the Vermont Institute of Natural Science and The Luneaus Basketball Family. Other annual events included our Family Night in the Park, Halloween Party and Candy Drop, Welcome to Winter, Skate with Santa, Kid's Karnival Kaos, and Easter Egg Hunt. This year we are offering our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby at Commodores Pond!

Nicole Adams was hired to replace Tessa Massett as the department's Administrative Assistant and Kelli Walters was hired as the Afterschool Director.

## **Parks**

For the past year the Parks Dept. has been very busy maintaining acres of Town properties including 15 park areas. While we have been shorthanded, most of the areas received good care from mowing to aeration, over seeding and much more. These areas are used more and more by events and individuals which in turns means more maintenance. In addition, last winter we cleared more than 150 fire hydrants which accumulated 100 hours of labor. Added to this was the grooming of the

Recreation Path, and recreation area for the school ski program. In the cemeteries this past spring thru fall, we covered 20 burials along with our care of keeping the cemeteries beautiful. It takes a lot of coordination to oversee all of these responsibilities along with the regular routine of general buildings and grounds maintenance. One of our biggest responsibilities also is maintaining the High School athletic fields. With a short window of time to do work on these fields, we strive to provide a quality product. There is little time for rest on these surfaces.

The Recreation Path continues to be a huge asset for the town and takes an enormous amount of resources on our part to keep it safe and clean. These efforts are ongoing especially this year with repairs to areas that had damage along the path with the most damage at Bridge 7. With assistance from Public Works' Chris Jolly and Harry Shepard, we were able to repair the underpass at Chase Park. Upcoming projects include the continuation of tree cutting and planting at Riverbank and West Branch cemeteries, overseeing monument restoration in the cemeteries and the ongoing replanking of Recreation Path bridges. Of course don't forget our efforts to keep Main Street beautiful with flowers and grounds maintenance. Thank you for being helpful to us at any of our locations. Special thanks and acknowledgement to Jack Bent who worked for the Parks Department for almost a decade who will now spend his time golfing. Thank you to staff members Mike, Jeff, Sam, Rob, Jay, Wendy and Sammy for their dedicated efforts.

BRUCE GODIN, *Parks superintendent*

I want to thank all of our staff, volunteers and sponsors for their contributions to our department and community. Also would like recognize our Arena advertisers and sponsors: Stowe Mountain Resort, Union Bank, Copley Hospital, Mansfield Orthopedics, Irving Energy, Malt Shop, Sushi Yoshi, Trapps Family Lodge, Copley Professional Services Group, Hanover Financial Group, Harvest Market, Bourne Energy, Power Play Sports, Fred's Energy, Breadloaf, Topnotch Resort, Ben & Jerry's, Stowe Motel, McCarthy's, Commodores Inn, Stowe Country Homes, and Stowe Veterinary.

Finally, thanks to all the Recreation Commission members for their contributions over the past year, Terrie Wehse, Norm Williams, Tom Ashworth, Lynn Altadonna, Brett Loomis, Walt Levering, and Pascale Savard.

As always, you can find information regarding our parks, facilities, and programs on our website at [www.stowerec.org](http://www.stowerec.org) or stop by the David Gale Recreation Center or Stowe Arena to pick up one of our Program Guides. Scholarships are available through our Financial Assistance Program and thank you to all those who help support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

MATT FRAZEE

*Park & Recreation Director*



Summer Rec. Program visiting Sunset Rock.



Learning to Figure Skate at Stowe Arena.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The Stowe Planning Commission has a number of roles and responsibilities that are defined by state statute. These include:

- Preparing revisions to the Town Plan for consideration by the Selectboard.
- Preparing revisions to the Stowe zoning and subdivision regulations.
- Undertaking capacity studies and making recommendations on matters of land development, urban renewal, transportation, economic and social development, rural beautification and design improvements, historic and scenic preservation, capital planning, the conservation of energy and the development of renewable energy resources and wetland protection.
- Preparing recommended building, plumbing, fire, electrical, housing, and related codes and enforcement procedures, and construction specifications for streets and related public improvements.

The Commission's main task in 2015 was to conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Stowe Town Plan. The Town Plan expires after 5 years from adoption by the Selectboard, so it needs to be updated and re-adopted at least every 5 years. The Commission held 20 public meetings devoted to the Town Plan update and held a public hearing on February 18, 2015. After holding 2 public hearings, the Selectboard adopted the plan on June 8, 2015.

The Commission's primary task in 2016 is to conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Stowe Zoning Regulations, the purpose of which to implement the recommendations of the 2015 Stowe Town Plan and to clarify issues that have arisen during the development review process.

The Planning Commission consists of the following members: Chuck Ebel, Chair, Mila Lonetto, Vice Chair, Chuck Baraw, Bob Davison, Arnie Ziegel, Neal Percy and Brian Hamor.

Stowe's Planning Director provides staff support to the Planning Commission and Conservation Commission (see Conservation Commission report). In addition, the Planning Director represents the Town on the following boards and committees:

Stowe Vibrancy Design and Economic Development Committee  
 Lamoille County Transportation Advisory Committee  
 Green Mt. Byway Steering Committee  
 Lamoille County Brownfields Steering Committee  
 Stowe Transit Advisory Committee  
 Stowe Land Trust Board of Directors  
 Smuggler's Notch Partnership

The Planning Director's work in 2014 also included:

Providing GIS mapping services  
 Serving as acting Zoning Administrator  
 Serving as Deputy Health Officer  
 Town liaison with the Stowe Mountain Bike Club  
 Trail enhancements in Cady Hill Forest and Sterling Forest  
 Coordinating Green-up Day  
 Grant writing and administration



## STOWE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stowe Police Department is always striving to deliver excellent service and provide public safety to our community. The officers of the Stowe Police Department continues to serve the citizens, business owners and visitors of Stowe by providing professional, compassionate and effective police services.

I would like to personally thank and praise the dedicated and professional employees of the Stowe Police Department for their continued commitment to meeting the objectives of law enforcement and providing public safety services to all residents, visitors and businesses of the Stowe Community.

The officers of the Stowe Police Department had 4687 incidents in 2015. A summary of those incidents included:

274	Motor Vehicle Accidents	517	Alarms
1591	Motor Vehicle Stops	4	Untimely Deaths
100	Animal Complaints	12	Drug/Narcotic
15	Fraud/Embezzlement	12	Assaults
18	Burglary	85	Theft
81	Driving Under Influence	37	Juvenile Incidents
107	Medical Calls	164	Motor Vehicle Complaints
7	Missing Persons	129	Fire Assists
263	Suspicious Persons/ Circumstances	39	Noise Disturbance
52	Traffic Hazards	70	Citizen Disputes
16	Threats/Harassment	11	Trespassing
5	Sex Offense/Sexual Assault	151	Assist Public/Motorists
17	Unlawful mischief / Vandalism	16	Intoxication

Officers issued 94 Civil Tickets, 406 Traffic Citations and 1473 Warnings.

Highway safety is a high priority for the Stowe Police Department. We encourage everyone to drive safely, obey the speed limits, wear your seat belts, do not drink and drive and do not operate a vehicle while distracted.

The Stowe Police Department continues to work closely with all of the Town Public Safety Departments to meet all of the public safety needs for the Town.

The Stowe Police Department is very appreciative of the support received from the community throughout the year. If you have a question or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call me personally.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief Donald B. Hull

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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The Public Works Department consists of the writer, Richard Grogan, Assistant Director/Water Superintendent and Chris Jolly, Assistant Town Engineer who joined our team in June. We are responsible for the Highway, Sewer and Water Departments, the development and implementation of Capital Projects and providing technical assistance to other departments. In 2015 we opened 107 project files. Noteworthy projects completed includes Phase 1 of the West Branch Little River Management Project, the Bridge Street Bridge Reconstruction project, the reconstruction of upper Luce Hill Road, the reconstruction of the Heyer Bridge, and the construction of the long awaited Akeley/Rec Path Stairway. The Department is also very active in the Public Works aspects of private development projects, particularly the water and sewer utilities.

The Highway Department, led by Steve Bonneau, Highway Superintendent, maintains and repairs approximately 100 miles of roads, 24 bridges, 600+ culverts and our sidewalks and municipal parking facilities. Stowe's roads are maintained better than any other Town in the region and our Highway Departments efforts to achieve this level of service should be appreciated by all. Future capital project will include numerous bridges and sidewalks. Act 64, enacted to improve water quality in Lake Champlain, will require future resources, permitting and operational changes in the management of storm-water runoff from Town Highways.

The Sewer Department, led by Greg Lewis, Sewer Superintendent, operates, maintains and repairs our wastewater treatment plant and a collection system consisting of approximately 19 miles of sewer mains and 3 sewer pump stations. We currently have an average daily discharge of 300,000 gallons/day with flow variations of 200,000-700,000 gallons/day. This introduces unique challenges to the operation of our sewer system. The carbon filters in our foul air system at the treatment plant has been renovated, our biosolids centrifuge and been reconditioned and the generator at the Lower Village Pumping Station has been replaced. During the generator replacement work, many electrical/controls challenges were encountered and overcome. This demonstrated the fact that this pump station, which is a key component of our original sewer collection system built in 1979, is antiquated and functionally obsolete. Planning for the replacement of this facility, which will be a significant project, needs to begin.

The Water Department, led by Dick Grogan, is responsible for the operations, maintenance and repair of the Town water system which consists of 2 supply wells and treatment facilities, 9 storage tanks, 11 pump stations and 18 miles of distribution system. We also supply water to and undertake various levels of operational responsibility for 5 consecutive systems. I have come to understand that we have one of the most complicated water systems in VT. Under Dick's leadership, we have made great progress on addressing many of our operational challenges. We have improved our ability to detect leaks in our distribution system and resolved many of these. Increasing our permitted water supply capacity and providing emergency power capacity at our treatment and pump station facilities need to be capital priorities. Doing so with our water funds debt obligations will continue to be a challenge.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY J SHEPARD III, PE

*Public Works Director/Town Engineer*



***OUR HIGHWAY CREW— Joe Martin, John Allen, Daren Small, Eric Bates, Melvin Wells, Highway Supt. Steve Bonneau; Greg Adams, Todd Barup, Jasson Wells, & Bunker Hodgdon***

## STATUS OF EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Polo Field Shelter:** Intended to provide shelter during inclement weather at Polo Recreation Fields and storage. A conceptual building plan and site location has been developed. The Mayo Farm Management Plan requires a vote of the conceptual building plan and site location by Australian ballot at Annual Town Meeting. The Selectboard has included the conceptual plans on the Australian warning for the voter's consideration. If approved, money has been previously appropriated to advance the project through final design and permitting. Then it can be considered for construction funding along with other capital projects.

**Lower Village Sidewalk / River Road Intersection:** Stowe received a federal earmark to build a sidewalk in the Lower Village (from Sylvan Park Road (north) to River Road) to connect to the existing sidewalk network. The Lower Village Sidewalk will require relocation of utilities and adjusting curb cuts. Also, the River Road and Rt. 100 intersection will be realigned to "T" it up and remove the telephone pole from the middle of the intersection. The Selectboard has accepted the conceptual plans and the Town is obligated to proceed with the project or refund the federal money spent to date. The Town needs another \$530,650 in order to complete the project. This year's capital budget for voter consideration includes \$150,000. This will either serve as a match if we are able to obtain a grant or partial funding that would require an additional voter appropriation at the 2017 Annual Meeting if we are not able to obtain a grant. The State is planning on reconstructing this section of Rte. 100 in 2017 and the sidewalk project should be done before or at the same time. However, utility relocation may begin in 2016.

**West Branch River Management Project:** Significant damage was done to the Recreation Path around Bridge #7 from heavy rains in 2016. The Town obtained a \$500,000 grant from USDA to undertake Phase 1 of the West Branch River Management Project. This phase went from Bridge #7 upstream along the Bouchard Farm. The project involved armoring the streambank to protect the bridge. It also widened the river channel in order to provide more flood storage capacity. The Town has obtained a \$400,000 Ecosystem Restoration Program grant to undertake Phase 2 from Bridge #7 downstream for approximately 1,100 feet. Phase 2 will involve relocating a section of the Recreation Path out of the Fluvial Erosion Hazard Zone, armoring the streambank and widening the river channel and creating new flood plain to provide additional flood storage capacity. It requires a \$150,000 match which has been included in the capital budget for voter consideration on the floor at Annual Meeting.

**Village Center Sidewalks Preliminary Engineering:** The voters appropriated \$75,000 at the 2016 Annual Meeting to assess, prepare conceptual plans, and help prioritize their replacement. It will also look at work that makes sense to coordinate with the sidewalk / curb replacement (e.g. drainage, paving). Our goal is to have this phase of the work completed, so that the Selectboard

can begin discussing with the community the timeline to implement the work before the 2017 Annual Meeting. Because the existing pavers are in bad condition and it may take time to implement the more costly permanent sidewalk work, included in this year's capital budget for voter consideration is \$42,000 to remove the pavers and temporarily pave an asphalt sidewalk on Depot Street and S. Main Streets.

**Main Street Utility Line Relocation & Preliminary Design:** At the 2016 Annual Meeting the voters appropriated \$50,000 to assess the feasibility and cost of relocating / undergrounding the overhead wires on Main Street from its intersection with Rt. 108 to Sunset Street. The goal is to have it queued up for discussion purposes at the 2017 Annual Meeting to see if it is something the voters want to future pursue through implementation.

**Mountain Road Village Sidewalk:** Phase 1 on the north side of Mountain Road from Cape Cod Road to Gale Center was completed in the fall of 2015. Phase 2 is proposed to run from the Gale Farm Center to Cottage Club Road. Preliminary design is done and is ready to be considered for construction funding by the Selectboard and ultimately by the voters.

**Quiet Path Bridge:** The Public Works Department is in the process of preparing design, permit and contract documents with the goal of constructing it during the 2016 construction season.

**West Hill / Rt. 100 Intersection Improvements:** An appropriation has been received to hire a consultant to work with the Lamoille County Regional Planning Commission, VTrans and the community on an intersection design feasibility study. The purpose of the study is to decide on a preferred alternative for improvements. This is the first step in the process for obtaining federal funding.

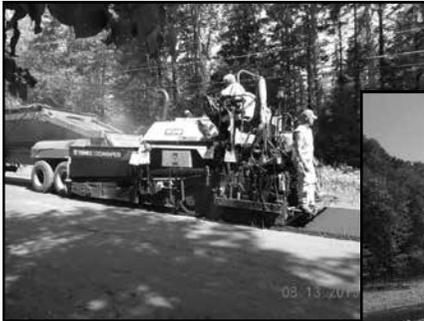
**Moscow Road / Rt. 100 Intersection Improvements:** An appropriation has been received to hire a consultant to work with the Lamoille County Regional Planning Commission, VTrans and the community on an intersection design feasibility study. The purpose of the study is to decide on a preferred alternative for improvements. This is the first step in the process of obtaining federal funding.

**Luce Hill / Mountain Road Intersection Improvements:** VTrans has allocated funds to "T" up the Luce Hill Intersection with Mountain Road and remove the island. This project is currently being designed by VTrans.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETED

Village Staircase to Recreation Path, Heyer Bridge Reconstruction, Dewey Bridge Reconstruction, Town Clock Rehabilitation, Riverbank Stabilization Phase 1, Mountain Road Village Sidewalk Phase 1, Village Sub-station Parking Lot, Cady Hill Forest Trails Phase 2.

Bridges, bridges, bridges! Paving; Mtn Rd side-walk; Staircase to Main St; and West Branch Restoration. *Phew!*





*DEWEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE*





## STOWE MOUNTAIN RESCUE



Stowe Mountain Rescue responded to 32 requests for assistance in 2015.

The missions are delineated accordingly:

	TYPE OF CALL	TOTAL
I.	SEARCH	7
II.	LITTER CARRY	8
III.	ASSIST HIKER	6
IV.	HIGH ANGLE/TECHNICAL RESCUE	7
V.	SWIFT WATER RESCUES 4	
	2015 CALL OUT TOTALS	32

Stowe Mountain Rescue applied for and was awarded grant through the Vermont Department of Public Safety (Federal Homeland Security Funding). The grant provided funding for new belay/rappel devices for each team member, new technical rescue pulleys and new rope bags for personal ropes. These grants are invaluable, allowing Stowe Mountain Rescue to execute missions safely and efficiently.

Stowe Mountain Rescue (SMR) has had two members retire from service. First, Sahmon Fallahian, our team physician has moved to Utah. Sam was a powerhouse, not only for medical training and backcountry patient care, but also as a strong team member. Second, long time member Derek Libby retired as well. Derek has been a member for SMR for more than twenty years and has been a foundation of the team for many years. Derek had solid skills (from technical rope skills to basic litter carries) and excelled at managing and assisting in incident command. His presence will be sorely missed as will his acerbic wit and never ending knowledge of technical rescue systemology. Thank you both, Sam and Derek for your contributions to the Team.

Please site our team website for further details on missions and other team information and activities – [www.stowemountainrescue.org](http://www.stowemountainrescue.org).

Doug Veliko, Chief and Training Officer

Marc Couper  
Tracey Elykelhoff  
Graham Govoni  
Derek Libby  
Ed Miller  
Dave Palmer  
Dennis Reinhardt

Tom Rogers  
Andrew Ruschp  
Greg Speer  
Ed Stewart  
Todd Westervelt  
Neil Van Dyke

## TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

The Town Clerk's Office is a leading point of contact for people with questions about our community. Whether it's how to get theater tickets, property tax questions or how to research your real estate records, we are always willing and able to assist.

Services remain the same as in years past – fish & game licensing, vehicle registration renewals, issuance of marriage licenses, dog licensing and passport services. The Clerk's Office is also the point of contact for most cemetery services such as lot purchase or burial information.

The following is a comparison of 2014 vs. 2015 statistics for some of the services we offer:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Dog Licenses Issued	526	520
Fish & Wildlife Licenses Sold	43	38
Land Records Processed	9,259 pages	9,370 pages
Land Record Office Visits	over 2,000	over 2,000
Liquor Licenses/App. Processed	140	224
Marriage Licenses Issued	191	136
Motor Vehicle Reg. Renewals	101	80
Passports Issued	171	202
Passport Photos Issued	305	415

In addition to the services listed above, the Clerk/Treasurer's Office is responsible for the billing and collection of over 3,700 tax bills, four times per year along with monthly follow-up on past due accounts.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve service and accessibility to information. Currently, you can find many municipal documents such as election results, contracts and Town Meeting minutes in a searchable database on our website.

In addition, you are now able to pay for many municipal services via credit card in our office or through the Town's web site. Visit [www.townof-stowevt.org](http://www.townof-stowevt.org) for a complete list.

Above all, we remain committed to serving our citizens to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON A. KAISER, *Town Clerk & Treasurer*  
 MEGAN GREGORY, *Assistant Clerk/Treasurer*  
 LISA WALKER, *Assistant Clerk/Treasurer*

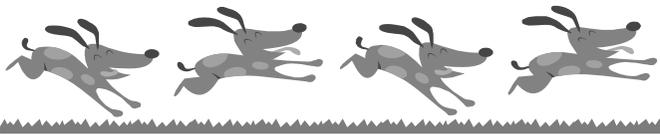
## DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses and tags are available at the Town Clerk's office Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 4:30. All dogs that are more than six months old must be registered in accordance with the provisions of the Stowe Dog Ordinance. A person keeping a dog contrary to license provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The deadline for licensing is April 1st. A copy of the rabies certificate and alteration should be provided at the time of licensing. 507 dogs were licensed in 2015.

<b>On or Before April 1st.</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Spayed/Neutered	\$10.50
Un-Altered	\$14.50
<b>After April 1st</b>	
Spayed/Neutered	\$12.50
Un-Altered	\$18.50

**SPECIAL LICENSES** - Issued for **non-neutered** dogs only that are kept for owner's breeding purposes (not for sale). The fee is \$31.00 for up to ten dogs. Additional dogs over 10, cost \$3.00 each.

Keep Stowe beautiful...



Please pick up after your dog.  
Thank you!

## **2015 REPORT OF THE ZONING DIRECTOR AND HEALTH OFFICER**

In 2015 the Zoning Director issued 173 zoning permits that included construction of 18 new single-family dwellings. In addition, staff assistance to the Development Review Board was provided for 40 applications involving conditional use reviews, subdivisions, and Ridge and Hillside Overlay reviews. Staff assistance was also provided to the Stowe Historic Preservation Commission who reviewed 23 applications involving historic renovations. The number of permits issued over the last four years has been slightly increasing with 148 permits in 2012; 161 permits in 2013; 149 permits in 2014 and 173 permits in 2015.

Permits for new residential houses in 2015 have varied in size from 1,544 square feet of heated space to 7,500 square feet of heated space. The average new house approved in 2015 had approximately 3,273 square feet of heated area or similar to 3,508 square feet in 2014. In the last three years there have been 13 house permits, or 24%, with less than 2,000 square feet of heated space and 6 of those house permits were approved in 2014. Only 2 new house permits in 2015 were issued for less than 2,000 square feet of heated area.

A zoning permit is required for any development project involving:

- New buildings (except certain smaller accessory buildings)
- Building additions
- Porches, decks, ponds, pools
- Accessory apartments
- Projects that increase sewage flow (i.e. new bedrooms)
- Projects that increase the gross floor area
- Changes in driveway locations
- Major grading
- Changes in use
- Fences and walls in the Stowe Historic District (SHOD)
- Facade alterations if in the Stowe Historic District (SHOD) and for historic buildings
- Projects in the Ridge Hillside Overlay District (RHOD)

The Zoning Director serves as the Stowe 9-1-1 coordinator. New addresses are assigned when permits for new buildings are obtained. All questions about new and existing addressing should be directed to the Zoning Director.

Sewer and water allocations for new development are also coordinated through the Zoning Department. Information on previous allocations and requests for new allocations should also be directed to the Zoning Director.

Last, the Zoning Director also serves as the Stowe Health Officer. The Health Officer is charged with investigating certain public health hazards and risks within the municipality. He also is charged with enforcement of the

Vermont Rental Code which establishes minimum housing standards for all rental units.

The Stowe Zoning Department is available to assist you with your development approvals. Assistance includes review of existing zoning records, review of applicable regulations, and guidance regarding other approvals that may need to be obtained. A preliminary project review is available and can save time and costs before proceeding with final design work. The Stowe Zoning Ordinance, Development Application, and other materials are available at the Zoning Office and at <http://www.townofstowevt.org/zoning>. The Zoning Department web page also includes useful links to DRB decisions, recently issued zoning permits, searchable wastewater and well permit databases, 911 address mapping, and natural resource mapping.

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*Zoning Director/Administrator*  
*Health Officer*  
911 Coordinator  
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rbaker@townofstowevermont.org



*STOWE MOUNTAIN RESCUE*

**ZONING DEPARTMENT PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**  
**(Effective 7/1/15)**

**Administrative**

Copy of Zoning/Subdivision Regulations (Paper) (Free to download from Stowe web site)	\$	18.00
Zoning Maps – Color:	\$	12.00
Photocopies (black & white)		\$.25/page
Photocopies (color)		\$1.00/page

**Application Fee - Permitted Uses**

Heated enclosed building spaces per sq. ft	\$0.20
Unheated enclosed building spaces per sq. ft	\$0.13
Unheated unenclosed building spaces (such as decks and open porches)	\$0.07
Structures other than buildings (such as ponds and tennis courts) - per structure	\$50
Minimum Permit Application Fee for any Permitted Use Categories	\$45.00
Sign Permits	\$55.00
Additional Recording Fee for Permit (set by state law)	\$10.00

**Banners**

Banners (per week)	\$25.00
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**Application Fee – Conditional Uses**

Heated enclosed spaces per sq. ft	0.20
Unheated enclosed spaces per sq. ft	\$0.13
Unheated unenclosed building spaces (such as decks and open porches)	\$0.07
Structures other than buildings (such as ponds and tennis courts) - per structure	\$100
All Categories, Minimum Fee for Conditional Use Review	\$220.00
Administrative Amendment by Zoning Administrator	\$55.00
Appeal of Action of Zoning Administrator	\$220.00
Appeal for Variance	\$220.00
Additional Recording Fee for decision notice and permit (set by state law)	\$20.00

**Subdivision of Land (includes PRD's & PUD's):**

Preliminary Layout Application (base fee)	\$220.00
Preliminary Layout (fee per unit or lot if equal to and/or more than 5 lots)	\$250.00
Final Plat Application (base fee)	\$220.00
Final Plat Application (additional fee per unit or lot if preliminary layout was not required)	\$100.00
Minimal alteration approved by Zoning Administrator	\$80.00
Other subdivision approvals requiring DRB approval	\$220.00
Additional Recording Fee for decision notice and permit (set by state law)	\$20.00
Final Plat Recording Fee (per map page) (set by state law)	\$15.00

**Certificate of Occupancy:**

Certificate of Occupancy Site Inspection (per visit)	\$40.00
Additional Recording Fee (set by state law)	\$10.00



Village Green Well Pump  
Replacement

**CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN STOWE**  
*~~Local Partnerships in Learning~~*

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the basic education and literacy needs of Stowe adults and teens for fifty years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, technical training and/or college

CVABE has six welcoming learning centers located throughout the organization's tri-county service region, including a Learning Center in downtown Morrisville and one in downtown Waterbury. We collaborate closely with schools, libraries, employers, and a great number of other community resources to make our unique service locally accessible. Our welcome extends to everyone.

Last year, 11 Stowe residents enrolled in CVABE's free programs, and on average, CVABE serves 14 Stowe residents annually. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving one's job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. *As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.*

In recent years, CVABE has provided free instruction to 500-600 people annually in its overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. *Nearly all students are low income.* It currently costs CVABE \$2,887 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Over 120 community volunteers, including 6 volunteers from Stowe, work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We are deeply appreciative of Stowe's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support of \$3,500 is again *critical* to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. *Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, or we could not help many of the neighbors who need education for a better life.*

**For more information** regarding CVABE's basic education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

**CVABE's Morrisville Learning Center**

52 Portland Street, PO Box 478

Morrisville, VT 05661

**(802) 888-5531**

or

**CVABE's Waterbury Learning Center**

141 South Main Street

Waterbury, Vermont 05676

**(802) 244-8765**

**[www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)**



## FALL 2015 REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF STOWE

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 18,187 people in 8,895 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, ongoing disaster relief, and more.

- Programs and services accessed by 108 Stowe households representing 195 individuals this past year included:
- 93 individuals in 46 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 10 households with 26 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 16 individuals in 8 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 6 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 2 additional family members.
- 12 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 16 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 22 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.

Capstone thanks the residents of Stowe for their generous support this year!



**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**  
*Information and Resources for Seniors*  
**REPORT OF SERVICES TO THE**  
**TOWN OF STOWE**

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior HelpLine – (800) 642-5119 –has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home

In the past year, we have touched the lives of thousands of elders throughout Central Vermont, including 53 Stowe families. Bonnie Hanson & Penny Walker-Reen are the Case Managers dedicated to working directly with the seniors in Stowe and provided at least 147 hours of service directly with 29 seniors in the past year. In addition, our Senior HelpLine has responded to 35 calls and 28 seniors received nutritional support through our wellness programs.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Stowe for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

## **CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER**

### **Organizational Mission & History**

Founded in 1981 Clarina Howard Nichols Center (Clarina) works to end domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County. Clarina provides advocacy, shelter, and support to survivors and their families as well as outreach education programs. Clarina works to affect social change within our communities through increased public awareness. A violence free tomorrow is our vision today!

### **Clarina's Primary Programs**

Survivor centered advocacy and outreach has always been at the heart of Clarina's work –and of the movement to end domestic and sexual violence as a whole. Clarina's programs address the critical needs of survivors and their non-offending family members:

- 24/7 hotline
- Low Barrier Pet Friendly Shelter & Transitional Housing
- Community Based Advocacy
- Criminal and Family Court Advocacy
- Systems Advocacy within healthcare, education, housing, benefits and employment
- Referrals to allied professionals
  - Youth & Child Advocacy
  - Home visiting, support groups for all ages as well as other healing activities and practices
- Community Advocacy Training & Education
- Prevention Education for all ages
- Awareness raising and engagement through the arts, theater, music, social media and social action
- Survivor Caucus development to raise and amplify the voices of those most affected by domestic, sexual, dating, stalking and trafficking violence
- Supervised Visitation
- Coordinated Community Response to domestic, sexual, stalking and trafficking violence
- Clarina Community Center dedicated to all of the above.

### **2014-15 Highlights**

The 2014-15 fiscal year (July 1-June 30) provided significant opportunities for expanding our work with individuals and families affected by domestic, sexual, stalking and trafficking violence. Clarina opened a new Community Center at 31 Main St. in downtown Morrisville. Having this space for direct services –advocacy & supervised visitation- as well as outreach

greatly enhanced our ability to respond to crisis and the ongoing effects of trauma in a safer setting. As a result, our points of contact expanded from mostly hotline to many more face to face opportunities.

In early 2015, Clarina staff and board engaged in Real Time Strategic Planning, developing priorities for the near future and a strategic screen to help assess the opportunities and calls for help that come our way. We believe this has made us a stronger community partner as well as service provider with greater clarity of purpose.

We identified the critical need to address the intersection of danger caused by lack of affordable housing and these forms of violence. Lack of affordable housing is a primary reason victims remain in violent relationships. For 35 years we have responded with shelter but we knew that wasn't enough. Therefore we have begun to work with landlords to provide transitional housing as well. The goal is for individuals and families to receive financial support and at the end of 6-24 months be able to sustain housing without our help.

We also work closely with community partners across Lamoille Count and the state to provide safer temporary and permanent housing in communities where they have support systems. In the next year, we will be proposing more cost effective safer alternatives to hotels and continue to transform shelter into sustainability for those we serve.

Members of Lamoille County's Coordinated Community Response to Domestic, Sexual, Stalking and Trafficking Violence gathered last summer for two days of systems change work to begin to transform our self governance to increase effectiveness, compassion and our trauma informed approach. We were hosted by Mass Circle Initiative at Hope Grows Farm working to bring together elements of indigenous practice to improve our practices, especially as related to marginalized communities.

#### 2014-15 Statistics:

<b>Points of Contact with those we serve:</b>	<b>9040</b>
<b>Adults Served:</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Children Served:</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Number supported with housing:</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>Shelter &amp; Transitional Housing:</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Number of nights in shelter/housing:</b>	<b>2615</b>
<b>Number we were not able to serve with housing:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Court Advocacy:</b>	<b>931</b>
<b>Supervised Visits &amp; Exchanges:</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Trainings/Outreach Events:</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Hours provided by Volunteers:</b>	<b>9860.5</b>



## LAMOILLE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity is a local, non-profit organization pursuing the building of decent, affordable homes for people in our county who do not qualify for a standard loan. The family selected is screened to meet income and personal guidelines and must participate in the building of their home and future homes. They must be able to repay an interest-free loan that covers the cost of materials and land. Labor is provided by local volunteers so the home is built affordably.

The local Board currently coordinates and oversees fundraising, family selection and site selection for homes to be built in Lamoille County. When adequate funds are accumulated, the Board coordinates and oversees construction, while continuing to work with the selected family to insure success as homeowners.

The repayment of the loan and ongoing fundraising will provide funds to begin another home for another family. Habitat for Humanity International's years of building in this manner provides a successful map for our local chapter to follow and realize its goals.

Our first Habitat family have been in their energy efficient home for a year. Their mortgage payments have been instrumental in building our account. A very successful fund raising event (HammerJam) in August netted \$11,500. Donations continue to come in throughout the year and Our annual appeal letter was mailed in mid December

On behalf of the Board of Directors, your support to bring affordable housing to another family of Lamoille County is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers for this project are welcomed.

Jeremy Hoff, *Interim President*  
Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity  
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LamoilleHabitat@gmail.com  
www.LamoilleHabitat.org

## LAMOILLE COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE, INC.



Lamoille Community Food Share is a locally funded, volunteer powered non-profit corporation. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplement food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget.

We help all those who ask, but our main service area consists of the towns of Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park,

Morristown, Stowe and Wolcott.

As of November 2015, we have seen 204 individuals from Stowe visit our pantry. This represents a slight increase over our numbers from 2014. We have served 69 families including 116 adults and 78 children. 30 of the families had at least one family member who was working but they still could not make ends meet. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week for those in need. More than ever, we appreciate the help we have received in the past and look forward to continued support from our friends and neighbors in Stowe.

Board of Directors:

Joan Greene – President

Caroline Ballard

Betty Bevans

Heather Bradley

Joan Greene

Pam Hammel

Karen Loh

Jan Tichansky

Ellen Waldman

Tom Younkman

## LAMOILLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Lamoille County Natural Resources Conservation District & Nature Center, doing business as Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD), appreciated your support in 2015.

LCCD is a tax exempt organization that exists as a local branch of government by the Soil and Water Conservation Act categorized by the Internal Revenue Service per section 170(c)(1). Your charitable contribution to the district is tax-deductible. Since 1945 we've worked to educate, conserve, and protect the natural resources of Lamoille County with farmers, landowners, and municipalities. Our mission is to be a local voice for conservation, preservation, and stewardship of all natural resources and work in conjunction with other agencies (private and public) at the grassroots level. Here are some of LCCD's 2013 Highlights:

- Installed riparian buffers throughout the West Branch Watershed
- Coordinated a Portable Skidder Bridge rental program for loggers
- Coordinated a Hydroseeder Program for municipalities
- Delivered conservation education programs to 2,803 students, teachers, and citizens including Stowe Recreation Department, Stowe Free Library, and Stowe Middle School

Last year our expenditures totaled approximately \$141,462 of which less than \$7,000 came from the state with no strings attached. The difference is made up in grants, partners, foundations and our local communities. As a county resource working at the local level, we appreciate receiving financial support from the municipalities we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact us with additional questions.

Sincerely,

KIMBERLY KOMER

*Director*

## LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Lamoille County Mental Health Services has always strived to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. This past year we have focused our energy on strengthening our alcohol and substance abuse awareness program, expanding our mobile crisis program to assist adults with severe and persistent mental illness and supporting children, youth and their families. Over the past year we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all of our programs including a 24 hour 365 day a year Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) responding to requests from local police, EMT, Copley Hospital ER, Lamoille Valley school districts and other providers. The MCT also provides Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for first responders, families, and work colleagues coping with the aftermath of a traumatic event. This is the only full time mental health emergency crisis response service in the region. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 we served 66 Stowe individuals.

We have been collaborating with our community partners on our Crisis Bed stabilization program named Oasis House. This two bed program opened in February 2013, and the program has been of tremendous help in preventing and/or diverting Emergency room visits and/or hospital stays. This unit will serve our local consumers and when room is available, will support the state's effort at making available more care in the community. In the past year we have created a community CADRE team to support individuals who are experiencing a difficult time to have someone to talk to while sitting in the emergency room. This resource has allowed other community resources to be used more appropriately.

Your continued contribution and support is always valued but is more important than ever as the state wrestles with healthcare reform. In these times, the people at the local level must do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need. Our commitment to you is that when there is need we will be there.

Sincerely,

Savi Van Sluytman  
*Executive Director*

## THE LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by municipalities and serving Lamoille County. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village and five elected County Directors.

Lamoille County Planning Commission implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional, and statewide needs. This year, LCPC completed a substantial update of the Lamoille County Regional Plan, adopted November 24, 2015.

### Projects and Programs

- ***Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates & Related Technical Assistance:*** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, training, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ***Brownfields Revitalization:*** Complete environmental site assessments and clean-up planning so properties can be sold or re-developed to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs, enhance quality of life, and increase housing opportunities.
- ***Transportation Planning:*** Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans, road foremen network, and traffic counts.
- ***Emergency Response Planning:*** Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency response planning, exercises and trainings.
- ***Watershed Planning and Project Development:*** Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, and address known sources of pollution.
- ***Regional Plan:*** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.
- ***Geographic Information Services:*** Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups mapping assistance and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ***Special Projects:*** Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, forest stewardship, economic development, and affordable housing.
- ***Grants:*** Provide assistance identifying appropriate funding sources, defining project scope, and writing applications.

- **Board development:** LCPC is comprised of a Board of Directors, with 18 Directors appointed by municipalities and five County Directors representing regional interests. County Directors are: Caleb Magoon, Yvette Mason, Craig Myotte, and Valerie Valcour.

## 2015 Municipal Assistance

### STOWE

- Conducted Municipal Plan review and regional approval of plan
- Facilitated Green Mountain Byway Steering Committee and provided mapping assistance
- Updated Local Emergency Operations Plan
- Provided trails mapping assistance
- Managed Stowe-Morristown Path feasibility study
- Conducted traffic/bike and pedestrian counts
- Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Assisted with Preliminary "Benefit Cost Analysis" of potential flood mitigation projects for the Stowe Recreation Path
- Updated Stowe E-911 map to aid emergency response
- Conducted 2015 Stowe Culvert Inventory
- Applied for Better Back Roads Grant (awarded) and conducted 2015 Road Erosion Inventory
- Coordinated outreach for Safe Routes to School Program
- Developed Operations Manual for the Barnes Camp Visitors Center
- Facilitated commitment of funds from VT Agency of Transportation (VTrans) for intersection studies
- Assisted request to VTrans for reduced speed limit

### Regional Directors

Chandler Matson & Brian Leven

### Transportation Advisory Committee

Tom Jackman

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Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
2015 Annual Report

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 12,696 E911 calls this last year, slightly down from the 12,979 in 2014. We were very fortunate to hire two experienced dispatchers who previously were with the Vermont Department of Public Safety. Our current staff consists of 12 dispatchers, which allows extra coverage during busy times.

Fire		Ambulance		Police	
Agency	Total Calls	Agency	Total Calls	Agency	Total Calls
Barre	166	Barre	3492	Barre Town	6076
Elmore	45	Hardwick	567		
Hardwick	70	NEMS	806	LCSD	5537
Johnson	109	Cambridge	387	Stowe PD	4699
North Hyde / Eden	56	Morristown	672	Hardwick PD	3065
Wolcott	47	Stowe	644	Morristown PD*	3554
Cambridge	184				
Greensboro	41			FCSO*	4943
Hyde Park	89				
Morristown	164				
Stowe	267				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1238</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6568</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>27874</b>

\*Total number of calls dispatched by LCSD, not the total number of calls the agency responded to for the year.

The LCSD Patrol Division responded to 5537 calls for services, up from 4067 calls for service in 2014. The Patrol Division provides 24 hours/7 day per week coverage in Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott. The Patrol Division has continued to utilize several part-time deputies to conduct directed patrols, foot patrols and property watches. These deputies conducted 95 directed patrols, 18 foot patrols and 18 property watches. Because the Patrol Division utilized part-time deputies for these patrols there were no additional costs to tax payers. Apart from the patrol budget, LCSD also provides a School Resource Officer to Lamoille Union High School. This position is paid through a separate budget. Opiate use in communities continues to be a significant problem. Investigations regarding domestic violence and burglaries often have a substance abuse related component.

Nature of Call	Johnson	Hyde Park	Wolcott
Traffic Accident	77	53	36
Burglary	8	3	0
Citizen Dispute/Family Fight/Domestic	71	32	29
DUI	5	2	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	95	79	24
Noise Disturbance	44	24	8
Sexual Assault	3	3	0
Drug Investigations	7	9	2
Theft	61	15	19
Traffic Tickets	248	161	100
	Fine Amount \$33,773.00	Fine Amount \$29,860.00	Fine Amount \$10,040.00

Respectfully,  
Roger M. Marcoux Jr.  
Lamoille County Sheriff

## LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



The travel and tourism industry continues to contribute to 2/3rds of the economy in Lamoille County

and Stowe remains a major economic driver in the region. As such, many businesses directly related to or dependent upon the travel and tourism industry choose to locate in the town as well as many others who are there because of their historical and/or family ties or because of the attraction of Stowe as a great place to live and do business. The LEDC works with your Town leadership to assist in any way we can to help you meet your goals for attracting the kind of new businesses and business expansion that meet your Town Plan.

We continue to be a key player in the Barnes Camp Partnership. We are also supporting the regionwide effort to create the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail which, when completed, will offer a seamless way to snowmobile, ski, snowshoe, bicycle or travel by horseback all the way from St. Johnsbury to Swanton. We are also assisting the group of individuals from Stowe and Morrisville working to create a recreation path between Stowe and Morrisville which would have a direct hook-up with the Rail Trail. When completed this will offer a fantastic connection between Kingdom Trails mountain biking in Burke and the Stowe Mountain Biking Center.

Our countywide initiatives are also of direct benefit to Stowe. These include eight low cost workshops for small businesses which were attended by many Stowe residents and business owners. More than 250 residents of Lamoille County attended these workshops. We continue our leadership role in the local Workforce Investment Board, membership on the Regional Advisory Board for the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center for which our Executive Director continues as vice chair, chairing the Lamoille Brownfields Community Advisory Committee and chairing the Lamoille Transportation Advisory Committee. We continue our activities in implementing our focus on tourism, agritourism, value-added and sustainable agriculture and web-based businesses. Our executive director remains active in leadership positions in the Vermont Farm to Plate Initiative and was recently elected the Co-chair of the Education and Workforce Development Working Group. He also served on the Vermont Agriculture and Forestry Product Development Board until it was merged with the Working Lands Enterprise Board on July 1, 2015.

After working on it for nearly two years, we are very pleased that the expansion of the Northeast Kingdom Foreign Trade Zone to include all of Lamoille County was finally official as of April 2015.

We continue as the host for the local office of the Vermont Small Business Development Center manned by Charles Ininger. Charlie's years of experience in the hotel and restaurant business and tenure as an instructor at NECI make him particularly sought after for his assistance by new businesses in these areas. He is also a specialist in the business of brewing and distilling and has worked directly with nearly all of the businesses in Lamoille in these fields.

In April of 2015 the LEDC sold a commercial property in Cambridge that it has owned since 1986. Our Board made the decision to use the proceeds from this sale to enhance our Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund and we now have over \$400,000 available to loan to businesses located in Lamoille County or who are moving here.

Our executive director was again one of the organizers for the Fresh Tracks Capital Road Pitch event and was also the coordinator for the Morrisville segment. This year there were seven local entrepreneurs who made "pitches" to an audience made up of over 40 venture capitalists, angel investors, and successful business owners. One of the "pitchers" is a long time resident of Stowe.

We continue to carefully monitor and assess legislative proposals at both the State and Federal levels that affect Lamoille businesses specifically as well as all businesses in general and, where appropriate, offer our testimony or in other ways ensure that Lamoille business interests are looked after. We were very involved on our own and through The Regional Development Corporations of Vermont in doing away with the so-called Cloud Tax. We will be paying particular attention in the coming legislative session to budget and tax policy, health care, tourism funding, growth and development and workforce training.

Once again the LEDC thanks the Stowe staff and select board for their assistance. We will continue to do our best to do our part to support and maintain a robust local economy by supporting all efforts to create and retain local jobs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the the LEDC Board of Directors by  
John Mandeville, Executive Director.



## **LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER REPORT TO THE TOWN OF STOWE**

...affirms the right of all children to grow up in an environment that enables them to become healthy adults by encouraging, educating and celebrating families.

The Lamoille Family Center is in its 40th year of service to children, youth and families! During this time, thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received our services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, youth services, and emergency assistance. The families we serve face the overwhelming challenges of isolation, poverty, substance abuse, violence, and much more. Our staff work with families to set realistic goals and celebrate together as each step is achieved.

In fiscal year 2015, more than 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley were served by our 35 caring and dedicated staff. Examples of Stowe residents served include:

- Our Children's Integrated Services team made home visits, providing family support and early intervention, for 22 children.
- 9 families with 18 children received toys, games, books, and stocking stuffers thru the Holiday Project
- 5 families with 8 children received emergency assistance including funding for rent and fuel and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture
- 36 families attended a weekly playgroup
- Dozens of families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with referral to regulated programs, professional development for child care staff, and participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- On any given day approximately 25 families and 35 children receive support in affording child care through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program

Countless children are stronger, safer and more confident as a result of their involvement with the Family Center. Together, step by step, we will reach the day when all children are safe, healthy and loved.

Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services, and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We cannot do this work without you. We invite you to stop by for a visit, meet some of our staff, and see a glimpse of what happens each day at the Family Center.

Scott Johnson, *Executive Director*

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**LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE**

**365 Days of Caring**

What we do as home health caregivers is sometimes nothing short of miraculous. Friends, family, and other loved ones; who, because of our care, are able to remain at home, tell us every day how much it means that they are able to receive care at home. It’s not just ANY care – Lamoille Home Health & Hospice provides skilled nursing, physical therapy, and our “Better Breathing” program for people with COPD and Congestive Heart Failure. We manage wound care, IV infusions, and provide homemaker support for the elderly. We are reassurance to a new mother who gains confidence from our Lactation consultant nurse, and we are the providers of comfort and reassurance to a dying patient who relies on our dedicated hospice nurses and volunteers during a most demanding and poignant time of life.

365 days of the year LHH&H provides home care to anyone in Lamoille County who qualifies and who needs us – regardless of their ability to pay. Over the past fiscal year, our agency provided 4442 skilled and personal care visits to 155 Stowe residents.

**365 Days of LHH&H Statistics**

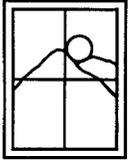
<b>TOTAL VISITS:</b>	<b>CENSUS BY AGE</b>	<b>STAFF FTE’s by Discipline</b>
Nursing ~ 9835	0 – 18 yrs ~ 73	Administration ~ 4.00
Therapy ~ 4395	19 – 65 yrs ~ 322	Clerical ~ 9.61
MSW ~ 670	66 – 89 yrs ~ 399	Nursing ~ 10.23
LNA ~ 7760	90 – 102 yrs ~ 100	Therapy ~ 4.31
PCA ~ 6191	<b>CENSUS BY GENDER</b>	Medical Social Worker ~ .89
Case Mgmt ~ 138	Male ~ 374	Licensed Nursing Assts ~ 5.60
Hospice Volunteer ~ 1	Female ~ 520	Personal Care Attendants ~ 8.72
		Case Management ~ 2.59

Our population is aging. Lamoille County is poised to expand our population of people over the age of 65 by as many as 5000 additional seniors by the year 2030. That means Lamoille Home Health & Hospice could easily double the service we currently provide. This will likely mean:

- More staffing needs at competitive pay.
- More funding to alleviate the costs the Agency incurs from low reimbursements or services provided at NO cost to the patient.
- Better training and more outreach to insure that no one in Lamoille County goes without quality healthcare.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice wishes to acknowledge everyone – donors, grantors, our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, community partners, families, friends, clients, and others who generously support our work and commitment to a healthy Lamoille County 365 days a year. Thank you!

## **LAMOILLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.**



### **STOWE - PROPERTIES AND SERVICES**

The Lamoille Housing Partnership [LHP] was created in 1991 to develop, rehabilitate and maintain safe, decent, energy efficient affordable housing through rental, home ownership, or other means to low and moderate income persons and families living within Lamoille County and the Town of Hardwick.

LHP provides such assistance without discrimination or prejudice using a combination of private and public funding partnerships.

LHP owns and operates over 250 units of affordable housing in our service area. 39 of those units are located in Stowe, VT. We are gratified and proud of our 5+ years of working with the Stowe community. Leslie Whitaker, a resident of our Sylvan Woods property in Stowe, and LHP Board Member, recently remarked, "The day before Thanksgiving in 2008 I purchased my home something I had tried long and hard to accomplish. [...] I remember those who helped make that dream a reality. Thank you Lamoille Housing Partnership for working so hard on my behalf and helping to make my dream come true. I am forever grateful!" It is these kinds of rewarding sentiments that inspire our initiative.

We look forward to continuing our work assisting our neighbors in Stowe and the rest of our service area. LHP Properties in Stowe

#### **LHP Properties in Stowe**

##### **1. Sylvan Woods Housing Limited Partnership [HLP]**

- In 2006 constructed 28 family rental apartments and 8 condominium homes
  - 58 residents
    - 22 children
    - 31 adults
    - 5 seniors
  - 2 handicap adaptable apartments
  - Senior friendly
  - Appliances are energy efficient

##### **2. Little River**

- Purchased and renovated 3 units of family housing
- Recently renovated to improve energy efficiency
- 5 residents
  - 3 children
  - 2 adults
  - 1 disabled resident

- 1 three-bedroom handicapped adaptable unit
- Senior friendly
- Appliances are energy efficient
- Part of Morrisville Community HLP

PROPERTY NAME	PROJECT NAME	ADDRESS	UNITS	FAMILY UNITS
Little River	Part of Morrisville Community HLP	1621 Pucker Street, Stowe	3	3
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 066	66 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 085	85 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 086	86 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 096	96 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 098	98 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 099	99 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 108	108 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 118	118 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	3	3
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 120	126 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	3	3
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 132	132 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 144	144 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 146	146 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2
Sylvan Woods	Sylvan Woods 154	154 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe	2	2

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## LAMOILLE RESTORATIVE CENTER (LRC)

Last year, Lamoille Restorative Center helped 923 people stay out of the criminal justice system by empowering them to make good choices and connect positively to their community.

- 46 volunteers helped 177 people address the harm they caused last year. Our volunteers find meaningful ways for participants to connect with their community – whether it’s taking a parenting class, finding a support group or volunteering at a local food shelf.
- A parent’s incarceration can have lasting, negative consequences for children. Last year, we helped 42 children improve their lives after a parent went to jail.
- Employment prevents crime. Over the past year, we prepared 41 young people for the world of work and helped 11 find and maintain a job.
- Many people in the Lamoille Valley are struggling with alcohol and drugs. Last year, we helped 25 people get drug and alcohol treatment.
- Chronic truancy is common among children that get into trouble. Last year, we worked with hundreds of families to help 340 kids attend school.

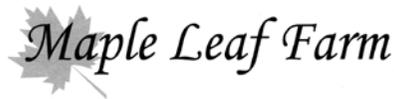
46 volunteers, 14 staff, 13 programs. We couldn’t do this great work without support from our community. Volunteer time and financial contributions are crucial to LRC’s sustainability.

We very much appreciate your town’s ongoing support.

For more information about LRC or are interested in volunteering, please call us or visit our website at [www.lrcvt.org](http://www.lrcvt.org).

Sincerely,  
Heather Hobart  
Executive Director

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Maple Leaf Farm – From Addiction to Recovery

Maple Leaf Treatment Center is one of the oldest, continuously operating residential substance abuse programs in the country. We offer clinically managed residential detoxification and residential treatment programs to men and women in the foothills of Mt. Mansfield. In addition, Maple Leaf provides outpatient medication-assisted treatment and will soon be expanding services to offer outpatient counseling. Maple Leaf is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services, is licensed by the State of Vermont, and operates as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. In this past fiscal year, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, Maple Leaf served 4 Stowe residents who spent 47 days in treatment.

No one is ever turned away from treatment at Maple Leaf, regardless of financial circumstances. Over 75% of the patients Maple Leaf serves are covered by Vermont Medicaid. However, Medicaid reimburses us at a rate that is less than the actual cost of providing care. We rely on tertiary income sources such as United Ways, grants, town appropriations and donations to make up the difference so that we may continue providing our essential services to everyone who asks for our help, regardless of financial status. An appropriation from the Town of Stowe directly benefits another member of your community seeking recovery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catey Iacuzzi, PsyD, LADC, Executive Director  
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## MEALS ON WHEELS OF LAMOILLE COUNTY

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County (MOWLC) is a community based private, non-profit organization that works hard to make seniors healthier and happier by providing nutritious and delicious home delivered meals and senior community meal sites. Our daily meals and check on well-being help seniors to live independently in their own homes and communities. Proper nutrition is key to keeping seniors healthy and decreases hospital visits & readmissions.

We provide meals to seniors in need for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: inability to prepare own meals, not getting proper nutrition, lack of income that makes purchasing food difficult, lack of transportation to the store, hospital/nursing home discharge, illness or injury.

Our work is only possible because of support from communities throughout Lamoille County! In fact, community support through town funding, United Way funding, grants, fundraising activities, and client contributions makes up 61% of our budget and offsets the difference between our federal/state funding and the cost to provide the meals. MOWLC has to raise \$4.95 per meal over and above the federal funding! Volunteers from the community are also crucial to our success. 7 out of 8 delivery routes are covered by volunteers Monday-Friday. Staff and volunteers travel a combined 245 miles each day delivering meals. This past fiscal year we had 212 community members volunteer for our program as delivery drivers, kitchen assistants, event helpers, Board members and office assistants. They donated over 4,200 hours and drove 44,600+ miles! We are truly YOUR community Meals on Wheels program!

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, MOWLC provided 42,296 meals to 471 individuals. Of this total, 33 were residents of Stowe, and they received a total of 3,598 meals.

Through a survey of our recipients we learned that our program is high quality and that our program provides recipients with different benefits. Some of our results showed that:

\*74% can continue to live in their own home as a result of receiving our home delivered meals.

\*72% eat a healthier variety of food as a result of the meals.

\*96% rated our program as good to excellent, with 55% selecting excellent, 27% very good, and 14% as good.

\*98% would recommend our program to a friend.

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and recipients of Meals on Wheels, I thank the residents of Stowe for your ongoing support. For more information on our services or to become a volunteer, please call 888-5011.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Fournier Grisgraber  
*Executive Director*

## NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE

On behalf of the Board, the staff, the volunteers, and, of course, the animals, thank you for your past financial support.

NCAL's mission is to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between animals and humans through education and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention and the sheltering of homeless animals. In 2015 NCAL accepted 7 stray or surrendered animals into our adoption/shelter program from Stowe.

These 7 strays or surrenders amount to an approximate expense to NCAL of \$5,075 when using a minimum expense of \$725 per animal for care, feeding and medical needs before adoption. Our adoption fees of \$200 per dog and \$100 per cat pay only a small amount of the expenses incurred: spay/neuter, de-worming, vaccines, food and care. To ensure the adoption of homeless animals, we must keep our adoption fees affordable. Since our adoption fees cover only the minimum of expense, we need town wide community support for our humanitarian work.

Daily boarding fees at private kennels range from \$20 to \$30 per day. To board animals with an average stay of 21 days before adoption, your town would have spent as much as \$4,410 and as little as \$2,940 just to house these strays, not including medical, advertising for adoption, overhead of staff and building, etc. NCAL is still the best financial solution for Stowe's stray and homeless animals.

In addition to taking Stowe's stray and surrendered animals, we are involved in the community with our education programs. Qualified staff members and volunteers go into schools, nursing homes and in front of community groups like the Scouts to teach humane and kind treatment of animals. Many of the county's social service groups use us as a place to teach responsibility and caring, and our volunteer program offers opportunities for people who want to serve their community. Additionally, 45 Stowe residents adopted dogs or cats from us this past year.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for annual support from Stowe, without which many animals would suffer from cruelty or be euthanized needlessly.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie Scott, Executive Director

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**LAMOILLE DAY HEALTH SERVICES (AKA OUT AND ABOUT)  
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(802) 888-7045**

Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out and About) is proud to serve the community by fulfilling our mission of providing adults with an alternative choice for long-term healthcare while remaining as independent as possible in the care setting of their choice. We are honored the community is continuing to choose Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out and About) to fulfill their needs in this way.

The number of participants we continue to serve has remained steady at an average of 20 to 25 people per day. We believe we are able to sustain these daily numbers due to our excellent care, devoted staff and positive atmosphere. The appropriations the town of Stowe gives is crucial in our ability to provide the services our community members require. Some of the services we provide in which the appropriations make possible are assistance with personal care, transportation, nursing care, fun activities, nutritious meals, and caregiver respite.

We look forward to another year of serving the residents of Stowe and contributing to the well-being of the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Stauffeneker  
Secretary/Treasurer of Board of Directors

### **Our Services**

#### **Home-cooked meals and snacks**

We provide a light breakfast, lunch and snack daily. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions whether it is personal or medical.

#### **Nursing services**

We have two nurses on staff to provide skilled nursing care daily. This care can include medication administration, wound care, nail care, vital signs assessment, weight monitoring, diabetic care, as well as coordination of other Health and Community services.

**Personal care**

We have aides to assist with personal care. This care can include assistance with ambulation and transfers, incontinence care, toileting, bathing, dressing, and eating.

**Activities and Socialization**

We offer a variety of therapeutic and stimulating activities including; Bingo, live music performances, animal visits, group exercises, card games and more. We also like to laugh and have lots of fun.

**Art Program**

We staff a professional artist one day a week; offering one on one instruction, tailoring the program to each participant and their abilities.

**Caregiver Respite**

We offer a safe, fun and caring environment for our participants; offering families or caregivers the opportunity to do errands, maintain a job or just have a break without worry.

**Transportation**

Door-to-door transportation to and from our facility is provided via Rural Community Transportation (RCT). Modes of transport include wheelchair accessible vans and volunteer drivers.



# RSVP



*"Volunteers getting things done in Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom"*

RSVP Volunteers are essential to our community - from delivering Meals on Wheels and staffing at the AARP Tax Aid, to Bone Builders exercise program. Volunteers of all ages are crucial to helping meet our community's needs. Without RSVP volunteers, many of our non-profit organizations would find it difficult to maintain the services needed by our friends and neighbors.

The money requested from Stowe is used to help offset the cost supporting volunteers. These costs are: travel, insurance, training, recognition and coordination time.

What Does RSVP Mean? The acronym stands for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, whose mission is to engage volunteer 55 and better in service. This however poses a problem because as soon as someone younger hears the meaning of the acronym they thought they were ineligible to serve, this is not true. Our communities' nonprofits need people of all ages.

RSVP simply means an agency dedicated to volunteers of all ages and to the nonprofit organizations and businesses in our communities. RSVP also means the Bone Builders program, designed to prevent and slow the onset of osteoporosis in older citizens. RSVP means having volunteers providing transportation, helping at the Food Shares, elementary schools, hospitals, nursing homes, adult education, transportation programs, and wood banks.

For more information, or to volunteer here in your community, please contact Dan Noyes at 888-2190 or [dnoyes@cvcoa.org](mailto:dnoyes@cvcoa.org). RSVP Volunteer Center is an invitation to serve. Sponsored by the Central Vermont Council on Aging, it is a national program designed to provide opportunities for persons of any age who continue to remain actively involved in the life of their community. The aim is to develop specific volunteer opportunities that utilize the particular skills and interests of each individual volunteer, at the same time keeping an eye to what needs to get done in the community. Offices are located in Morrisville, Barre, and Waterbury or visit [www.volunteervt.com](http://www.volunteervt.com) to learn of other opportunities in your community.

**RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

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RCT has been providing service in your community for over nineteen years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a private nonprofit corporation. We are a transportation brokerage service that uses all modes of transportation including bus, vans, taxi, and volunteer drivers to provide transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public. Between all of our programs, RCT provided over 206,987 rides per year.

Last year RCT provided 65 Stowe residents with 2,292 trips, accumulating approximately 30,136 miles, transporting residents to: adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments.

Thank you, citizens of Stowe for your support.

Respectfully,

MARY GRANT

*Executive Director*



## STOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Conservation and preservation was a major focus for the Stowe Historical Society in 2015. As the results of cleaning and reframing four Edwin Houston's, and Karin Gottlieb's curatorial effort, a display of large landscapes of Mount Mansfield, Lake Mansfield, table top portraits, a Stowe High School basket ball team and more was created.

Because of positive experiences by several Vermont historical societies and high schools, Liz Lackey shipped three boxes of Prattles, and Stowe High School Year Books to Oklahoma Correctional Industries to be digitized without cost. We look forward to being able to digitize our oversized paper items through OCI due to this successful project. We are excited to offer our digital collection of Year Books at the museum, for personal research.

Our Annual Exhibit "High Over Stowe" a collection of 1962 aerial photographs was given an award at the 2015 annual meeting of League of Local Historical Societies.

Wendy Parrish "relaxed" (flattened) twelve 40" by 40" VT Department of Transportation photos. Digital and print mounted copies were made. An introductory program led by Charlie Burnham, land planner was well received and will be repeated during the winter. A guide to sites on each photo is available. COME IN A SEE HOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD APPEARED 53 YEARS AGO!

From our "Lovejoy collection" are more than a dozen hats that span about 100 years- our third display for 2015. The newest hats were worn by Alice Barrows Lovejoy 1877-1962 and are familiar to those who remember her walking to the village daily from her home on Maple Street.

During the fall we began rebuilding our web site and more robust emailing ability.

Soon we will be unveiling our announcement and e-newsletter, which will replace our semi-annual newsletter. In addition to our current web-pages we are creating a research source which will contain an overview of materials available for research people, families, places events and more pertaining to Stowe.

We continue to welcome visitors from all corners of the United States and foreign lands as well. Quite a few of our visitors shared their experiences in a one room schoolhouse while visiting Bloody Brook. For children it seemed amazing there was no electricity, nor indoor plumbing. How things have changed! Most of them were carrying something electronic. Between

visiting with guests we continue to collect profiles and obituaries, do research, prepare for publication, and add to our Stowe Speaks collection of interviews. We appreciate collaborating with Stowe Vibrancy in ART ON PARK, and participating in Stowe Arts & Culture Council.

We encourage our neighbors to visit or participate in one of our events or projects.

Keeping History Alive,  
Barbara Baraw, *President*

*At Town Hall Theatre -  
Stowe Theatre Guild*



*SES 5th Grade  
Shrek*

*Patrick Ross and Hot Flannel*



## STOWE LAND TRUST

*Stowe Land Trust (SLT) works to conserve and care for significant scenic, recreational and productive farm and forest land for the benefit of the greater Stowe community.*

SLT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and has worked with the community and a diverse set of partners to complete 30 land protection projects since 1987. SLT owns and manages 5 properties, each of which has trails that are open to the public. Our properties include: Wiessner Woods, Kirchner Woods, Mill Trail, Dumont, and Page Forest. These successful projects are the result of the hard work, dedication and generosity of the community, SLT's Board of Directors and staff, a host of volunteers, and many members and donors. Thank you for your support!

In 2015, SLT hosted the third year of the Summer Naturalist Program, which engaged over 700 children, parents, and teachers in educational programming and volunteer opportunities. The program is based out of the historic cabin located at the SLT-owned Mill Trail property on Notchbrook Road. As part of the Summer Naturalist program, the cabin was open to the public on Saturdays throughout the summer. SLT has completed extensive renovations to the historic cabin since 2003, including replacing the roof, shoring up the foundation, and replacing some of the windows and doors. In 2015, SLT worked with local students from the Green Mountain Technical Career Center to install solar lighting at the cabin, which greatly increases the programming opportunities. SLT plans to re-open the cabin and host the Summer Naturalist Program again in summer 2016.

Each year, SLT stewardship staff and volunteers work with the owners of other SLT-conserved properties, such as Cady Hill Forest and Adams Camp, to ensure that the land is cared for. Properties are visited and monitored at least once a year, and staff responds to questions, concerns, and requests.

While SLT has completed 30 projects to date, there is still forest, farm and recreational land that is valued by the community, but remains unprotected. SLT continues to work to protect the working forests, farms, and trails that make Stowe special. With your support, we can continue to protect key habitat for wildlife, protect working farms, and ensure public access and recreational opportunities that help keep the community healthy and connected to the land. Visit [www.stowelandtrust.org](http://www.stowelandtrust.org) to learn more and to get involved.

Respectfully,

Caitrin Maloney  
*Executive Director*

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*Volunteers gather to spruce up the trails at Kirchner Woods. June, 2015.*



*Josh Ryan teaches youngsters how to deal with pesky roots on the Weissner Woods trails. October, 2015.*



## STOWE VIBRANCY, INC.

In 2007, at the behest of the Town of Stowe Select Board, a dedicated group of Stowe residents and businesses came together to brainstorm efforts to ensure the continued success and vibrancy of Stowe Village.

Two years later, as a result of this work, Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. was formed, and has since become an important public-private partnership for the Town of Stowe.

Stowe Vibrancy is a Vermont non-profit corporation with a mission to increase the vibrancy of the Town of Stowe through the enhancement of social, recreational, cultural, economic, and physical characteristics of the Village. And, since our inception, we have done just that.

In 2015, Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. continued its efforts to bring ongoing vitality to the Village of Stowe.

Once again this year, Stowe Vibrancy continued its production and co-production of the many events throughout the spring, summer, and fall. From our Second Annual Chowderpalooza and the not-to-miss Fourth of July Celebration, to the two car show block parties and the many artisan events we now produce; and finally from our Art on Park and Friday Night Flix summer series, to the recently completed Dickens Christmas Festival-A Traditional Christmas in Stowe, literally thousands of residents and tourists continue to come to the Village and to the Town itself to shop, eat, and enjoy the experience.

Stowe Vibrancy continued to partner with the Town of Stowe, and so many other local organizations to make these events both accessible and fun for the widest possible audiences. And, again this year, these efforts paid off with more and more people attending all of them.

Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. expects to continue virtually all of its 2015 event programs again in 2016. They will, however, continue to be fine-tuned and enhanced in order to make them even more successful. We will also continue to look for additional opportunities.

In addition to our events, Stowe Vibrancy continues to be a key partner of the Town's, and of the many local businesses, in all of the efforts to support our infrastructure and economic development tools for the village. It has certainly been great to welcome Juniper and Cork Stowe to the village, in addition to the retail that is planned for the former hardware store in the near future.

Given these developments, it is clear that the village of Stowe remains a great place to invest and grow.

One of the most gratifying efforts Stowe Vibrancy led this past year was the development of "*Stowe 2020 - A Vision for Stowe Village*." Specifically, with the support of the Town of Stowe Select Board and Planning Commission, Stowe Vibrancy took the lead in developing this long-term, comprehensive, and multi-faceted strategic plan for Stowe Village. We brought many voices and perspectives together to develop this plan, and we believe strongly that this tool will be a useful one as our community continues to be the warm, welcoming community it has become for residents and visitors alike.

Stowe Vibrancy also organized and implemented the development the new Parsonage Park; organized, designed and paid for the four seasonal banners that are now installed on the lampposts on Main Street; and was instrumental in the lighting of the cupolas on the Akeley Memorial Building and the Helen Day Art Center, all of which took money, time, coordination and work by volunteers.

All of the activities outlined above were made possible by the financial support that Stowe Vibrancy received in 2015 from three primary sources: the Town of Stowe; in-kind public relations contributions (the Stowe Reporter/Stowetoday.com, the UPS Store); and Annual Sponsorships from generous Stowe businesses and individuals throughout the community.

Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. is very appreciative of the support of the Town and its many involved volunteers and generous businesses, and promises to continue to work to enhance the quality of life of the village, and thereby the Town, in the years to come.

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## THE EARLY EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER OF WATERBURY

The Children's Room, The Early Education Resource Center of Waterbury, has deeply appreciated the support of the people of Stowe over the past 31 years. In addition to various fundraising events, we depend on generous grants from local businesses and user donations for our sustainability. We greatly appreciate the funds we have received in the past.

The mission of The Children's Room is to support children, their families, and caregivers by providing opportunities for playing, learning, and gathering with other community members. We are a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that serves the families and caregivers of children from birth to age six. Our warm and welcoming drop-in center, located within Thatcher Brook Primary School, is a support facility and hub of area parenting and care-giving resources. Our goal is to promote children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development through highly accessible programming options.

The town's support will be essential in helping us to maintain our quality programming. As the higher-cost private programs become even further out of the economic reach of many families in our community, we've seen an increased demand for our free or extremely low-cost learning enrichment programs. These include weekly story and music hours, nature programs, daily gym time, field trips to local attractions, parenting forums, and special educational events. In addition, The Children's Room sponsors many special events throughout the year to promote strong family and community relationships while supporting local businesses and organizations. These include our Barn Dance, Halloween Party, Big Toy Night, Kids Fest, First Aid and CPR courses, and the Wallace Farm field trip. Our center also provides access for meetings and childcare for local organizations, such as the WIC, PTO, ELF, DCF, Odyssey of the Mind and others.

The Children's Room is an active participant in early child development in Waterbury and its neighboring communities. Our sign-in sheets indicate we served over 300 families last year, consisting of 2,382 child visits and 1,765 adult visits. Of those at least 28 Stowe families utilized our services during the year on many different occasions. These numbers do not include attendance at our special events and monthly weekend playgroups, attracting upward of 50 families per event.

It's been a pleasure providing such a valuable resource to Stowe families, and we look forward to future years of service. We deeply appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Anne Latulippe, *Executive Director*  
The Children's Room

## THE NORTH CENTRAL VERMONT RECOVERY CENTER

The North Central Vermont Recovery Center is open 7 days/49 hours per week and has received an average of 950 visitors per month throughout this past year.

The Center hosts many support groups, both 12-step and non 12-step. Meetings and groups include AA, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Families Anonymous, All Recovery, Making Recovery Easier, Letting Go, Food for the Soul (Women's Group) and Proudful Recovery (for LGBTQ Individuals). We hope to have a Refuge Recovery support group starting soon, based on Buddhist teachings, and how it can enhance recovery.

We continue to facilitate our two unique mentoring groups for young men and young women, ages approximately 16-26, called G.Y.S.T. (Get Your Stuff Together) and GYSTpync. These groups meet weekly and create their own peer support, with the assistance of positive older role models in recovery. A variety of vocational, educational, and health topics are presented through role modeling, group activities and speakers from the community. They have been involved in several community outreach opportunities. Two additional G.Y.S.T. programs are now running in St. Johnsbury and Middlebury, VT.

We have Recovery Coaching Program, with 9 coaches currently, who are trained to work individually with people interested in one-on-one recovery support and guidance. We also have a trained staff member available to help people specifically looking for help with recovery from opiates (heroin, prescription medications, etc.) through medication assisted treatment and recovery plans.

All of our services and programs are free of charge.

We continue to be open for the holidays for people who need a safe, substance-free place to be during what is often a difficult time of the year. Our holiday gatherings and events allow many people to celebrate holidays in a substance free environment with other people in recovery.

We collaborate with many other organizations in the community, including The Family Center, Lamoille Restorative Center, our local High Schools, Laraway School, the medical and mental health services within Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, just to name a few.

Thank you for considering us again for the Town of Stowe appropriations this year. Sincerely,

Stefani J. Capizzi  
*Executive Director*

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## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

More than 10,500 Vermont residents are blind or visually impaired. Since our state has an aging population, many of them are experiencing age-related vision loss. Visual impairments can make performing daily tasks, staying mobile, and enjoying leisure activities very difficult. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter those facing similar challenges, thus creating feelings of isolation and depression. We counter this trend by providing the tools, services, and support necessary to help blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be independent, confident, and productive.

During Fiscal Year 2015 VABVI served 1,409 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 34 adult clients and 14 students in Lamoille County.

Since 1926 our nonprofit organization has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has offices in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland, and South Burlington. Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org). Learn more about us at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org) or “like” us at [www.facebook.com/vabvi.org](http://www.facebook.com/vabvi.org) for updates.

## THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING TOWN OF STOWE SUMMARY REPORT

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'15 (10/2014-9/2015) VCIL responded to over **3,265** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **346** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **18** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **238** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 68 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **100** individuals with information on assistive technology; **42** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **500** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '15, **6** residents of Stowe received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(resident on waiting list for modifications in FY'16)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:

1-800-639-1522, or visit our website at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2015 OVERVIEW

### *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

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

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

VLCT website.

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website, [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## YOUTH BASEBALL

We are excited to be serving the Stowe Community Youth and providing an outlet for our kids in Stowe!

Stowe Youth baseball provides instruction and fair play for approximately 80 kids ranging from ages 5 years to 15 years old. Baseball is thriving here in Stowe and we are close to getting approval for a middle school program that has been missing in Stowe for years. This will eventually allow baseball to be re-established at Stowe High School. We enjoy one of the best venues in the State and with your support last year we were able to host the Stowe Invitational Little League Tournament which hosted eight (8) teams from Lamoille County, Waterbury and Jericho. We were able to include the younger kids with additional games and events this year with Chip the Mascot from the Mountaineers making a cameo appearance. We are proud to support the Stowe Arena and added additional Turf time this year and also hosted a nationally recognized Multi-Day Clinic at Memorial Park.

On another front we worked closely with the Parks and Recreation team to upgrade the Park in general with ongoing infrastructure improvements that are planned to continue.

This is a grass roots volunteer based program with a lot of parents, kids and young adults providing the energy and hours of assistance to provide an outstanding baseball experience.

Our needs are mainly based on our league fees, insurance, equipment, field usage fees, rink fees, tournament fees and umpire fees. We typically break even with the help of the town's contribution. Little League Insurance covers our needs in case of accidents during practices and games.

The equipment needed includes Catcher gear, Bats, Baseballs, Umpire Gear and general field needs.

We found that with the lack of volunteers we needed to pay for the Umpires to ensure a quality game experience and a safe approach to the game.

The league also covers all volunteers and coaches in Stowe Youth Baseball going through background checks as dictated by Little League and the Insurance Carriers. We also provide families in need assistance at no charge.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Stowe Youth Baseball,

Steve Cunningham  
*President, Stowe Youth Baseball*

**TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

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Independent Auditor's Report

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***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stowe, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Electric Fund, which is a major fund, and represents fifty percent (50%), thirty percent (30%) and eighty percent (80%), respectfully, of the assets, net position and revenues of the business-type activities. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Electric Fund, is based on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

## Town of Stowe, Vermont

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town of Stowe, Vermont's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Opinions***

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stowe, Vermont, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Change in Accounting Principle***

As described in Note I.F. to the financial statements, effective June 30, 2015, the Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans" – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. As a result of this required change in accounting principle, the Town recorded a \$289,343 reduction in beginning net position of the Governmental Activities, a \$32,936 reduction in beginning net position of the Business-type Activities, a \$25,685 reduction in beginning net position of the Water Fund and a \$7,251 reduction in beginning net position of the Sewer Fund. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Town of Stowe, Vermont

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 11, the budgetary comparison information on Schedule 1, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on Schedule 2 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

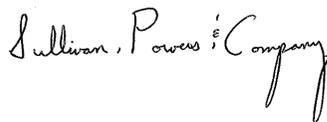
#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

#### ***Other Reporting Required by "Government Auditing Standards"***

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated February 2, 2016 on our consideration of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

February 2, 2016  
Montpelier, Vermont  
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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The Town of Stowe Electric Fund has been audited separately as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 and is incorporated into this report. Their financial statements are included in the Town Report.

This document has been prepared pursuant to Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB 34). GASB 34 requires the inclusion of the Government-wide financial statements on the full accrual basis including the cost of capital assets and the related depreciation. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which begin on Exhibit A.

### Financial Highlights

#### Government-Wide (Exhibits A and B)

- The Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources on June 30, 2015 by \$48,464,550 (Total Net Position). Of this amount, \$22,010,554 represents governmental activities and \$26,453,996 represents our water, sewer and electric departments (business-type activities). Of these amounts, \$1,278,352 of general government funds and \$8,791,358 of business funds are unrestricted net position and may be used to meet the Town's future obligations.
- The net position of governmental activities increased by \$3,161,106 in FY 15. The increase can be primarily attributed to the \$2,473,900 capital grant for the construction of the Route 108 Bridge during the year. The Business-Type activities increased their net position by \$847,618.

#### Fund Financial Statements (Exhibits C through H)

- The General Fund balance decreased \$90,414. The General Fund balance at the end of FY 15 was \$779,773, of which \$397,411 being either non spendable, restricted or assigned and not available for current expenditures.
- The Capital Fund balance decreased by \$296,778 in FY 15. The total amount in this fund at year-end was \$971,315 and the entire amount is restricted, committed or assigned for future projects.
- The Water Fund ended the fiscal year with a net position balance of \$3,793,495 an increase of \$589,264.
- The Sewer Fund ended the fiscal year with a net position balance of \$14,597,986, an increase \$65,243.
- The Electric Fund ended the fiscal year with a net position balance of \$8,062,515 an increase of \$193,111.

## Overview of the Town's Financial Statements

The annual financial report consists of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Stowe's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the Town of Stowe's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the two reported as Total Net Position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the fiscal year. The *Statement of Activities* is on the full accrual basis (i.e. all changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows) whereas the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds* is on the modified accrual basis (i.e. revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available as net current position, expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred). Thus in the *Statement of Activities*, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave.)

Both of the government-wide financial statements combine information from governmental funds (which are supported primarily by tax dollars) with information from enterprise funds which are supported by user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Town of Stowe include general government, public works, public safety, community development, cemeteries and culture and recreation.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibits A and B of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town has two types of funds: governmental funds and proprietary funds. The proprietary funds of the Town are Enterprise Funds (business activities). These cover our water, sewer and electric departments. Fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits C through H of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is necessary for an understanding of the information in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the basic financial statements in this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *supplementary information*. This supplementary information includes combining statements for various funds and budgetary comparison statements for funds other than the Town's General Fund. The supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements in schedules 1 through 11.

**Government-wide Financial Analysis  
Town of Stowe, Vermont  
Statement of Net Position**

<u>Assets</u>	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014
Current & Other Assets	4,587,572	5,264,272	34,131,382	33,468,200	38,718,954	38,732,472
Capital Assets	31,487,541	28,613,542	32,960,731	33,612,748	64,448,272	62,226,290
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>36,075,113</b>	<b>33,877,814</b>	<b>67,092,113</b>	<b>67,080,948</b>	<b>103,167,226</b>	<b>100,958,762</b>
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Current Liabilities	801,915	977,747	1,375,696	1,042,304	2,177,611	2,020,051
Long Term Liabilities	13,057,290	13,714,028	38,763,656	39,819,182	51,820,946	53,533,210
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,859,205</b>	<b>14,691,775</b>	<b>40,139,352</b>	<b>40,861,486</b>	<b>53,998,557</b>	<b>55,553,261</b>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	388,115	499,835	515,614	631,667	903,729	1,131,502
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	182,761	163,244	16,849	18,583	199,610	181,827
<u>Net Position</u>						
Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt	19,368,291	15,673,542	17,662,638	16,931,896	37,030,929	32,605,438
Restricted	1,363,911	1,344,332	-	-	1,363,911	1,344,332
Unrestricted	1,278,352	1,831,574	8,791,358	8,674,482	10,069,710	10,506,056
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<b>22,010,554</b>	<b>18,849,448</b>	<b>26,453,996</b>	<b>25,606,378</b>	<b>48,464,550</b>	<b>44,455,826</b>

As stated above, total net position was \$48,464,550 at the end of fiscal year 2015. This figure can be used as a way to calculate whether or not the financial condition of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The largest portion of the Town's total net position is in its investment in capital assets \$37,030,929 (76.4%). These assets are used to provide services to its citizens (e.g. land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure). These assets are not available for future spending.

At the end of fiscal year 2015, the Town of Stowe has positive balances in all three categories of total net position for the entire government and all individual funds except for the Water Fund which had an unrestricted deficit of (\$683,250).

Town of Stowe - Statement of Activities						
	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
Charges for Services	1,261,574	1,105,479	15,352,064	14,283,701	16,613,638	15,389,180
Operating Grants & Contributions	334,191	327,139			334,191	327,139
Capital Grants & Contributions	2,599,089	276,242	91,266	185,480	2,690,355	461,722
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes	8,078,377	7,690,624			8,078,377	7,690,624
Penalties & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	180,942	158,457			180,942	158,457
Local Options Tax	798,245	774,617			798,245	774,617
Payment-In-Lieu of Taxes					-	-
Investment Earnings	57,121	190,086	542,990	491,318	600,111	681,404
General State Grants	355,866	327,887			355,866	327,887
LCP Equity Dividends	-		1,080,704	1,080,704	1,080,704	1,080,704
Gain on Sale of Land/Equipment					-	-
Other Revenue	13,635	9,288			13,635	9,288
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,679,040</b>	<b>10,859,819</b>	<b>17,067,024</b>	<b>16,041,203</b>	<b>30,746,064</b>	<b>26,901,022</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
General Government	2,335,587	2,070,804			2,335,587	2,070,804
Public Safety	2,747,448	2,933,892			2,747,448	2,933,892
Public Works	2,458,448	2,255,083			2,458,448	2,255,083
Culture & Recreation	2,493,896	2,230,377			2,493,896	2,230,377
Cemeteries	56,640	10,837			56,640	10,837
Interest	458,915	477,816			458,915	477,816
<b>Business Type Activities</b>						
Water			1,008,727	845,883	1,008,727	845,883
Sewer			1,815,582	1,677,224	1,815,582	1,677,224
Electric			13,362,097	13,429,665	13,362,097	13,429,665
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,550,934</b>	<b>9,978,809</b>	<b>16,186,406</b>	<b>15,952,772</b>	<b>26,737,340</b>	<b>25,931,581</b>
Transfers In/(Out)	33,000	33,000	(33,000)	(33,000)	-	-
Changes in Net Position	3,161,106	914,010	847,618	55,431	4,008,724	969,441
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	18,849,448	18,224,781	25,606,378	25,583,883	44,455,826	43,808,664
Restatement- VMERS Net Pension Part.	-	(289,343)	-	(32,936)	-	(322,279)
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	<b>22,010,554</b>	<b>18,849,448</b>	<b>26,453,996</b>	<b>25,606,378</b>	<b>48,464,550</b>	<b>44,455,826</b>

**Governmental activities:** Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$3,161,106 in FY15. The Town added \$2,873,999 to its inventory of capital assets net of current year depreciation (funded with \$2,599,089 of capital contributions and grants). Major additions included completion of the Route 108 Bridge in Town, various public works infrastructure projects and the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

**Business-type activities:** Business-type activities increased the Town's net position by \$847,618 in FY15, with contributions by Water \$589,264, Sewer \$65,243, and Electric \$193,111.

## Financial Analysis of Major Funds

### General Fund

The General Fund balance decreased by \$90,414 during the year. The total fund balance at year-end was \$779,773. Of this amount, \$135,584 is Nonspendable inventory and prepaid expenses and \$19,878 is Restricted for old age assistance and library development expenses. There is \$227,674 Assigned to reduce property taxes in fiscal year 2016, \$3,102 for recreation scholarship expenses, and \$11,173 for library operations, leaving \$382,362 available for future expenses.

Actual Revenues were higher by \$171,346 over budgets. Revenues coming in over budget included: Administration, \$106,502 because of increased State Land use reimbursement and Delinquent Tax Interest; Property Taxes, \$78,530; zoning \$17,865 due to increased application fees; Highway \$10,344 for mechanic fees; and Parks \$5,971 Field Rentals. Revenues coming in under budget included: Arena (\$34,158) due to lower turf rentals and spread of arena banner advertisements over three year contract; and Town Clerk (\$15,265) due to lower recording fees and interest income on tax sales.

Expenditures were \$229,371 under budget. This was primarily due to the following departments: Accounting \$19,723 due to employee change with salary & benefits, Planning \$10,961 due to lower costs for Conservation Commission and use of grants, Police \$46,029 due to payroll and benefits for unfilled positions, Fire \$21,376 for lower firefighter pay, EMS \$36,169 due to unfilled position, Public Works \$63,121 due to unfilled position, Parks & Grounds \$19,154 for unfilled seasonal positions, Recreation \$22,296 related to lower Summer Program expenses and payroll related over budgeting, Insurance \$19,919 for not incurred insurance deductibles

### Capital Fund

The Capital fund ended with a balance of \$971,315 in FY 15. This Fund balance decreased \$296,778 and was funded with \$798,245 of local option taxes, \$20,000 of grants, General Fund Transfer of \$50,000 and \$2,046 of interest. The decrease in the fund is due to FY15 vs FY16 timing of projects with the Route 108 Bridge project impacting FY 15 at \$119,184, Trash/Recycle containers \$19,777, Town Clock \$8,413, South Main Street Sidewalk \$55,000, and Streambank stabilization project \$83,612 town share.

### Rink Renovation Fund

The Rink Renovation Fund ended the year with an \$18,009 fund balance. The Arena spent \$17,260 on rink renovation costs and earned \$166 of interest.

### Water Fund

The Water Fund had operating income of \$589,237 and an increase in net position of \$589,264. Non-Operating revenues include connection fees \$104,582 plus a Grant from AOT for replacing water pipes under new bridge, which helped to offset the interest expense of \$139,418, allowing for the net position increase to equal the operating income.

**Sewer Fund**

The Sewer Fund had an operating loss of (\$373,255) which when added to Non-Operating revenues of connection fees \$433,929 plus investment income of \$4,569, helped to offset the operating losses to result in an increase to net position of \$65,243.

**Electric Fund**

The Electric Fund had operating loss of (\$289,787) and an increase in net position of \$193,111. Revenues were up \$363,614 and expenditures were down \$70,754 between FY15 and FY14, which improved operating income by \$434,368. Non-operating revenues and expenses increased the net position by \$515,898 less a transfer of \$33,000 between Electric Fund and General Fund, to an overall increase in net position of \$193,111.

**Capital Asset Administration**

The Town of Stowe's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2015 totaled \$31,487,541 (net of depreciation). These assets include land, buildings and building improvements, roads and bridges, vehicles, machinery, equipment, antiques and furniture.

Major capital asset transactions during the year included the following additions:

Mountain Road Sidewalks  
 Bridge Street Reconstruction  
 Streambank Stabilization  
 High School Tennis Court  
 Cady Hills Trail Improvement  
 Old Yard Cemetery Restoration  
 Village Substation Purchase  
 Bloody Brook Schoolhouse Roof  
 Town Clock Rehabilitation  
 Trash/Recycle Receptacles

Capital assets disposed of during the year included the following deletions:

Sold or Traded:  
 2003 Chevy Tahoe  
 2008 Ford Expedition  
 2003 Ford F350 Truck with Plow  
 2000 John Deere Wheelloader  
 2004 International 7600-Tandem  
 2005 International 7600-Dump Truck  
 2006 Exmark Lazer Mower

**Debt Administration**

As of June 30, 2014, the governmental activities debt was \$12,940,000. As of June 30, 2015, long-term debt of governmental activities of the Town of Stowe was down to \$12,119,250. During the year, the Town paid \$820,750 on older bonds and notes, and issued no new bonds in FY 2015.

The Business type activities had bonds and notes outstanding with a total principal debt of \$38,478,208 at June 30, 2015. At the beginning of the fiscal year there was \$39,624,624 in outstanding debt. During the year the Town paid \$1,546,436 on older bonds and notes and a new bond was issued for \$400,020 for electric investment purchases.

### **Economic Factors and FY 16 Budgets and Rates**

- The Town of Stowe growth for the Grand List has averaged 1.65% over the last 10 years and .78% over the past 5 years. With the large commercial and residential construction projects underway, we are estimating a growth rate of 2.5% for the 2016 Grand List, though the FY 16 budget was set at growth rate of 0.75%.
- Employees who fall under the Personnel Regulations, Police Association Contract, and the IBEW Agreement are scheduled to receive a 1.5% pay increase, plus any step increase they may be eligible for in FY 16.
- Health insurance rates have increased an average of 5-7% over the last 5 years, with our current carrier offering a 2% increase in calendar year 2016. All employees pay between 5% and 10% of the health care premiums. The Town of Stowe was able to retain the current health care provider under grandfathered status rather than moving to the Vermont Health Connect Exchange as originally expected.
- Dental insurance and Short Term/Long Term disability insurance is not expected to increase from FY15 rates. All employees contribute 5% for their dental coverage.
- Prices for #2 fuel oil, diesel fuel, liquid and gasoline were estimated using a three year average cost with a multiplier of 0.95% 3 year average CPI-U for Northeast Region and have been budgeted to increase an estimated 3.2% in FY 16.
- The electricity rates reflect a decrease of 3.0% due to rate restructuring by Stowe Electric.

These factors were taken into consideration in preparing the fiscal year 2016 budgets. The General Fund expense for FY 16 is \$11,083,075, a decrease of (0.59%). Non-tax revenues have been budgeted at \$2,503,147, an increase to 2.47% leaving an amount to be raised by taxation of \$8,352,254. In addition, The Town reduced the amount raised through taxation by \$227,674 of surplus carry forward of the General Fund.

Looking forward from FY16 and beyond the Town is experiencing growth that includes the following:

- Major expansion at Spruce Peak which includes a 108,324 square feet adventure center, an underground parking garage, an outdoor skating rink and an 2,834 square foot open pavilion.

- An expanded Trapp's brewery which will consist of 40,880 square feet of brewery operations and 6,620 square feet for a 150 seat restaurant and small retail space.
- The Alchemist is building a 14,362 square foot brewery and small retail space.\
- Completion of the renovation of the Ferro Properties at 91 Main St. which includes the Ferro Estate and Custom Jewelers, Coldwell Banker Carlson Real Estate, the Plate restaurant, the Academy Mortgage Corporation and four two bedroom condominiums on the second floor.
- Completion of the Von Bargaen's building at 35 South Main St. which contains 1,800 square feet of first floor retail space and 1,800 square feet that is planned as an apartment.
- Completion of the Sun & Ski Addition and Bowling Alley.

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial condition. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Town Manager's office or the Finance Office.

Exhibit A

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 2,116,992	\$ 1,562,262	\$ 3,679,254
Investments	2,148,549	0	2,148,549
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	851,062	2,271,032	3,122,094
Loans Receivable	0	4,595,527	4,595,527
Internal Balances	(664,615)	664,615	0
Prepaid Expenses	427	395,011	395,438
Inventory	135,157	199,390	334,547
Restricted Cash	0	1,268,533	1,268,533
Investment in Associated Companies	0	23,171,202	23,171,202
Deferred Charges	0	3,810	3,810
Capital Assets:			
Land and Easements	6,283,294	52,525	6,335,819
Construction in Progress	2,979,939	1,229,050	4,208,989
Antiques	80,000	0	80,000
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	22,144,308	31,679,156	53,823,464
Total Assets	36,075,113	67,092,113	103,167,226
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Town's Participation in VMERS	182,761	16,849	199,610
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	182,761	16,849	199,610
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	533,745	935,360	1,469,105
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	155,044	61,439	216,483
Other Accrued Expenses	0	98,010	98,010
Unearned Revenue	58,014	162,134	220,148
Accrued Interest Payable	55,112	118,753	173,865
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	815,750	1,567,138	2,382,888
Due in More than One Year	12,241,540	37,196,518	49,438,058
Total Liabilities	13,859,205	40,139,352	53,998,557
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid Property Taxes	31,964	0	31,964
Deferred Contribution for Capital Assets	0	370,000	370,000
Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale	0	105,071	105,071
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	356,151	40,543	396,694
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	388,115	515,614	903,729
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	19,368,291	17,662,638	37,030,929
Restricted:			
Culture and Recreation	830,143	0	830,143
Cemetery	432,788	0	432,788
Other	100,980	0	100,980
Unrestricted	1,278,352	8,791,358	10,069,710
Total Net Position	\$ 22,010,554	\$ 26,453,996	\$ 48,464,550

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit B

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Functions/Programs:	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Changes for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 2,335,587	\$ 275,740	\$ 103,569	\$ 0	\$ (1,956,278)	\$ 0	\$ (1,956,278)
Public Safety	2,747,448	325,450	42,669	61,188	(2,318,141)	0	(2,318,141)
Public Works	2,458,448	20,293	175,701	2,517,901	255,447	0	255,447
Culture and Recreation	2,493,896	629,656	12,252	20,000	(1,831,988)	0	(1,831,988)
Cemetery	56,640	10,435	0	0	(46,205)	0	(46,205)
Interest on Long-term Debt	458,915	0	0	0	(458,915)	0	(458,915)
Total Governmental Activities	10,550,934	1,261,574	334,191	2,599,089	(6,356,080)	0	(6,356,080)
Business-type Activities:							
Water	1,008,727	1,506,725	0	91,266	0	589,264	589,264
Sewer	1,815,582	1,876,256	0	0	0	60,674	60,674
Electric	13,562,097	11,969,083	0	0	0	(1,393,014)	(1,393,014)
Total Business-type Activities	16,186,406	15,352,064	0	91,266	0	(743,076)	(743,076)
Total Primary Government	\$ 26,737,340	\$ 16,613,638	\$ 334,191	\$ 2,690,355	\$ (6,356,080)	\$ (743,076)	\$ (7,099,156)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					8,078,377	0	8,078,377
Interest on Delinquent Taxes					180,942	0	180,942
Local Option Sales Tax					798,245	0	798,245
General State Grants					355,866	0	355,866
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					57,121	542,990	600,111
LCP Equity Dividends					0	1,080,704	1,080,704
Other Revenues					13,635	0	13,635
Transfers:					33,000	(33,000)	0
Total General Revenues and Transfers					9,517,186	1,590,694	11,107,880
Change in Net Position					3,161,106	847,618	4,008,724
Net Position - July 1, 2014, As Restated					18,849,448	25,606,378	44,455,826
Net Position - June 30, 2015					\$ 22,010,554	\$ 26,453,996	\$ 48,464,550

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit C

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 2,083,690	\$ 0	\$ 33,302	\$ 2,116,992
Investments	942,251	0	1,206,298	2,148,549
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	584,784	202,396	63,882	851,062
Due from Other Funds	0	911,189	653,107	1,564,296
Prepaid Expenses	427	0	0	427
Inventory	135,157	0	0	135,157
	<u>3,746,309</u>	<u>1,113,585</u>	<u>1,956,589</u>	<u>6,816,483</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,746,309</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,589</u>	<u>\$ 6,816,483</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 311,160	\$ 81,768	\$ 140,817	\$ 533,745
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	155,044	0	0	155,044
Due to Other Funds	2,160,710	0	68,201	2,228,911
Unearned Revenue	57,989	0	25	58,014
	<u>2,684,903</u>	<u>81,768</u>	<u>209,043</u>	<u>2,975,714</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,684,903</u>	<u>81,768</u>	<u>209,043</u>	<u>2,975,714</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Prepaid Property Taxes	31,964	0	0	31,964
Unavailable Property Taxes and Interest	226,500	0	0	226,500
Unavailable Ambulance Fees	17,500	0	0	17,500
Unavailable Grants	0	60,502	0	60,502
Unavailable Fees	5,669	0	0	5,669
	<u>281,633</u>	<u>60,502</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>342,135</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>281,633</u>	<u>60,502</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>342,135</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	135,584	0	250,295	385,879
Restricted	19,878	50,000	1,043,738	1,113,616
Committed	0	903,449	0	903,449
Assigned	241,949	17,866	453,513	713,328
Unassigned	382,362	0	0	382,362
	<u>779,773</u>	<u>971,315</u>	<u>1,747,546</u>	<u>3,498,634</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>779,773</u>	<u>971,315</u>	<u>1,747,546</u>	<u>3,498,634</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,746,309</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,589</u>	
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:				
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.				31,487,541
Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures, and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.				310,171
Long-term and Accrued Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and the Net Pension Liability, are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.				(13,112,402)
Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources related to the Town's Participation in VMERS are applicable to Future Periods and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.				<u>(173,390)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities				<u>\$ 22,010,554</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit D

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 8,172,877	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,172,877
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	180,942	0	0	180,942
Local Option Sales Tax	0	798,245	0	798,245
Intergovernmental	602,788	20,000	142,244	765,032
Charges for Services	766,619	0	9,890	776,509
Permits, Licenses and Fees	525,850	0	9,370	535,220
Fines and Forfeits	10,966	0	0	10,966
Investment Income	14,034	2,088	40,999	57,121
Donations	6,113	0	100	6,213
Other	27,304	0	200	27,504
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,307,493</b>	<b>820,333</b>	<b>202,803</b>	<b>11,330,629</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Government	2,274,699	28,190	1,562	2,304,451
Public Safety	2,321,839	0	39,389	2,361,228
Public Works	1,963,031	91,721	21	2,054,773
Culture and Recreation	2,088,787	50,000	10,913	2,149,700
Cemetery	12,428	24,362	18,415	55,205
Capital Outlay:				
General Government	0	32,204	0	32,204
Public Safety	36,768	0	146,634	183,402
Public Works	375,118	550,634	365,727	1,291,479
Culture and Recreation	5,680	40,000	51,437	97,117
Debt Service:				
Principal	820,750	0	0	820,750
Interest	462,342	0	0	462,342
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,361,442</b>	<b>817,111</b>	<b>634,098</b>	<b>11,812,651</b>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(53,949)	3,222	(431,295)	(482,022)
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>				
Transfers In	403,535	50,000	390,000	843,535
Transfers Out	(440,000)	(350,000)	(20,535)	(810,535)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>	<b>(36,465)</b>	<b>(300,000)</b>	<b>369,465</b>	<b>33,000</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(90,414)</b>	<b>(296,778)</b>	<b>(61,830)</b>	<b>(449,022)</b>
<b>Fund Balances - July 1, 2014</b>	<b>870,187</b>	<b>1,268,093</b>	<b>1,809,376</b>	<b>3,947,656</b>
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 779,773</b>	<b>\$ 971,315</b>	<b>\$ 1,747,546</b>	<b>\$ 3,498,634</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit E

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
 EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Exhibit D)	\$	(449,022)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$1,604,202) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$1,143,801). This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		460,401
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, losses on disposal of assets and trade-ins) is to reduce net position.		(60,302)
The effect of a capital grant for the construction of a Town bridge by the State of Vermont is to increase net position.		2,473,900
The issuance of long-term debt (\$0) (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt (\$820,750) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		820,750
Governmental funds report employer pension contributions as expenditures (\$176,224). However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions (\$175,771) is reported as pension expense. This amount is the net effect of the differences in the treatment of pension expense.		453
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(39,989)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		<u>(45,085)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	\$	<u><u>3,161,106</u></u>

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Exhibit F

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2015

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets:</b>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,562,262	\$ 1,562,262
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	132,228	104,795	813,006	1,050,029
Unbilled Receivables	116,215	112,892	862,851	1,091,958
Loans Receivable - Current Portion	28,435	573,518	0	601,953
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	0	129,045	129,045
Due from Other Funds	0	1,783,185	0	1,783,185
Prepaid Expenses	272,530	103,550	18,931	395,011
Inventory	12,330	10,418	176,642	199,390
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>561,738</b>	<b>2,688,358</b>	<b>3,562,737</b>	<b>6,812,833</b>
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>				
Restricted Cash	0	0	1,268,533	1,268,533
Loans Receivable - Noncurrent Portion	135,515	3,858,059	0	3,993,574
Investment in Associated Companies	0	0	23,171,202	23,171,202
Deferred Charges	0	0	3,810	3,810
<b>Capital Assets:</b>				
Land	8,647	43,878	0	52,525
Construction in Progress	111,640	33,173	1,084,237	1,229,050
Buildings and Building Improvements	0	15,584,232	269,867	15,854,099
Machinery and Equipment	188,298	646,640	1,541,747	2,376,685
Distribution and Collection Systems	11,456,136	10,882,065	9,444,054	31,782,255
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,682,753)	(9,207,701)	(6,443,429)	(18,333,883)
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>9,217,483</b>	<b>21,840,346</b>	<b>30,340,021</b>	<b>61,397,850</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,779,221</b>	<b>24,528,704</b>	<b>33,902,758</b>	<b>68,210,683</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS				
	13,140	3,709	0	16,849
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>13,140</b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,849</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable	74,176	51,707	809,477	935,360
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	8,983	16,645	35,811	61,439
Other Accrued Expenses	0	0	98,010	98,010
Due to Other Funds	1,118,570	0	0	1,118,570
Unearned Revenue	0	0	162,134	162,134
Accrued Interest Payable	78,980	0	39,773	118,753
Notes Payable - Current Portion	0	0	81,128	81,128
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Current Portion	504,448	846,562	135,000	1,486,010
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,785,157</b>	<b>914,914</b>	<b>1,361,333</b>	<b>4,061,404</b>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>				
Compensated Absences Payable	71,065	87,093	114,144	272,302
Net Pension Liability	10,252	2,894	0	13,146
Notes Payable - Noncurrent Portion	0	0	20,699,695	20,699,695
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion	4,100,775	8,920,600	3,190,000	16,211,375
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<b>4,182,092</b>	<b>9,010,587</b>	<b>24,003,839</b>	<b>37,196,518</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,967,249</b>	<b>9,925,501</b>	<b>25,365,172</b>	<b>41,257,922</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred Contribution for Capital Assets				
	0	0	370,000	370,000
Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale				
	0	0	105,071	105,071
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS				
	31,617	8,926	0	40,543
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>31,617</b>	<b>8,926</b>	<b>475,071</b>	<b>515,614</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets				
	4,476,745	8,215,125	4,970,768	17,662,638
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(683,250)	6,382,861	3,091,747	8,791,358
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,793,495</b>	<b>\$ 14,597,986</b>	<b>\$ 8,062,515</b>	<b>\$ 26,453,996</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit G

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,402,143	\$ 1,442,327	\$ 11,720,962	\$ 14,565,432
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,402,143</u>	<u>1,442,327</u>	<u>11,720,962</u>	<u>14,565,432</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Administrative	82,179	98,156	1,439,164	1,619,499
Power	0	0	8,894,809	8,894,809
Distribution and Collection	538,256	1,215,788	1,234,942	2,988,986
Taxes	0	0	116,057	116,057
Depreciation and Amortization	<u>192,471</u>	<u>501,638</u>	<u>325,777</u>	<u>1,019,886</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>812,906</u>	<u>1,815,582</u>	<u>12,010,749</u>	<u>14,639,237</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>589,237</u>	<u>(373,255)</u>	<u>(289,787)</u>	<u>(73,805)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses):				
Connection Fees and Related Interest	104,582	433,929	0	538,511
LCP Equity Dividends	0	0	1,080,704	1,080,704
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(56,403)	0	0	(56,403)
Other Income	0	0	248,121	248,121
Investment Income	0	4,569	538,421	542,990
Interest Expense	<u>(139,418)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,351,348)</u>	<u>(1,490,766)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses)	<u>(91,239)</u>	<u>438,498</u>	<u>515,898</u>	<u>863,157</u>
Net Income Before Capital Contributions and Transfers	<u>497,998</u>	<u>65,243</u>	<u>226,111</u>	<u>789,352</u>
Capital Contributions and Transfers:				
Capital Contributions	91,266	0	0	91,266
Transfers Out	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>
Total Capital Contributions and Transfers	<u>91,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>58,266</u>
Change in Net Position	589,264	65,243	193,111	847,618
Net Position - July 1, 2014, As Restated	<u>3,204,231</u>	<u>14,532,743</u>	<u>7,869,404</u>	<u>25,606,378</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 3,793,495</u>	<u>\$ 14,597,986</u>	<u>\$ 8,062,515</u>	<u>\$ 26,453,996</u>

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Exhibit H

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>				
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 1,369,222	\$ 1,458,668	\$ 11,787,599	\$ 14,615,489
Payments for Purchased Power	0	0	(8,907,714)	(8,907,714)
Payments for Goods and Services	(234,967)	(684,825)	(1,457,826)	(2,377,618)
Payments for Interfund Services	(50,250)	(51,250)	0	(101,500)
Payments for Wages and Benefits	(284,639)	(513,734)	(1,182,670)	(1,981,043)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>799,366</b>	<b>208,859</b>	<b>239,389</b>	<b>1,247,614</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>				
Other Receipts	0	0	143,044	143,044
Decrease/(Increase) in Due from Other Funds	0	(43,859)	0	(43,859)
(Decrease)/Increase in Due to Other Funds	(232,742)	0	0	(232,742)
Transfers Paid to Other Funds	0	0	(33,000)	(33,000)
LCP Equity Dividends	0	0	1,080,704	1,080,704
<b>Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	<b>(232,742)</b>	<b>(43,859)</b>	<b>1,190,748</b>	<b>914,147</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>				
Payments Received on Loans Receivable	136,843	1,087,226	0	1,224,069
Issuance of Loans Receivable	(50,643)	(392,280)	0	(442,923)
Proceeds of Capital Grants	18,354	0	162,134	180,488
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(28,568)	(17,954)	(304,678)	(351,200)
Principal Paid on General Obligation Bonds Payable	(498,613)	(846,561)	(135,000)	(1,480,174)
Principal Paid on Notes Payable	0	0	(66,262)	(66,262)
Interest Paid on General Obligation Bonds Payable	(143,997)	0	(151,790)	(295,787)
Interest Paid on Notes Payable	0	0	(1,197,966)	(1,197,966)
<b>Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	<b>(566,624)</b>	<b>(169,569)</b>	<b>(1,693,562)</b>	<b>(2,429,755)</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>				
Proceeds from Notes Payable	0	0	400,020	400,020
Purchase of Capital Stock	0	0	(400,200)	(400,200)
Receipt of Interest and Dividends	0	4,569	526,480	531,049
<b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>526,300</b>	<b>530,869</b>
<b>Net Increase in Cash</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262,875</b>	<b>262,875</b>
<b>Cash - July 1, 2014</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,567,920</b>	<b>2,567,920</b>
<b>Cash - June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2,830,795</b>	<b>\$ 2,830,795</b>
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/(Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>				
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 589,237	\$ (373,255)	\$ (289,787)	\$ (73,805)
Depreciation and Amortization	192,471	501,638	325,777	1,019,886
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(32,921)	16,341	103,430	86,850
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	7,751	18,499	(15,618)	10,632
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	3,810	(1,578)	(54,074)	(51,842)
(Increase)/Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	1,352	382	0	1,734
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	25,076	16,425	71,248	112,749
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	3,984	5,316	7,628	16,928
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Accrued Expenses	0	0	44,568	44,568
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	6,914	24,613	46,217	77,744
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	(29,925)	(8,448)	0	(38,373)
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	31,617	8,926	0	40,543
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ 799,366</b>	<b>\$ 208,859</b>	<b>\$ 239,389</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,614</b>

The Town received non-cash capital contributions of \$72,912 in the Water Fund.

The Water Fund disposed of capital assets with a cost and accumulated depreciation of \$73,250 and \$16,847, respectively.

The Electric Fund disposed of capital assets with a cost and accumulated depreciation of \$23,884.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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The Town of Stowe, Vermont, (herein the "Town") operates under a Manager/Board of Selectmen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, community/economic development, culture and recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, water, sewer, electric and general administrative services.

## **I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies adopted by the Town of Stowe, Vermont (the "Town") conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of these financial statements.

### **A. The Financial Reporting Entity**

This report includes all of the activity of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The primary government is financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board; a governing board appointed by a higher level of government; or a jointly appointed board. Based on these criteria, there are no other entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

### **B. Basis of Presentation**

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town and present a shorter-term view of how operations were financed and what remains available for future spending.

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Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities and for each segment of the Town's business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular program or function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the Town's main operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Town except those accounted for in another fund.

Capital Fund – This fund accounts for the general capital expenditures of the Town.

The Town reports on the following major enterprise funds:

Water Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Water Department.

Sewer Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Sewer Department.

Electric Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Electric Department. The Electric Department is a municipally-owned utility providing retail electric power to the residents of the Town and surrounding communities.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

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**C. Measurement Focus**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the balance sheet (or statement of net position). Equity (i.e., total net position) is segregated into net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are generally reported on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current position) are considered a measure of available spendable resources, and are segregated into nonspendable; restricted; committed; assigned and unassigned amounts. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current position. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Local option sales taxes collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are also recognized as revenue. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty (60) days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

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General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt, acquisitions under capital leases and sales of capital assets are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and other grant requirements have been met.

The Electric Department is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Vermont Public Service Board (VPSB) with respect to rates and accounting practices. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 71 "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulations," the Electric Department records certain assets and liabilities in accordance with the economic effect of the rate making process. As such, regulators may permit incurred costs or benefits, typically treated as expenses or income by unregulated entities, to be deferred and expensed or benefited in future periods. Costs are deferred as regulatory assets when the Electric Department concludes that future revenue will be provided to permit recovery of the previously incurred cost. Revenue may also be deferred as regulatory liabilities that would be returned to customers by reducing future revenue requirements. The Electric Department analyzes the evidence supporting deferral, including provisions for recovery in regulatory orders, regulatory precedent, other regulatory correspondence and legal representations.

#### **E. Use of Estimates**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows and inflows of resources and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **F. New Pronouncement – Pension Plans**

Effective June 30, 2015, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans" – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. GASB Statement No. 68 requires the reporting of the proportionate share of the net pension liability related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) as well as additional disclosures and required supplemental information.

#### **G. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Equity**

##### **1. Cash**

Cash balances of most Town funds are deposited with and invested by the Town Treasurer. The exception to this is that the Electric Fund and Library Endowment Fund collect and invest cash. The Town considers all short-term investments of ninety (90) days or less to be cash equivalents.

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Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds. Interest income is allocated based on the due from/to other funds balances.

## **2. Investments**

The Town invests in investments as allowed by State Statute. Investments with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

## **3. Receivables**

Receivables for all funds, except the Electric Fund, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of the receivables. The estimated losses are based on the judgment of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables. The Electric Fund does not provide an allowance for doubtful accounts but utilizes the direct write-off method for all uncollectible accounts based on management's judgment. The Electric Department has determined that any uncollectible receivables would be immaterial to the Department.

## **4. Unbilled Receivables and Revenue Recognition**

The Electric Department does all the billing for the Water, Sewer and Electric Funds. The Department reads approximately half of the meters around the 1st of the month and the balance around the 15<sup>th</sup>. Revenues have been recognized through the end of the accounting period by providing for unbilled revenues from the reading date through the end of the accounting period.

## **5. Internal Balances**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "advances from/to other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due from/to other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

## **6. Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the proportionate share of the net pension liability and the related deferred outflows/inflows of resources and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) plan and additions to/deductions from the VMERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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### **7. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses**

Inventory quantities are determined by physical count and are valued at the lower of cost or market. Inventory is recorded as an expenditure or in certain cases, for the Electric Fund, capitalized at the time the individual item is utilized. Inventories in the governmental funds consist of gravel and materials. Inventories in the proprietary funds consist of fuel, materials and parts held by the individual departments for repairs and additions to equipment and utility plant.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs that are applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Reported inventories and prepaid expenses of governmental funds in the fund financial statements are offset by a nonspendable fund balance as these are not in spendable form.

### **8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statements element, "deferred outflows of resources", represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The Town has one type which arises under the accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. The governmental activities, the business-type activities, the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund report deferred outflows of resources from one source; deferred outflows related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Employees Retirement System. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an outflow of resources in the future periods to which the outflows are related.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, "deferred inflows of resources", represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has five types of items which arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting and four types which arise under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The governmental activities reports deferred inflows of resources from two sources; prepaid property taxes and deferred inflows related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Employees Retirement System. The governmental funds reports deferred inflows of resources from five sources; prepaid property taxes, unavailable property taxes and interest, unavailable ambulance fees, unavailable grants and unavailable fees. The business-type activities and proprietary funds report deferred inflows of resources from three sources; deferred contribution for capital assets, deferred gain on hedge sale and deferred inflows related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Employees Retirement System. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the future periods to which the inflows are related or when the amounts become available.

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### 9. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost if purchased or constructed. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the time received. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase for proprietary fund capital assets is reflected in the capitalized value of the asset constructed, net of any interest earned on the invested proceeds during the same period. Interest is not capitalized during the construction phase of capital assets used in governmental activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized. Infrastructure assets are reported starting with fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The Town has elected to not report major general infrastructure assets retroactively.

Capital assets reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are depreciated in order that the cost of these assets will be charged to expenses over their estimated service lives, generally using the straight-line method of calculating depreciation.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Service Life
Land and Easements	\$ 1,000	Not Depreciated
Antiques	1,000	Not Depreciated
Land Improvements	5,000	50 Years
Buildings and Building Improvements	5,000	40-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5,000	8-20 Years
Infrastructure	15,000	30-50 Years
Water, Wastewater and Electric Distribution and Collection Systems	15,000	50-100 Years

The Town does not capitalize its library books because the books are considered a collection.

Capital assets are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital outlays in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are incurred.

### 10. Investments in Associated Companies

The Stowe Electric Department (SED) recognizes income from its affiliates in which SED has ownership interests. This ownership includes investment in common and preferred stock of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) and membership units of VT Transco, LLC (Transco). These investments are recorded at cost and, because these are not publicly traded, market values are not readily determinable.

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### 11. Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave up to one thousand forty (1,040) hours and up to forty (40) hours of comp time for hourly employees. These amounts are pro-rated for part-time employees. It is also the policy of the Town to allow salaried employees to accumulate up to one thousand forty (1,040) hours of annual leave. Police officers can accumulate up to one thousand three hundred thirty six (1,336) of hours of annual leave and up to one hundred twenty (120) hours of comp-time. The accrual for unused compensated absences, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The liability for unused compensated absences is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Payments for unused compensated absences in the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid.

The Electric Department allows employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Employees may, depending upon level and length of service, be paid for various amounts of their unused leave upon termination or retirement.

### 12. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities include bonds payable, notes payable, capital leases and other obligations such as compensated absences and the Town's net pension liability. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current liabilities on their balance sheets.

### 13. Fund Equity

Fund equity is classified based upon any restrictions that have been placed on those balances or any tentative plans management may have made for those balances. Restrictions of net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally restricted for a specific purpose by a grant, contract, or other binding agreement. Fund balances of governmental funds are classified as nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Board of Selectmen's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

## II. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Governmental fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting lead to differences between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements as follows:

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Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available”, whereas government-wide statements report revenues when they are earned. Long-term expense differences arise because governmental funds report expenditures (including interest) using the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide statements report expenses using the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital-related differences arise because governmental funds report capital outlays as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report depreciation as an expense. Further, governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale of capital assets as other financing sources, whereas government-wide statements report the gain or loss from the sale of capital assets as revenue or expense.

Long-term debt transaction differences arise because governmental funds report proceeds of long-term debt as other financing sources and principal payments as expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as increases and decreases in liabilities, respectively.

Pension-related differences arise because governmental funds report the current year’s required employer contributions as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as deferred outflows of resources. In addition the accrual for the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements along with the related deferred inflows and outflows of resources.

### **III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

#### **A. Budgetary Information**

Budgets are approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. Any budget changes require voter approval. There were no budget amendments during the year. The budget presented herein is for the Town’s “General Fund” only and does not include the Annual Leave Fund, the Transportation Fund, the Library Operations Fund and the Recreation Scholarship Fund activity that is included with the General Fund.

#### **B. Budgeted Deficit**

The Town budgeted a current year’s deficiency of revenues over expenditures in the General Fund in the amount of \$612,020 in order to utilize a portion of the previous year’s surplus. This is reflected as a budgeted deficiency of revenues over expenditures on Schedule 1.

#### **C. Separate Financial Statements**

The Town has issued separate financial statements for the Electric Fund. Additional disclosures pertaining to this fund can be found in the separately issued financial statement.

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**D. Restatement of Net Position**

Effective June 30, 2015, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans" – An amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. GASB Statement No. 68 requires the reporting of the proportionate share of the net pension liability related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) as well as additional disclosures and required supplemental information.

As a result of adopting this new accounting principle, beginning net position of the governmental activities was reduced by \$289,343 resulting from the proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$452,587 at June 30, 2014 net of the deferred outflows of resources of \$163,244 of required contributions made during fiscal year 2014. The governmental activities net position has been restated from \$19,138,791 to \$18,849,448.

The beginning net position of the business-type activities was reduced by \$32,936 resulting from the proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$51,519 at June 30, 2014 net of the deferred outflows of resources of \$18,583 of required contributions made during fiscal year 2014. The business-type activities net position has been restated from \$25,639,314 to \$25,606,378.

The beginning net position of the Water Fund was reduced by \$25,685 resulting from the proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$40,177 at June 30, 2014 net of the deferred outflows of resources of \$14,492 of required contributions made during fiscal year 2014. The Water Fund net position has been restated from \$3,229,916 to \$3,204,231.

The beginning net position of the Sewer Fund was reduced by \$7,251 resulting from the proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$11,342 at June 30, 2014 net of the deferred outflows of resources of \$4,091 of required contributions made during fiscal year 2014. The Sewer Fund net position has been restated from \$14,539,994 to \$14,532,743.

**IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

**A. Cash and Investments**

The Town's cash and investments as of June 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Restricted Cash:	
Deposits with Financial Institutions	<u>\$1,268,533</u>
Unrestricted Cash:	
Deposits with Financial Institutions	3,666,657
Deposits with Investment Company	9,083
Cash on Hand	<u>3,514</u>
Total Unrestricted Cash	<u>3,679,254</u>
Total Cash	<u>4,947,787</u>

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Investments:	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 942,251
Municipal Bonds	46,377
Corporate Bonds	76,968
Mutual Funds – Equities	741,604
Common Stock	<u>341,349</u>
 Total Investments	 <u>2,148,549</u>
 Total Cash and Investments	 <u>\$7,096,336</u>

The Town has one (1) certificate of deposit with Union Bank in the amount of \$942,251 with an interest rate of 0.5%. The Town's certificate of deposit will mature during fiscal year 2016.

### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The municipal bonds, corporate bonds, mutual funds and common stock are in the name of the Town and are not exposed to custodial credit risk. The following table shows the custodial credit risk of the Town's deposits and certificate of deposit.

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC/SIPC Insured	\$1,108,162	\$1,108,162
Uninsured, Uncollateralized, Secured by Mortgage Loans Held in the Bank's Name	4,474,046	4,948,859
Uninsured, Collateralized - Electric Department	238,883	313,835
Uninsured, Uncollateralized	<u>65,433</u>	<u>65,433</u>
 Total	 <u>\$5,886,524</u>	 <u>\$6,436,289</u>

The difference between the book and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

The book balance is comprised of the following:

Restricted Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$1,268,533
Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	3,666,657
Cash – Deposits with Investment Company	9,083
Investments – Certificate of Deposit	<u>942,251</u>
 Total	 <u>\$5,886,524</u>

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**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to interest rate risk. The Town's certificate of deposit and common stock are exempt from interest rate risk disclosure. The Town's mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, are also exempt from interest rate risk disclosure.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the Town's investments by maturity. Mutual funds are shown at their weighted average maturity (if available). Municipal bonds and corporate bonds are shown at their actual maturity.

Investment Type	Remaining Maturity			Total
	1 to 5 Years	5 to 10 Years	Not Available	
Municipal Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 46,377	\$ 0	\$ 46,377
Corporate Bonds	36,490	40,478	0	76,968
Mutual Funds	0	0	741,604	741,604
Total	\$ 36,490	\$ 86,855	\$ 741,604	\$ 864,949

**Credit Risk**

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. These organizations look at a number of factors in order to evaluate the risk of an obligation and rate the risk. The rating allows the investor to make informed buying and selling decisions. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to credit risk. The Town's certificate of deposit and common stock are not subject to credit risk disclosure. The Town's mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, are also excluded from the credit risk analysis.

Investment Type	Standard and Poor's Rating as of June 30, 2015				Total
	A-	BBB	BBB-	BB	
Municipal Bonds	\$ 46,377	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 46,377
Corporate Bonds	0	30,759	9,950	36,259	76,968
Total	\$ 46,377	\$ 30,759	\$ 9,950	\$ 36,259	\$ 123,345

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk that a large percentage of the Town's investments are held within one security. The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The Town's certificate of deposit and common stock are exempt from concentration of credit risk analysis. The mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, are also excluded from the concentration of credit risk analysis. The investments in associated companies held by the Electric Department are described in Note IV.D. The percentage of municipal bonds and corporate bonds invested in each issuer is as follows:

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**Municipal Bonds**

Chicago Illinois Board of Education	\$ 18,388	39.6%
Illinois State Bonds	<u>27,989</u>	<u>60.4%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 46,377</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Corporate Bonds**

Centurylink Inc.	\$ 9,719	12.6%
Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold Inc.	9,950	12.9%
Nabors Industries, Inc.	21,114	27.4%
Newmont Mining Corp.	9,645	12.6%
Royal Bank Scotland Group PLC	<u>26,540</u>	<u>34.5%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 76,968</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Restricted Cash**

During 2005, the Electric Department received \$750,000 from the Spruce Peak Realty Company in anticipation of the construction of a 115kV line. These funds may only be used for the costs of the new 115kV line. The Electric Department may spend the interest earned on these funds as they see fit. The amount restricted as of June 30, 2015 is \$375,000.

In May, 2009, the Electric Department received a \$4 million bond from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank for the purpose of funding infrastructure and exclusive facilities. Unspent bond proceeds and the interest earned are restricted and may only be used to pay down the bond. The amount restricted as of June 30, 2015 is \$893,533. Total restricted cash in the Electric Fund as of June 30, 2015 is \$1,268,533.

**B. Receivables**

Receivables as of June 30, 2015, as reported in the statement of net position, net of applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 468,998	\$ 0	\$ 468,998
Interest Receivable	40,217	0	40,217
Tax Sale Receivable	20,993	0	20,993
Local Option Sales Tax Receivable	121,893	0	121,893
Ambulance Receivable	53,987	0	53,987
Grants Receivable	144,385	18,354	162,739
Accounts Receivable	15,589	0	15,589
Billed Services	0	1,033,746	1,033,746
Unbilled Services	0	1,091,958	1,091,958
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	129,045	129,045
Accounts Receivable - Sewer Reserve Fees	0	1,929	1,929
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>	<u>(19,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 851,062</u>	<u>\$ 2,271,032</u>	<u>\$ 3,122,094</u>

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**C. Loans Receivable**

**Governmental Activities**

During 2008, the Town issued a \$735,000 loan receivable to Sylvan Woods Housing Limited Partnership to assist in constructing low income housing. This money was from proceeds of a State grant. Interest accrues at 2% per year. The loan and interest is deferred until November, 2036. The loan is secured by the land and building.

Loan Receivable	\$735,000
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>102,900</u>
Total	837,900
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans/Interest	<u>(837,900)</u>
Reported Value at June 30, 2015	\$ <u>    0</u>

**Business-type Activities**

The Town has fourteen (14) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$21,936 to homeowners in the Sylvan Park Development. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with interest at 2%. The Town also has ninety-two (92) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$4,409,641 to homeowners and businesses in the Mountain Road Development for hook-on fees which the Town is financing for them. These loans are assessed a \$21.60 per quarter administration fee or, in some cases, a 1% administration fee per quarter of the quarterly payment. Loan terms vary from 4 to 20 years. The Town has determined that all loans are collectible as they have a lien on the home or business thus no allowance for doubtful loans is needed. The Town also has twenty-three (23) outstanding loans totaling \$163,950 in the Water Department. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on-fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with an administrative fee of 1% per quarter of the quarterly payment. Total loans receivable as of June 30, 2015 is \$4,595,527. The Town estimates that \$601,953 will be collected during fiscal year 2016 and the remainder of \$3,993,574 in future years.

An analysis of the change in loans receivable is as follows:

Balance July 1, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2015
\$ <u>4,838,162</u>	\$ <u>442,923</u>	\$ <u>685,558</u>	\$ <u>4,595,527</u>

**D. Investment in Associated Companies**

The Stowe Electric Department (SED) accounts for investments in associated companies at cost because they are not publicly traded and market values are not readily determinable. The following are the investment balances as of June 30, 2015.

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	<u>Shares/Units</u>	<u>Cost</u>
VELCO - Class C Preferred Stock	981	\$ 1,472
VELCO - Class B Common Stock	2,078	207,800
VELCO - Class C Common Stock	1,487	148,700
VT Transco, LLC - Class A - Membership Units	1,003,783	10,037,830
VT Transco, LLC - Class B - Membership Units	1,277,540	<u>12,775,400</u>
Total		<u>\$ 23,171,202</u>

### E. Deferred Charges

The Electric Department has deferred charges which include bond issuance costs that were incurred in the financing of the 2010 bonds with the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. These costs are amortized over a period of twenty years.

	<u>Amortization Period</u>	<u>Current Amortization</u>	<u>Unamortized Balance</u>
Bond Issuance Costs	20 Years	<u>\$160</u>	<u>\$3,810</u>

### F. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land and Easements	\$ 6,002,090	\$ 281,204	\$ 0	\$ 6,283,294
Construction in Progress	879,299	2,660,798	560,158	2,979,939
Antiques	<u>80,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>6,961,389</u>	<u>2,942,002</u>	<u>560,158</u>	<u>9,343,233</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	516,349	0	0	516,349
Buildings and Building Improvements	17,989,776	14,078	0	18,003,854
Machinery and Equipment	6,814,230	686,927	620,089	6,881,068
Infrastructure	4,380,960	1,046,450	56,700	5,370,710
Totals	<u>29,701,315</u>	<u>1,747,455</u>	<u>676,789</u>	<u>30,771,981</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	217,436	13,201	0	230,637
Buildings and Building Improvements	2,316,127	486,639	0	2,802,766
Machinery and Equipment	3,861,983	370,702	528,285	3,704,400
Infrastructure	1,653,616	273,259	37,005	1,889,870
Totals	<u>8,049,162</u>	<u>1,143,801</u>	<u>565,290</u>	<u>8,627,673</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>21,652,153</u>	<u>603,654</u>	<u>111,499</u>	<u>22,144,308</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 28,613,542</u>	<u>\$ 3,545,656</u>	<u>\$ 671,657</u>	<u>\$ 31,487,541</u>

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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Business-type Activities</b>				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 51,370	\$ 1,155	\$ 0	\$ 52,525
Construction in Progress	969,986	334,204	75,140	1,229,050
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>1,021,356</u>	<u>335,359</u>	<u>75,140</u>	<u>1,281,575</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	15,854,099	0	0	15,854,099
Machinery and Equipment	2,372,038	28,531	23,884	2,376,685
Distribution and Collection Systems	31,720,143	135,362	73,250	31,782,255
Totals	<u>49,946,280</u>	<u>163,893</u>	<u>97,134</u>	<u>50,013,039</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	4,907,166	271,226	0	5,178,392
Machinery and Equipment	1,949,550	104,078	23,884	2,029,744
Distribution and Collection Systems	10,498,172	644,422	16,847	11,125,747
Totals	<u>17,354,888</u>	<u>1,019,726</u>	<u>40,731</u>	<u>18,333,883</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>32,591,392</u>	<u>(855,833)</u>	<u>56,403</u>	<u>31,679,156</u>
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 33,612,748</u>	<u>\$ (520,474)</u>	<u>\$ 131,543</u>	<u>\$ 32,960,731</u>

Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:		Business-type Activities:	
General Government	\$ 30,740	Water	\$ 192,471
Public Safety	346,315	Sewer	501,638
Public Works	409,013	Electric	<u>325,617</u>
Culture and Recreation	356,298		
Cemetery	<u>1,435</u>		
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,143,801</u>	Total Depreciation Expense - Business-type Activities	<u>\$ 1,019,726</u>

**G. Interfund Balances and Activity**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Fund	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 2,160,710
Capital Fund	911,189	0
Non-Major Governmental Funds	653,107	68,201
Water Fund	0	1,118,570
Sewer Fund	<u>1,783,185</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,347,481</u>	<u>\$ 3,347,481</u>

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Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2015 were as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	Annual Leave Fund	\$ 120,000	* Annual Contribution
General Fund	Recreation Scholarship Fund	1,000	* Annual Contribution
General Fund	Capital Fund	50,000	Annual Contribution
General Fund	Equipment Fund	390,000	Annual Contribution
Library Operations Fund	General Fund	28,500	* Annual Contribution
Capital Fund	General Fund	350,000	Fund Debt Service
Appraisal Fund	General Fund	6,000	Fund Appraisal Expenses
Cemetery Fund	General Fund	7,000	Annual Contribution
Library Endowment Fund	Library Operations Fund	7,535	* Transfer Earnings
Electric Fund	General Fund	<u>33,000</u>	PILOT
Total		<u>\$ 993,035</u>	

\* The transfers from the General Fund to the Annual Leave Fund and the Recreation Scholarship Fund are netted within the General Fund as these funds are consolidated within the General Fund and the transfer from the Library Endowment Fund to the Library Operations Fund is included with the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54.

#### H. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources in the Governmental Activities consists of \$6,537 from changes in the Town's proportional share of contributions related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) and \$176,224 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Governmental Activities is \$182,761.

Deferred outflows of resources in the Business-type Activities consists of \$744 from changes in the Town's proportional share of contributions related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) and \$16,105 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Business-type Activities is \$16,849.

Deferred outflows of resources in the Water Fund consists of \$580 from changes in the Town's proportional share of contributions related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) and \$12,560 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Water Fund is \$13,140.

Deferred outflows of resources in the Sewer Fund consists of \$164 from changes in the Town's proportional share of contributions related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) and \$3,545 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Sewer Fund is \$3,709.

#### I. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue in the General Fund consists of \$20,510 of advertising fees and \$37,479 of recreation fees received in advance. Total unearned revenue in the General Fund is \$57,989.

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Unearned revenue in the Non-Major Governmental Funds consists of \$25 of grant revenue received in advance.

**J. Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Deferred inflows of resources in the Governmental Activities consists of \$31,964 of prepaid property taxes and \$356,151 resulting from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS). Total deferred inflows of resources in the Governmental Activities is \$388,115.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Business-type Activities consists of \$40,543 resulting from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS), \$370,000 from the contribution from Spruce Peak Realty, LLC for the construction of a 115kV line, as described as follows, and \$105,071 from the refinancing of a capital improvement note, as described as follows. Total deferred inflows of resources in the Business-type Activities is \$515,614.

Deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund consists of \$226,500 of delinquent property taxes and interest on those taxes, \$17,500 of ambulance fees and \$5,669 of miscellaneous fees not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. It also includes \$31,964 of prepaid property taxes. Total deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund is \$281,633.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Capital Fund consists of \$60,502 of grant revenue not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Water Fund consists of \$31,617 resulting from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS).

Deferred inflows of resources in the Sewer Fund consists of \$8,926 resulting from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS).

On September 23, 2005, the Stowe Electric Department (SED) entered into an agreement with Spruce Peak Realty, LLC ("SPR"). SPR requires an additional firm electric load for expansion of its facilities and represents a portion of the additional capacity capability that the Lamoille County (LC) 115KV project will provide SED and its surrounding areas. SPR has agreed to provide \$2,100,000 toward SED's allocation of LC 115KV project costs from VT. Transco LLC ("Transco"). An initial contribution of \$750,000 received in 2005 has been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources and will be amortized to revenue over the initial ten year service period of the project. The deferred amount remaining as of June 30, 2015 is \$370,000.

On March 1, 2011, SED refinanced their capital improvement note with Key Bank National Association. This refinancing terminated an existing interest rate swap. As a result, SED received proceeds of \$239,136 which will be amortized over the remaining life of the note. The deferred amount remaining as of June 30, 2015 is \$105,071.

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**K. Long-term Liabilities**

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide resources for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and to refund prior issues. General obligation bonds have been issued for both general governmental and proprietary activities. Bonds are reported in governmental activities if the debt is expected to be repaid from general governmental revenues and in business-type activities if the debt is expected to be repaid from proprietary fund revenues.

General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. New bonds generally are issued as 10 to 20 year bonds. Refunding bonds are issued for various terms based on the debt service of the debt refunded.

The Town has other notes payable to finance various capital projects and purchases through local banks.

The State of Vermont offers a number of low and no-interest revolving loan programs to utilize for predetermined purposes. The Town has borrowed money from the Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund for water and sewer projects.

The net pension liability is the difference between the total pension liability (the present value of projected benefit payments to employees based on their past service) and the assets (mostly investments reported at fair value) set aside to pay current employees, retirees, and beneficiaries. The accrual for the Town's share of the net pension liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements.

Long-term liabilities outstanding as of June 30, 2015 were as follows:

Governmental Activities:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Tri-Centennial Acquisition, Principal Payments of \$30,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 4.8% to 5.85% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due and Paid December, 2015	\$ 60,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Sunset Rock Land Purchase, Fire Pumper Truck and Ice Rink Improvements, Principal Payments Ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 6.8% to 7.0% Payable on May 15 and November 15, Due November, 2019	95,000	0	20,000	75,000

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bingham Falls Land Purchase, Garage Land Purchase and Former Water and Light Building Improvements, Principal Payments of \$25,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 2.8% to 5.18% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2021	\$ 200,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 175,000
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Ladder Truck and Nichols Easement, Principal Payments of \$20,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 1.87% to 5.09% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2024	220,000	0	20,000	200,000
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Adams Camp Purchase and Memorial Building Engineering, Principal Payments of \$25,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 3.865% to 4.665% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2027	350,000	0	25,000	325,000
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Public Safety Building, Principal Payments of \$360,000 Payable on November 15 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 1.9% to 4.65% Payable on May 15 and November 15, Due November, 2028	5,400,000	0	360,000	5,040,000
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Ice Rink, Principal Payments of \$200,000 Payable on November 15 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 1.098% to 3.968% Payable on May 15 and November 15, Due November, 2032	3,800,000	0	200,000	3,600,000

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Ice Rink and Sledding Hill Land Purchase, Principal Payments of \$140,750 Payable on November 15 Annually, Interest at 3.955% Payable on May 15 and November 15, Due November, 2033	\$ <u>2,815,000</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>140,750</u>	\$ <u>2,674,250</u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$ <u>12,940,000</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>820,750</u>	\$ <u>12,119,250</u>
Business-type Activities:				
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water Expansion, Principal Payments of \$125,820 Payable on December 15 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2021	\$ 880,738	\$ 0	\$ 125,820	\$ 754,918
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water Improvements, Principal and Interest Payments of \$215,568 Payable on July 1 Annually, Interest at 3%, Due July, 2025	1,994,571	0	155,731	1,838,840
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water Improvements, Principal Payments of \$18,273 Payable on April 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due April, 2024	182,736	0	18,273	164,463
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Water Upgrade, Principal Payments of \$160,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2022	1,440,000	0	160,000	1,280,000

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sunset Hill Project, Principal and Interest Payments of \$57,335 Payable on July 1, Interest at 1%, Administrative Fee at 2%, Due July, 2026	\$ 605,791	\$ 0	\$ 38,789	\$ 567,002
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer Improvements, Principal Payments of \$51,328 Payable on December 15 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2017	205,317	0	51,328	153,989
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer Improvements, Principal Payments of \$103,550 Payable on July 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due July, 2020	724,850	0	103,550	621,300
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer Improvements, Principal Payments of \$691,684 Payable on April 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due April, 2028	9,683,556	0	691,683	8,991,873
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Electric Upgrades, Principal Payments of \$135,000 through 2038 and then One (1) Payment of \$85,000 in 2039, Interest Rates Ranging from 1.31% to 3.41% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due November, 2039	3,460,000	0	135,000	3,325,000
Note Payable, Key Bank National Association, Electric Investment Purchases, Principal Due in Full December 30, 2018, Interest at 5.7%, Requiring Quarterly Interest Payments, Secured by all Membership Units of VT Transco	18,700,000	0	0	18,700,000

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Note Payable, Union Bank, Electric Investment Purchases, Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$20,525, Interest at 6.5%, Due February, 2020	\$ 830,732	\$ 0	\$ 29,187	\$ 801,545
Note Payable, Union Bank, Electric Investment Purchases, Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$23,267, Interest at 6.5%, Due February, 2020	916,333	0	35,163	881,170
Note Payable, Union Bank, Electric Investment Purchases, Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$7,439, Interest at 4.1%, Due November, 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>400,020</u>	<u>1,912</u>	<u>398,108</u>
Total Business-type Activities	<u>\$39,624,624</u>	<u>\$400,020</u>	<u>\$1,546,436</u>	<u>\$38,478,208</u>

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 12,940,000	\$ 0	\$ 820,750	\$ 12,119,250	\$ 815,750
Compensated Absences Payable	774,028	48,512	0	822,540	0
Net Pension Liability	<u>452,587</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>337,087</u>	<u>115,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 14,166,615</u>	<u>\$ 48,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,837</u>	<u>\$ 13,057,290</u>	<u>\$ 815,750</u>
<b>Business-type Activities</b>					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 19,177,559	\$ 0	\$ 1,480,174	\$ 17,697,385	\$ 1,486,010
Notes Payable	20,447,065	400,020	66,262	20,780,823	81,128
Compensated Absences Payable	194,558	77,744	0	272,302	0
Net Pension Liability	<u>51,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38,373</u>	<u>13,146</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Business-type Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 39,870,701</u>	<u>\$ 477,764</u>	<u>\$ 1,584,809</u>	<u>\$ 38,763,656</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,138</u>

Compensated absences are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

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Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 815,750	\$ 444,121	\$ 1,567,138	\$ 1,461,273
2017	785,750	420,874	1,578,602	1,438,060
2018	785,750	397,091	1,590,007	1,411,359
2019	785,750	371,721	20,250,801	1,123,596
2020	785,750	344,869	2,233,175	288,127
2021-2025	3,778,750	1,296,132	7,099,444	765,240
2026-2030	3,218,750	551,463	2,859,041	412,515
2031-2035	1,163,000	86,810	675,000	250,443
2036-2040	0	0	625,000	79,076
Total	\$ <u>12,119,250</u>	\$ <u>3,913,081</u>	\$ <u>38,478,208</u>	\$ <u>7,229,689</u>

#### L. Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Board of Selectmen's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

Special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Amounts constrained to stabilization (rainy-day funds) will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. The Town does not have any minimum fund balance policies.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

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The purpose for each major special revenue fund, including which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each, are described in the following section.

The fund balances in the following funds are nonspendable as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Nonspendable Prepaid Expenses	\$ 427
Nonspendable Inventory	<u>135,157</u>
Total General Fund	<u>135,584</u>

Non-Major Funds

Permanent Funds:

Nonspendable Cemetery Fund Principal – Estimated	215,000
Nonspendable Library Endowment Fund Principal	<u>35,295</u>
Total Non-Major Funds	<u>250,295</u>
Total Nonspendable Fund Balances	<u>\$385,879</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Restricted for Old Age Assistance by Donations	\$ 504
Restricted for Library Development by Donations	<u>19,374</u>
Total General Fund	<u>19,878</u>

Capital Fund:

Restricted for Quiet Path Bridge by Donations	<u>50,000</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Recreation Path Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	8,301
Restricted for Police Expenses by Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	6,250
Restricted for Records Preservation Expenses by Statute (Source of Revenue is Recording Fees)	<u>44,226</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>58,777</u>

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Permanent Funds:

Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements	\$ 217,788
– Expendable Portion	
Restricted for Library Endowment Fund by Trust Agreements	
– Expendable Portion	<u>767,173</u>
Total Permanent Funds	<u>984,961</u>
Total Non-Major Funds	<u>1,043,738</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$1,113,616</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are committed as follows:

Major Funds

Capital Projects Funds:

Committed for Capital Projects by the Voters	<u>\$903,449</u>
Total Committed Fund Balances	<u>\$903,449</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Assigned to Reduce Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2016	\$227,674
Assigned for Library Operations Expenses	11,173
Assigned for Recreation Scholarship Expenses	<u>3,102</u>
Total General Fund	<u>241,949</u>

Capital Fund:

Assigned for Capital Project Expenditures	<u>17,866</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Assigned for Appraisal Expenses	<u>78,492</u>
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Capital Projects Funds:

Assigned for Equipment Expenditures	357,012
Assigned for Rink Renovation Expenditures	<u>18,009</u>
Total Capital Projects Funds	<u>375,021</u>
Total Non-Major Funds	<u>453,513</u>
Total Assigned Fund Balances	<u>\$713,328</u>

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**M. Restricted and Designated Net Position**

The restricted net position of the Town as of June 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Restricted for Old Age Assistance by Donations	\$ 504
Restricted for Library Development by Donations	19,374
Restricted for Quiet Path Bridge by Donations	50,000
Restricted for Recreation Path Expenses by Donations	8,301
Restricted for Police Expenses by Agreement	6,250
Restricted for Records Preservation Expenses by Statute	44,226
Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements – Non-Expendable Portion – Estimated	215,000
Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements – Expendable Portion	217,788
Restricted for Library Endowment Fund by Trust Agreements – Non-Expendable Portion	35,295
Restricted for Library Endowment Fund by Trust Agreements – Expendable Portion	<u>767,173</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,363,911</u>

The designated net position of the Town as of June 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Business-type Activities:

Water Fund:

Designated for Investment in Long-term Loans Receivable	\$ 163,950
Designated for Water Capital	433,803
Designations in Excess of Unrestricted Net Position	<u>(597,753)</u>
Total Water Fund	<u>0</u>

Sewer Fund:

Designated for Investment in Long-term Loans Receivable	4,431,577
Designated for Sewer Capital	<u>329,420</u>
Total Sewer Fund	<u>4,760,997</u>

Total Business-type Activities	<u>\$4,760,997</u>
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The unrestricted deficit in the Water Fund of \$683,250 will be funded in future years with additional revenues.

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**V. OTHER INFORMATION****A. PENSION PLAN****Defined Benefit Plan****Plan Description**

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for municipal and school district employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended June 30, 2015, the retirement system consisted of 437 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives—one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

As of June 30, 2014, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, VMERS was funded at 98.32% and had a plan fiduciary net position of \$534,525,477 and a total pension liability of \$543,652,090 resulting in a net pension liability of \$9,126,613. As of June 30, 2015, the Town's proportionate share of this was 1.4096% resulting in a liability of \$128,646. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. As of June 30, 2014, the Town's proportion of 1.4096% was an increase of 0.025% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

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For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town recognized pension expense of \$295,759 which was comprised of \$195,780 determined by the State of Vermont’s actuary and \$99,979 of employer contributions made by the Town in excess of the amount required. The total employer contribution made by the Town was \$292,308. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town funded the employer contribution for Group B at 10.125% resulting in no contribution for the employee, the employer contribution for Group C at 10.6% resulting in a lower contribution for members (5.9% effective July 1, 2014 and 6.15% effective January 1, 2015) and the employer contribution for Group D at 10.6% resulting in a lower contribution for members (10.4% effective July 1, 2014).

As of June 30, 2015, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in proportional share of contributions	\$ 7,281	\$ 0
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		396,694
Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	192,329	0
	\$ 199,610	\$ 396,694

The deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town’s required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$192,329 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	
2016	\$ 77,883
2017	77,883
2018	77,883
2019	77,882
2020	77,882
Total	\$389,413

**Summary of System Provisions**

Membership – Full time employees of participating municipalities. The Town elected coverage under Group B, Group C and Group D provisions.

Creditable Service – Service as a member plus purchased service.

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Average Final Compensation (AFC): Group B and C – Average annual compensation during highest three (3) consecutive years. Group D – Average annual compensation during highest two (2) consecutive years.

Service Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Group B – The earlier of age 62 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty (30) years of service. Group C and D – Age 55 with five (5) years of service.

Amount: Group B – 1.7% of AFC times service as a Group B member plus percentage earned as a Group A member times AFC. Group C – 2.5% of AFC times service as a Group C member plus percentage earned as a Group A or B member times AFC. Group D – 2.5% of AFC times service as a Group D member plus percentage earned as a Group A, B or C member times AFC.

Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC for Group B and 50% of AFC for Groups C and D. The previous amounts include the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.

Early Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Age 55 with five (5) years of service for Group B. Age 50 with twenty (20) years of service for Group D.

Amount: Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement precedes normal retirement age for Group B members, and payable without reduction to Group D members.

Vested Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Five (5) years of service.

Amount: Allowance beginning at normal retirement age based on AFC and service at termination. The AFC is to be adjusted annually by one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the limits on “Post-Retirement Adjustments”.

Disability Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Five (5) years of service and disability as determined by Retirement Board.

Amount: Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability; children’s benefit of 10% of AFC payable to up to three minor children (or children up to age 23 if enrolled in full-time studies) of a disabled Group D member.

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Death Benefit:

Eligibility: Death after five (5) years of service.

Amount: For Groups B and C, reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor(s) benefit under disability annuity computed as of date of death. For Group D, 70% of the unreduced accrued benefit plus children's benefit.

Optional Benefit and Death after Retirement: For Groups B and C, lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee. For Group D, lifetime allowance or 70% contingent annuitant option with no reduction.

Refund of Contribution: Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member's accumulated contributions are refunded.

Post-Retirement Adjustments: Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index but not more than 3% for Groups B, C and D.

Member Contributions: Group B – 4.75% effective July 1, 2014 (increased from 4.625%). Group C – 9.625% effective July 1, 2014 and 9.75% effective January 1, 2015 (increased from 9.5%). Group D – 11.25% effective July 1, 2014 (increased from 11.125%).

Employer Contributions: Group B – 5.375% effective July 1, 2014 (increased from 5.125%). Group C – 6.875% from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 (increased from 6.625%) and then 7.0% effective January 1, 2015. Group D – 9.75% effective July 1, 2014 (increased from 9.625%)

Retirement Stipend: \$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Trustees.

**Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

Interest Rate - A select-and-ultimate interest rate set, specified as follows. The interest rate set is restarted every year.

Year 1: 6.25%	Year 10: 8.50%
Year 2: 6.75%	Year 11: 8.50%
Year 3: 7.00%	Year 12: 8.50%
Year 4: 7.50%	Year 13: 8.50%
Year 5: 7.75%	Year 14: 8.50%
Year 6: 8.25%	Year 15: 8.50%
Year 7: 8.25%	Year 16: 8.75%
Year 8: 8.25%	Year 17 and later: 9.00%
Year 9: 8.50%	

Salary increases - 5% per year.

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Deaths:

Active participants – 50% of the probabilities in the 1995 Buck Mortality Tables for males and females.

Non-disabled retirees and terminated vested participants – The 1995 Buck Mortality Tables with no set-back for males and one-year set-back for females.

Disabled retirees – RP-2000 Disabled Life Tables.

Beneficiaries – 1995 Buck Mortality Tables for males and females.

Spouse's Age: - Husbands are assumed to be three years older than their wives.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Benefits of Terminated Vested and Retired Participants - Assumed to occur at the rate of 1.8% per annum for Group B, C and D members.

Actuarial Cost Method - Entry Age Normal - Level Percentage of Pay.

Asset Valuation Method - Invested assets are reported at fair value.

Note – For funding purposes – A smoothing method is used, under which the value of assets for actuarial purposes equals market value less a five-year phase-in of the differences between actual and assumed investment return. The value of assets for actuarial purposes may not differ from the market value of assets by more than 20%.

Inflation- The separately stated assumptions for investment return, salary increases and cost of living adjustments are consistent with an expected annual inflation rate of 3.00% to 3.25% per year.

Long-term Expected Rate of Return:

The long-term expected rate of return on investments was determined using best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variable and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecasts of the short, intermediate, and longer term horizons by weighting the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles. To reflect this in the rate-of-return assumption, a Select and Ultimate assumption setting approach, which is cited in Section 3.8.4 of Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 as an alternative to a single assumed rate of return, is employed.

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Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2014 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	31.50%	6.70%
Fixed Income	33.00%	2.94%
Alternatives	15.50%	6.26%
Multi-strategy	20.00%	5.98%

Nominal long-term expected rates of return for these asset classes are equal to the sum of the expected long-term real rates and the expected long-term inflation rate of 3.0%.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.23%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made in accordance with the current funding policy. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current members. The assumed discount rate has been determined in accordance with the method prescribed by GASB 68.

Sensitivity of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.23 percent, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (7.23%) or one percent higher (9.23%):

<u>1% Decrease (7.23%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (8.23%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (9.23%)</u>
\$1,083,773	\$128,646	\$(672,675)

### **Additional Information**

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System, including the details of the Fiduciary Net Position, is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

### **Defined Contribution Plan**

The Town, except the Electric Department, offers its employees a defined contribution pension plan. This plan is administered by the Town. The Town contributes 10.6% of gross salary to the plan. All investments are self-directed by the employees. The total payroll for the year, excluding the Electric Department, was \$4,395,045 while covered payroll was \$984,144. Pension expense was \$104,319. There is one employee who has chosen to be covered under the Electric Department's pension plan. The Town's expense for this employee was \$9,157.

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**Deferred Compensation Plan**

The Electric Department created a retirement plan called “Town of Stowe Electric Department 457(b) Retirement Plan”, an eligible deferred compensation plan for employee contributions under Section 457(b) of the IRC for its employees and beneficiaries. The Electric Department also created the Stowe Electric Retirement Plan, a profit sharing plan, which allows the department to contribute a percentage of its revenues to each employees plan account.

Under the profit sharing plan, employees are eligible to participate in the plan after completion of one (1) year of service based upon the date the employee was hired and the approval of the Chief Executive Officer. The Electric Department has elected to include one Town of Stowe employee who was a participant in the predecessor plan as part of the plan.

Effective May 17, 2007, the Electric Department contracted with a third party administrator to administer the Profit Sharing and Deferred Compensation Plans. The Stowe Electric Department Commissioners are also Plan Trustees. Under the agreement the third party administrator is responsible for employee eligibility determination, record keeping, reporting and compliance with the plan requirements.

Once eligibility and participation requirements are met, the employee is eligible to receive an allocation of employer contributions based upon each employee’s compensation up to a maximum of \$225,000 annual compensation.

Under the plan, employer contributions may be made to union employees at 10.6%, management at 11.6%, and General Manager at 15%, of annual compensation. All contributions are immediately vested at 100%. The plan allows all participants who had retirement account balances in another qualified plan to roll over those balances to the new plan.

Total covered payroll for the pension contributions for the year ended June 30, 2015 was \$1,182,670. The Electric Department’s pension contributions for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$110,731, \$93,759 and \$93,573, respectively. The total fees relating to the pension plan for the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$300, \$400 and \$1,690, respectively.

**B. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and ratesetting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund’s liabilities.

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The Town is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Unemployment Insurance Trust. The Unemployment Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Unemployment Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

### C. PROPERTY TAXES

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes, as well as education property taxes for the State of Vermont. Property taxes are assessed based on property valuations as of April 1, the voter approved budgets and the State education property tax liability. Property taxes were levied in July and were payable in four (4) installments on August 10, November 10, February 10 and May 10. Interest at 2% is assessed on all unpaid balances immediately following each installment payment and then 2% on the first of each month thereafter. Unpaid taxes become an enforceable lien on the property, and such properties are subject to tax sale. The tax rate for 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
Education	1.4886	1.5205
Farmers Contracts	0.0049	0.0049
Town	<u>0.3950</u>	<u>0.3950</u>
Total	<u>1.8885</u>	<u>1.9204</u>

### D. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted and state grant programs that are subject to audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

### E. LEASES

The Town leases space on its Public Safety Building to three cell phone companies who installed antennas on them. The lease terms end at various dates over the next five (5) years, however, have renewal options. Future guaranteed lease payments for the next five years are estimated to be as follows:

2016	\$49,584
2017	47,779
2018	30,462
2019	30,462
2020	30,462

The SED leases its office building. The lease expired April 30, 2012; however the SED continues to rent on a month to month basis. The monthly rent is \$4,000.

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**F. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

One of the Selectboard members is on the Board of Directors of the Union Bank where the Town does a majority of their banking. The Town does, however, utilize a competitive bidding process when borrowing or investing large sums of money.

**G. CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE**

The Electric Department's largest customer represents approximately 24.4% of operating revenue and 8.2% of accounts receivable.

**H. REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS**

On August 22, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order resolving issues associated with the cost allocation between participating utilities related to construction of the 115kV Lamoille County Project. The order provides SED with a fixed cap on its share of the specific facility project cost, requires SED to purchase and hold for ten years \$18,700,500 of VT Transco, LLC equity, and eliminates SED from any risk on the dividends to be paid on the equity which are to be applied to pay the debt service on the loan incurred to purchase the equity. Dividends in excess of the debt service requirements on the equity loan will be contributed to the project cost. The order requires the equity to be repurchased from SED, at par, in ten years. The loan to purchase the equity will be a non-amortizing loan due in full in ten years and will be paid with the proceeds from the equity sale at that time. The fixed annual charge to SED for the project specific facility operating costs will be \$1,100,000 for the ten year period. On December 30, 2008, both the loan and the equity purchase took place and are reflected in these financial statements.

**I. PURCHASE POWER CONTRACTS AND SERVICES**

SED's energy and capacity requirements are provided through a variety of contract obligations.

In 2008, SED became a direct member of the ISO – New England power market. SED has also entered into a service contract with Energy New England, LLC to administer and execute power contracts with the ISO – New England power market as SED's agent.

A brief summary of the major power supply contracts as of June 30, 2015 held by SED is as follows:

**Hydro Quebec:**

SED has the following annual entitlements to Hydro Quebec power:

<u>Firm Commitment</u>	<u>Kilowatts</u>	<u>Term</u>
Schedule B	2,288	1995-2015
Schedule C-3	38	1995-2015

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Kilowatt quantities above include the Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) share of Schedule C power assumed by SED in May 1990, totaling 681kW, with terms expiring between 2012 and 2015.

This contract is for energy only that began on November 1, 2012. The total contract with VT utilities calls for 218MW. SED's portions vary during different periods, as shown below. The contract pricing will be flexible and competitive to the market price because it will follow the defined Energy Market index and the cost of power on the forward market. The pricing is based partly on market prices, partly on inflations, and carries limits on year-to-year price fluctuations.

Schedule	Start Date	Final Delivery Date	Stowe Entitlement (MW)
Period 1	11/1/2012	10/31/2015	1.032
Period 2	11/1/2015	10/31/2016	2.884
Period 3	11/1/2016	10/31/2020	2.984
Period 4	11/1/2020	10/31/2030	2.984
Period 5	11/1/2030	10/31/2035	2.251
Period 6	11/1/2035	10/31/2038	0.399

**New York Power Authority:**

The New York Power Authority ("NYPA") provides power to the utilities in Vermont under two contracts. SED's share of the first contract is a 9 kW entitlement to the Robert Moses Project (a.k.a. St. Lawrence). The contract for St. Lawrence currently extends through April 30, 2017. SED's share of the second contract, the Niagara Project, has been an average of 480 kW. Effective September 1, 2007, the Niagara contract was renewed through September 1, 2025 with an entitlement of 481kW.

**VEPPI (Vermont Electric Power Producers, Inc.):**

SED receives power from a group of independent power projects (IPP's) under Order 4.100 of the Vermont Public Service Board ("PSB"). The power is generated by a number of small hydroelectric facilities and one wood-fired facility. There are 19 VEPPI units. As of December 31, 2014, four have expired. VEPPI assigns the energy generated by these facilities to on a load ratio basis that compares SED's electric sales to other utilities in Vermont annually. Also on October 31, 2012, Rygate expired, but the contract was negotiated to continue. SED's current pro rata share of the VEPPI production is 1.325%, which started November 1, 2014 and will run through October 31, 2015. The prior percent which ran from November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 was 1.2916%. The VEPPI contracts are priced with relatively high energy rates and modest fixed costs. The VEPPI contracts have varying maturities; the last VEPPI contract is scheduled to end in 2020.

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**SPEED (Sustainable Prices Energy Enterprise Development):**

SPEED is a program established under Vermont Public Service Board Order 4.300. The program's goal is to achieve renewable energy and long-term stably priced contracts. Vermont utilities will purchase power from the SPEED projects. These projects are behind the meter and each utility will have their percent share, (SED's share for November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 was 1.2916% and increased to 1.3105% for November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015) of load reduced by the output of the generation. SED receives a modest capacity credit for these resources, to reflect the small, behind-the-meter nature of the resources. The cost paid to the SPEED projects are set based on the generation type. The SPEED program is set for 25 years that began in the fourth quarter of 2010.

**Stony Brook:**

SED has entered into a Power Sales Agreement with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) for 1.66% (approximately 5,832 kW) of MMWEC's Stony Brook Project, an operating fossil fuel plant. MMWEC, a public corporation of Massachusetts, is a coordination and planning agency for the development of the bulk power supply requirements of its members and project participants. The Power Sales Agreement for the project requires each participant to pay its share of MMWEC's costs related to the project which includes debt service on bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the project, plus 10% of debt service to be paid into a reserve and contingency fund. As of July 1, 2008, Stony Brook Intermediate Series A Bonds were paid in full.

**Phase 1 Hydro-Quebec Interconnection:**

SED has entered into contracts with Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) to participate in Phase I of the Hydro-Quebec interconnection, a 450 KVHVD transmission line directly connecting the Hydro-Quebec electric system with ISO-NE at the Comerford Generating Station. Under these agreements, SED provided capital for the cost of construction through purchase of VELCO Class C preferred stock and will provide support for the operation of the line. SED is entitled to a portion of the benefits and has an obligation for a corresponding portion of the costs associated with Phase I.

**McNeil Project:**

The McNeil wood-fired generating facility is located in Burlington, Vermont. The facility has a normal generating capability of 50,000 kW and a maximum generating capability of 53,000 kW. SED's entitlement to McNeil is provided through an agreement with the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and is expected to be available through the life of the unit. SED expects the generation to be mostly composed of wood, but gas and oil can be used to fuel the unit if available and if pricing is appropriately set.

SED has agreements with VPPSA to purchase a portion of the power produced by the facility. SED is committed to an ownership share of 15.8%. Charges for debt service ended in May 2014. The bonds were paid off in June 2015. The last year of payments were made from the debt service reserve fund.

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The McNeil wood-fired plant was retrofitted in 2008 to make it eligible to generate Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The project was financed via a VPPSA line of credit to fund their share, and thus SED's share, of the capital project. The line of credit was paid down using the revenue generated from the REC sales. The NOX project debt was paid off in November 2010, and REC credits started in December 2010.

**Highgate Project:**

Under the Highgate Project Transmission Services Agreement as re-allocated in 1997, SED has agreed to purchase a 12.59% share of the capacity in VPPSA's share of Highgate Converter Facilities, located in Highgate, Vermont

**Market Contracts:**

SED's portfolio contains market contracts from a variety of counterparties. For the Mount Mansfield ski resort, SED has obtained a product that will follow the snow making load and will provide optimal supply flexibility for this load type.

SED has signed a purchase power agreement for 2.613% of the Miller Hydro Project. Miller Hydro is a run of river unit. This resource should equate to 2.685% of SED's energy. This purchase began on March 1, 2010 and ended on February 28, 2013. On February 28, 2011, SED amended the agreement to extend through May 31, 2016. In addition it amends the contract to include installed capacity and ancillary services as products of the contract effective on March 1, 2013 through May 1, 2016.

Stowe entered into a purchase power agreement for Saddleback Wind. This is a project built by Patriot Renewables. The project is located in Carthage, ME. SED is roughly up 3% of SED's load. The agreement is a 20 year deal that will allow SED to buy energy, capacity and RECs. The project went full commercial Q3 2015.

SED also signed a purchase power agreement for a portion of the Seabrook plant that begun on January 1, 2015 and will run through December 31, 2034. SED will receive .16% with a max of 2MW, around the clock, of the NextEra Seabrook Resource. This PPA will include Energy and Capacity. The pricing of the project varies with the Gross Domestic Product-Implicit Price Deflator (GDP-IPD). This takes natural gas price volatility away from the contract price. Escalation is limited to between 1.6%-4.9% per year. The PPA will provide carbon-free generation that will help insulate SED from the potential for higher carbon prices in the future.

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**Sources of Energy**

The percentages of energy (kWh) acquired for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

Resource	FCM	Description	(MWh)	kWh's	% of Total Resources	Fuel	Location	Termination Date
Niagara	0.490	Block	2,945	2,944,964	3.8%	Hydro	Roseton	9/1/2025
St. Lawrence		Block	80	79,662	0.1%	Hydro	Roseton	4/30/2017
HQ Schedule B	2.326	Dispatchable	15,143	15,142,606	19.7%	Hydro	HQ Highgate 120	10/31/2015
HQ Schedule C-3		Dispatchable	226	226,000	0.3%	Hydro	HQ Highgate 120	10/31/2015
HQ Contract		ISO Bilateral	6,027	6,026,880	7.8%	Hydro	HQ Highgate 120	10/31/2038
VEPPI	0.328	PURPA	3,498	3,498,346	4.5%	Wood/Hydro	VT Nodes	Exp. Varies
McNeil	1.560	Wood Unit	8,359	8,359,303	10.9%	Wood	Essex	Life of Unit
Stony 1A/1B/1C	4.916	Dispatchable	2,793	2,793,062	3.6%	Natural	Stonybrk 115	Life of Unit
Market Contracts - ENE		ISO Bilateral	9,155	9,155,000	11.9%			
Seabrook (Offtake)		ISO Bilateral	8,685	8,684,896	11.3%			
Miller Hydro Purchase		Run of River	2,399	2,399,263	3.1%	Hydro	TopSham Milr	05/31/2016
Market Contracts - ENE Snow		ISO Bilateral	9,092	9,091,883	11.8%		Mass hub	04/30/2014
ISO Energy Net Interchange		ISO Bilateral	8,624	8,624,215	11.2%			
Totals			<u>77,026</u>	<u>77,026,080</u>	<u>100.0%</u>			

**J. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In July, 2015, SED obtained a \$1,000,000 line of credit with Union Bank. The line of credit matures August 1, 2016 with interest at .85%.

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AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 8,094,347	\$ 8,172,877	\$ 78,530
Administration	564,391	670,893	106,502
Wireless Lease	67,380	62,112	(5,268)
Auditors School Report	1,500	2,188	688
Town Clerk	173,670	158,405	(15,265)
Accounting/Finance	20,300	20,100	(200)
Fire	750	6,667	5,917
Highway Department	185,600	195,944	10,344
Listers' Office	1,500	1,485	(15)
Library	796	5,717	4,921
Rescue/EMS	189,500	185,777	(3,723)
Cultural Campus Telephone	1,496	1,299	(197)
Planning	2,500	0	(2,500)
Zoning	47,725	65,410	17,685
Police Department	123,800	124,652	852
Cemetery	1,200	545	(655)
Public Works Administration	44,000	44,050	50
Parks and Grounds	38,030	44,001	5,971
Recreation	196,320	198,187	1,867
Arena Revenue	397,806	363,648	(34,158)
Transfer from Capital Fund - Local Option Taxes	350,000	350,000	0
Transfer from Library Operations Fund	28,500	28,500	0
Transfer from Appraisal Fund	6,000	6,000	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,537,111</b>	<b>10,708,457</b>	<b>171,346</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Administration	397,800	404,763	(6,963)
Elections	5,357	3,970	1,387
Town Clerk	295,877	304,780	(8,903)
Health/Zoning	133,708	126,281	7,427
Listers' Office	103,518	104,832	(1,314)
Treasurer/Finance	284,770	265,047	19,723
Planning	133,485	122,524	10,961
Public Safety Building	142,977	146,930	(3,953)
Police Department	1,648,779	1,602,750	46,029
Fire Department	219,231	197,855	21,376
Emergency Medical Service	429,256	393,087	36,169
Mountain Rescue	18,575	16,569	2,006
Emergency Management	2,376	1,416	960
Highway	2,101,057	2,089,126	11,931
Public Works	312,144	249,023	63,121
Akeley Memorial Building	120,130	126,356	(6,226)

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Expenditures/(Cont'd):			
Cultural Campus	\$ 35,092	\$ 35,466	\$ (374)
Street Lights	28,252	25,481	2,771
Solid Waste	550	500	50
Cemeteries	14,333	12,428	1,905
Community Affairs	66,422	66,603	(181)
General Government	554,797	548,900	5,897
Parks and Grounds	491,321	472,167	19,154
Recreation	502,598	480,302	22,296
Arena	510,395	517,060	(6,665)
Library	549,286	578,420	(29,134)
Debt Management	1,283,094	1,283,092	2
Insurances	203,951	184,032	19,919
Transfer to Annual Leave Fund	120,000	120,000	0
Transfer to Capital Fund	50,000	50,000	0
Transfer to Equipment Fund	390,000	390,000	0
	11,149,131	10,919,760	229,371
Total Expenditures			
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over Expenditures	\$ <u>(612,020)</u>	(211,303)	\$ <u>400,717</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting:			
Annual Leave Fund Income		127	
Annual Leave Fund Transfer In		120,000	
Transportation Fund Income		5	
Library Operations Fund Income		31,345	
Library Operations Fund Expenses		(8,585)	
Library Operations Fund Transfer In		7,535	
Library Operations Fund Transfer Out		(28,500)	
Recreation Scholarship Fund Income		1,429	
Recreation Scholarship Fund Expenses		(3,467)	
Recreation Scholarship Fund Transfer In		1,000	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(90,414)	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2014		870,187	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2015		\$ <u>779,773</u>	

The reconciling items are due to combining four (4) funds, the Annual Leave Fund, the Transportation Fund, the Library Operations Fund and the Recreation Scholarship Fund, with the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54.

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Schedule 2

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
 VMERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN  
 JUNE 30, 2015

		2015
Total Plan Net Pension Liability	\$	9,126,613
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability		1.4096%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	128,646
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$	2,842,541
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll		4.5257%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		98.32% as of June 30, 2014

**Notes to Schedule**Benefit Changes: None.Changes in Assumptions: None.

Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore, only one year is shown.

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Schedule 3

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
 VMERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	2015
Contractually Required Contribution (Actuarially Determined)	\$ 192,329
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	192,329
Contribution Excess/(Deficiency)	\$ 0
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 2,842,541
Contributions as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	6.766%

**Notes to Schedule**

Valuation Date: June 30, 2014

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 33,302	\$ 33,302
Investments	0	0	1,206,298	1,206,298
Receivables	63,882	0	0	63,882
Due from Other Funds	<u>137,269</u>	<u>515,838</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>653,107</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 201,151</u>	<u>\$ 515,838</u>	<u>\$ 1,239,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,589</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 140,817	\$ 0	\$ 140,817
Due to Other Funds	63,857	0	4,344	68,201
Unearned Revenue	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>63,882</u>	<u>140,817</u>	<u>4,344</u>	<u>209,043</u>
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	0	0	250,295	250,295
Restricted	58,777	0	984,961	1,043,738
Assigned	<u>78,492</u>	<u>375,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>453,513</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>137,269</u>	<u>375,021</u>	<u>1,235,256</u>	<u>1,747,546</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 201,151</u>	<u>\$ 515,838</u>	<u>\$ 1,239,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,589</u>

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 142,244	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 142,244
Charges for Services	0	0	9,890	9,890
Permits, Licenses and Fees	9,370	0	0	9,370
Investment Income	258	1,521	39,220	40,999
Donations	100	0	0	100
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Revenues	<u>151,972</u>	<u>1,721</u>	<u>49,110</u>	<u>202,803</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Government	1,562	0	0	1,562
Public Safety	39,346	43	0	39,389
Public Works	0	21	0	21
Culture and Recreation	3,721	7,192	0	10,913
Cemetery	0	0	18,415	18,415
Capital Outlay:				
Public Safety	61,188	85,446	0	146,634
Public Works	0	365,727	0	365,727
Culture and Recreation	<u>0</u>	<u>51,437</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>51,437</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>105,817</u>	<u>509,866</u>	<u>18,415</u>	<u>634,098</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>46,155</u>	<u>(508,145)</u>	<u>30,695</u>	<u>(431,295)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>				
Transfers In	0	390,000	0	390,000
Transfers Out	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(14,535)</u>	<u>(20,535)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>390,000</u>	<u>(14,535)</u>	<u>369,465</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	40,155	(118,145)	16,160	(61,830)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2014	<u>97,114</u>	<u>493,166</u>	<u>1,219,096</u>	<u>1,809,376</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 137,269</u>	<u>\$ 375,021</u>	<u>\$ 1,235,256</u>	<u>\$ 1,747,546</u>

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Schedule 6

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

	Recreation Path Fund	Police DEA Fund	Conservation Reserve and Trails & Greenways Fund	Appraisal Fund	Records Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Receivables	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 63,882	\$ 63,882
Due from Other Funds	8,301	6,250	0	78,492	44,226	0	137,269
Total Assets	\$ 8,301	\$ 6,250	\$ 0	\$ 78,492	\$ 44,226	\$ 63,882	\$ 201,151
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>							
Liabilities:							
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 63,857	\$ 63,857
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	63,882	63,882
Fund Balances:							
Restricted	8,301	6,250	0	0	44,226	0	58,777
Assigned	0	0	0	78,492	0	0	78,492
Total Fund Balances	8,301	6,250	0	78,492	44,226	0	137,269
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 8,301	\$ 6,250	\$ 0	\$ 78,492	\$ 44,226	\$ 63,882	\$ 201,151

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Schedule 7

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Recreation Path Fund	Police DEA Fund	Conservation Reserve and Trails & Greenways Fund	Appraisal Fund	Records Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>							
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 3,852	\$ 0	\$ 36,319	\$ 0	\$ 102,073	\$ 142,244
Permits, Licenses and Fees	0	0	0	0	9,370	0	9,370
Investment Income	20	16	0	133	89	0	258
Donations	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36,452</b>	<b>9,459</b>	<b>102,073</b>	<b>151,972</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
General Government	0	0	0	0	562	1,000	1,562
Public Safety	0	2,500	0	0	0	36,846	39,346
Culture and Recreation	0	0	682	0	0	3,039	3,721
Capital Outlay:							
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	61,188	61,188
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>102,073</b>	<b>105,817</b>
<b>Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>(682)</b>	<b>36,452</b>	<b>8,897</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46,155</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>							
Transfers Out	0	0	0	(6,000)	0	0	(6,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>(682)</b>	<b>30,452</b>	<b>8,897</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,155</b>
<b>Fund Balances - July 1, 2014</b>	<b>8,181</b>	<b>4,882</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>48,040</b>	<b>35,329</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97,114</b>
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2015</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78,492</b>	<b>44,226</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>137,269</b>

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Schedule 8

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Equipment Fund</u>	<u>Rink Renovation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Due from Other Funds	\$ <u>477,829</u>	\$ <u>38,009</u>	\$ <u>515,838</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>477,829</u></u>	\$ <u><u>38,009</u></u>	\$ <u><u>515,838</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ <u>120,817</u>	\$ <u>20,000</u>	\$ <u>140,817</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>120,817</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>140,817</u>
Fund Balances:			
Assigned	<u>357,012</u>	<u>18,009</u>	<u>375,021</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>357,012</u>	<u>18,009</u>	<u>375,021</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u><u>477,829</u></u>	\$ <u><u>38,009</u></u>	\$ <u><u>515,838</u></u>

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Schedule 9

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Equipment Fund	Rink Renovation Fund	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Revenues:			
Investment Income	\$ 1,355	\$ 166	\$ 1,521
Other	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,555</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>1,721</u>
Expenditures:			
Public Safety	43	0	43
Public Works	21	0	21
Culture and Recreation	2,571	4,621	7,192
Capital Outlay:			
Public Safety	85,446	0	85,446
Public Works	365,727	0	365,727
Culture and Recreation	<u>38,798</u>	<u>12,639</u>	<u>51,437</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>492,606</u>	<u>17,260</u>	<u>509,866</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(491,051)</u>	<u>(17,094)</u>	<u>(508,145)</u>
Other Financing Sources:			
Transfers In	<u>390,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>390,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>390,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>390,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(101,051)	(17,094)	(118,145)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2014	<u>458,063</u>	<u>35,103</u>	<u>493,166</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 357,012</u>	<u>\$ 18,009</u>	<u>\$ 375,021</u>

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2015

	Cemetery Fund	Library Endowment Fund	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 33,302	\$ 0	\$ 33,302
Investments	<u>403,830</u>	<u>802,468</u>	<u>1,206,298</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 437,132</u>	<u>\$ 802,468</u>	<u>\$ 1,239,600</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Due to Other Funds	\$ <u>4,344</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>4,344</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,344</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,344</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	215,000	35,295	250,295
Restricted	<u>217,788</u>	<u>767,173</u>	<u>984,961</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>432,788</u>	<u>802,468</u>	<u>1,235,256</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 437,132</u>	<u>\$ 802,468</u>	<u>\$ 1,239,600</u>

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Schedule 11

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Cemetery Fund	Library Endowment Fund	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 9,890	\$ 0	\$ 9,890
Investment Income	<u>12,569</u>	<u>26,651</u>	<u>39,220</u>
Total Revenues	<u>22,459</u>	<u>26,651</u>	<u>49,110</u>
Expenditures:			
Cemetery	<u>18,415</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,415</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>18,415</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,415</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>4,044</u>	<u>26,651</u>	<u>30,695</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers Out	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(7,535)</u>	<u>(14,535)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(7,535)</u>	<u>(14,535)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,956)	19,116	16,160
Fund Balances - July 1, 2014	<u>435,744</u>	<u>783,352</u>	<u>1,219,096</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 432,788</u>	<u>\$ 802,468</u>	<u>\$ 1,235,256</u>

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with "Government Auditing Standards"

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stowe, Vermont  
P.O. Box 730  
Stowe, Vermont 05672

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stowe, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2016. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Electric Fund, as described in our report on the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. The financial statements of the Electric Fund were not audited in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards".

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Town of Stowe, Vermont

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

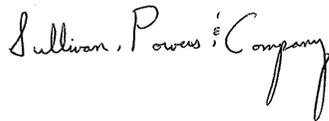
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under "Government Auditing Standards".

However, we noted certain other matters that we reported to the management of the Town of Stowe, Vermont in a separate letter dated February 2, 2016.

***Purpose of this Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

February 2, 2016  
Montpelier, Vermont  
VT Lic. #92-000180



TOWN OF STOWE SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS AT 6/30/15

Type	Bonds, Bond Anticipation, Notes Payable:	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 7/1/2014	Deletions	Additions	Balance 6/30/2015
G	Tri Centennial:	8/4/1995	12/1/2015	Variable	60,000	(30,000)	-	30,000
G	Fire Truck/Sunset/Rink Imp	7/22/1999	12/1/2019	Variable	95,000	(20,000)	-	75,000
G	Bingham, Garage, Water Bld	12/1/2001	12/1/2021	Variable	200,000	(25,000)	-	175,000
G	Ladder Trk/Nichols Ease	12/1/2004	12/1/2024	Variable	220,000	(20,000)	-	200,000
G	Adams Camp Mem Eng Bond	7/26/2007	12/1/2027	Variable	350,000	(25,000)	-	325,000
G	Public Safety Building Bond	7/22/2008	11/15/2028	Variable	5,400,000	(360,000)	-	5,040,000
G	Ice Rink #1	8/1/2012	11/15/2032	3.62%	3,800,000	(200,000)	-	3,600,000
G	Ice Rink #2/Sledding Hill	7/30/2013	11/15/2033	Variable	2,815,000	(140,750)	-	2,674,250
<b>General Fund Totals</b>					<b>12,940,000</b>	<b>(820,750)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,119,250</b>
BW	Water Bond	4/1/2005	4/1/2024	0.00%	182,736	(18,273)	-	164,463
BW	Water-Sunset Hill	11/1/2006	11/1/2025	3.00%	605,792	(38,789)	-	567,003
BW	Water Expansion	12/15/1998	12/15/2021	0.00%	880,738	(125,820)	-	754,918
BW	Water Upgrade Bond	12/1/2003	12/1/2022	Variable	1,440,000	(160,000)	-	1,280,000
BW	Water Improvements	6/27/2001	7/1/2005	3.00%	1,994,571	(155,731)	-	1,838,840
<b>Water Totals</b>					<b>5,103,837</b>	<b>(498,613)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,605,224</b>
BS	Sewer Improvements	12/1/1998	12/15/2017	0.00%	205,316	(51,328)	-	153,988
BS	Sewer Improvements	7/15/1996	1/1/2020	0.00%	724,850	(103,550)	-	621,300
BS	Sewer Note	4/1/2002	4/1/2014	0%	9,683,558	(691,683)	-	8,991,875
<b>Sewer Totals</b>					<b>10,613,724</b>	<b>(846,561)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,767,163</b>
BE	Electric Investment Purch	12/29/2010	2/1/2020	6.50%	830,732	(29,186)	-	801,546
BE	Electric Investment Purch	12/29/2009	2/1/2020	6.50%	916,334	(35,164)	-	881,170
BE	Electric Improvements Bond	7/21/2009	11/15/2039	4.66%	3,460,000	(135,000)	-	3,325,000
BE	Electric Investment Purch	3/1/2011	12/30/2018	5.70%	18,700,000	-	-	18,700,000
BE	Electric Investment Purch	5/1/2015	2/1/2025			(1,912)	400,020	398,108
<b>Grand Totals</b>					<b>23,907,066</b>	<b>(201,262)</b>	<b>400,020</b>	<b>24,105,824</b>
								True
								52,564,627
								400,020
								50,597,461
								24,105,824

Source: Kevin @ SED

**2014-2015  
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED**

Grand List:		
	Municipal Grand List	\$20,492,899
	Total Municipal Grand List	\$20,492,899
Education Grand List:		
	Real Estate-Non Residential Homestead	\$15,241,233
	Real Estate-Homestead Education	\$5,165,371
	Cable TV	\$1,451
	Total Education Grand List	\$20,406,604
Taxes Billed:		
General Property:		
	Real Estate-Municipal (20,492,899 x .3950)	\$8,094,695.10
	Education-Non Residential (15,241,233 x 1.5205)	\$23,174,294.77
	Education-Residential (5,165,371 x 1.4886)	\$7,689,171.27
	Local Agreements-Farmers ( 20,406,604 x 0.0049)	<u>\$99,992.36</u>
	Sub-Total.....	\$39,058,153.50
	VT State Lands - 1% of Value	\$65,170.00
	Total Taxes Billed	\$39,123,323.50
Taxes Accounted For as Follows:		
	General Property	\$38,959,876.59
	Taxes to Delinquent Collector	\$3,075,209.83

**DIVISION OF TAXES**

	Taxes Assessed		Tax Rate
Town Assessment	\$8,094,695.10	\$	0.3950
School Assesment-Homestead	\$7,689,171.27	\$	1.4886
School Assesment-Non Homestead	\$23,174,294.77	\$	1.5205
Local Agreements-Farmers Contracts	\$99,992.36	\$	0.0049
HS-131 Late Penalty			



**Town Manager**  
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**TAX RATE CERTIFICATE**

**BE IT KNOWN BY ALL PERSONS PRESENT**, the Selectboard of the Town of Stowe finds the TOWN GRAND LIST to be **\$20,772,816** and Town General Fund Tax Rate to be \$.4040 to raise **\$8,392,254** for the Town General Fund Taxes and pursuant to VSA Title 17, Section 2264, Title 16, Section 428 and 32 VSA Section 5402 (b)(1), hereby certifies the Tax Rate for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (FY 16) to be as follows:

**Homestead Tax Rate:**

\$0.4040 Town General Fund Tax  
\$1.4980 State and Local Education Taxes  
\$0.0048 Voter Approved Tax Exemptions

**\$1.9068 Total Tax Rate**

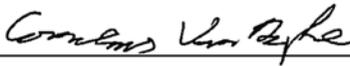
**Non-Residential Tax Rate:**

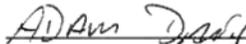
\$0.4040 Town General Fund Tax  
\$1.5356 State and Local Education Taxes  
\$0.0048 Voter Approved Tax Exemptions

**\$1.9444 Total Tax Rate**

Given under our hands in Stowe, Vermont this 30th of June 2015 by Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. ATTEST:

  
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UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN, received, filed and recorded this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 at 4:20 p.m. before me.

  
Town Clerk

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## TOWN OF STOWE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Stowe School Board once again thanks the community, administration, teachers and parents for your dedication and continued support of Stowe's schools. As in any school year, we've addressed challenges and seized opportunities, while providing outstanding public education for our students.

One of the major changes over the past year has been the passing of Act 46 by the State Legislature. This legislation "attempts" to provide incentives for districts to partner with others to improve student outcomes, operational efficiency, and governance consolidation into larger and hopefully more efficient districts by 2020.

The Stowe School Board held numerous meetings over the summer to study Act 46's implications for our students and taxpayers. We provided the community with an informational meeting this past September to review our findings. We concluded that under Act 46 the students may be negatively impacted with a change in educational governance structures with the loss of local control of our district's high functioning education systems. In addition, the Stowe taxpayer would experience accelerated tax increases under Act 46's governance consolidation versus the status quo. The Board is now in the process of exploring various options to maintain local control of our school district.

We continue to provide a high quality education on a cost effective basis. Our spending on an "equalized student basis" once again is lower than the state average. We are also pleased that, with some very hard work by our administrative team, the Stowe School District's 2016-17 budget will increase by just 1.2%. The budget is projected to actually DECREASE the local homestead tax by one cent.

The Stowe School District's enrollment continues to grow and bucks the trend of Vermont's state-wide declining enrollment. In our new budget, the equalized student enrollment increased by 12 students. The Stowe District's increase in equalized student enrollment, along with fiscal restraint, decreases our cost per student and helps keep the tax rate low.

Stowe students continue to lead in learning and academics:

- Stowe High School was recently awarded by the *College Board*, the "AP Honor Roll" for expanding opportunity and improving performance of AP students.
- *US News and World Report* gave us their Gold Award for "Best High Schools" in the country in 2015.

- The 2015's Smarter Balanced Assessment results, for grades tested 3 – 8 & 11, showed Stowe Students scored significantly higher than Vermont's state-wide averages for math and language arts/literacy.

The Stowe School Board attributes the success and increasing popularity of its stand-alone School District to three areas. These include a committed administration, an experienced and dedicated faculty, and perhaps most importantly, a concerned and passionately involved group of parents who want what the Board wants – a superior education for all children in this community.

If you'd like to receive regular emails recapping our board meetings and agendas, please go to [www.stoweschools.com](http://www.stoweschools.com) to sign up.

Respectfully submitted;

Cameron Page, Chair

Richard Bland, Emily Bradbury, Jim Brochhausen and Susan Segal



Cam Page, Susan Segal, Jim Brochhausen,  
Richard Bland, Emily Bradbury

**Stowe School District 2016-2017 Proposed School Budget**  
**FAST FACTS**

**Net FY17 Budget:** The total proposed Stowe School budget is \$12,363,600. This is \$146,025 more than the current budget and represents a 1.2% increase. The proposed budget reflects an increase in spending per pupil of \$259.52, to \$14,566.15. This is an increase of 1.81% on a per pupil basis, and is below all projected excess spending thresholds.

**Tax Rates:** The projected decrease in the Local Homestead Tax Rate is 1.3 cents (-\$0.013), or -0.8%, to \$1.485. This is a decrease of \$13.00 per \$100,000 of assessed homestead value.

The Non-Homestead Tax Rate is projected to increase by 2.6 cents (\$0.026) to \$1.561. This translates to \$26.00 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. Non-Homestead tax rates are not directly affected by our local school budget; they are affected by CLA and statewide education spending.

After adjustments for local budget decisions, individuals eligible for Income Sensitivity will see a decrease in the maximum amount of Homestead Property Tax of -0.111% to 2.611% or, assuming a household income of \$50,000, a decrease of \$55.50 for the household.

**Fund Balance:** As of June 30, 2015, the fund balance was \$1,041,608. Of this amount, the board recommends applying \$400,000 as revenue to offset the proposed FY17 budget expenditures, and \$300,000 to the Capital Fund. This leaves \$341,608 of unassigned fund balance for future expenses with approval of the electorate.

**Programs and Personnel:** The proposed FY17 Stowe School District budget maintains current levels of programming and staffing, and includes increases of 0.2 FTE for the Stowe Elementary School Library and Stowe Middle school Family and Consumer Science/Art positions.

**Compensation and Benefits:** The budget includes a 7.9% increase in health insurance premiums. Pending the conclusion of negotiations, compensation increases are expected to be within parameters established by the board to ensure that the total budget increase is within the allowable growth percentage on a per pupil basis.

**Capital Fund:** As of November 30, 2015, there is a balance of \$64,866 in the Capital Fund after completion of the paving projected behind Stowe High School. The board proposes the transfer of \$ 300,000 to the fund for future capital needs. The replacement of the fire alarm system at Stowe Elementary School is the next priority for the fund.

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENTS  
2015-2016**

Grade	# Students
K	60
1	48
2	59
3	63
4	46
5	67
6	53
7	59
8	66
9	61
10	63
11	60
12	50
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	<b>755</b>

**STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS  
2016-2017**

Carry Forward		\$400,000
Local Sources:		
Tuition - Regular Education	\$475,000	
Earned Interest	12,000	
Rentals	3,300	
	<u>          </u>	\$490,300
State Sources:		
Transportation Aid	139,600	
Driver Education	1,500	
SPED - Block Grant	256,275	
SPED - Reimbursement	598,900	
Early Essential Education Grant	53,050	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,049,325
Sub-total Anticipated Revenues		<u>\$1,939,625</u>
Other State Sources:		
General State Support Grant	\$10,380,075	
Vocational Education Support Grant	43,900	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$10,423,975</u>
Total Anticipated Revenues		<u><u>\$12,363,600</u></u>

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET RECAP  
2016-2017**

	<b>14-15 Budget</b>	<b>14-15 Actual</b>	<b>15-16 Budget</b>	<b>16-17 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>				
Regular Education	\$5,936,350	\$5,729,718	\$6,165,900	\$6,435,275
Special Education	2,018,675	1,656,078	1,962,525	1,811,275
Vocational Education	60,400	60,572	71,900	83,000
Student Activities	269,975	237,273	270,675	266,500
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>\$8,285,400</b>	<b>\$7,683,641</b>	<b>\$8,471,000</b>	<b>\$8,596,050</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Guidance Services	\$399,425	\$382,462	\$423,150	\$427,850
Health Services	124,375	150,973	160,825	173,250
Curriculum & Instruction Services	60,450	60,450	45,375	47,475
Library Services	162,925	156,826	165,700	192,800
School Board	52,525	30,111	63,075	62,950
Exec. Admin. Services	109,500	109,500	115,275	117,600
School Administration	757,225	722,083	771,575	776,850
Fiscal Services	211,950	178,586	169,425	176,300
Building & Grounds Operations	1,103,975	1,128,822	1,204,350	1,195,300
Transportation	284,675	280,911	297,275	302,200
Information Services	86,325	86,325	65,100	66,300
Food Service Health Insurance	-	5,063	73,525	41,025
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$3,353,350</b>	<b>\$3,292,112</b>	<b>\$3,554,650</b>	<b>\$3,579,900</b>
Long Term Debt	\$195,900	\$195,890	\$191,925	\$187,650
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,834,650</b>	<b>\$11,171,643</b>	<b>\$12,217,575</b>	<b>\$12,363,600</b>

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT  
2016-2017**

	<b>14-15</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Regular Instruction</b>				
Salaries	\$4,062,250	\$4,042,075	\$4,216,100	\$4,246,400
Employee Benefits	1,362,775	1,188,543	1,299,800	1,416,025
Prof & Tech Services	150,675	154,950	268,650	347,050
Property Services	39,700	87,029	71,250	86,525
Other Services	31,325	22,490	42,000	37,000
Supplies & Materials	155,350	149,268	142,000	167,525
Property	123,875	80,785	113,725	121,125
Other	10,400	4,578	12,375	13,625
Total Expenses	\$5,936,350	\$5,729,718	\$6,165,900	\$6,435,275
<b>Special Education</b>				
Salaries	\$751,550	\$700,431	\$0	\$0
Employee Benefits	424,075	333,716	0	0
Prof & Tech Services	651,700	609,501	1,962,525	1,811,275
Property Services	3,025	779	0	0
Other Services	173,125	1,429	0	0
Supplies & Materials	12,250	6,438	0	0
Property	2,950	3,784	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	\$2,018,675	\$1,656,078	\$1,962,525	\$1,811,275
<b>Vocational Education</b>				
Other Services	\$60,400	\$60,572	\$71,900	\$83,000
Total Expenses	\$60,400	\$60,572	\$71,900	\$83,000
<b>Student Activities</b>				
Salaries	\$134,500	\$116,384	\$124,850	\$128,075
Employee Benefits	8,950	8,951	24,175	8,375
Prof & Tech Services	31,700	26,301	31,700	31,700
Property Services	0	0	0	0
Other Services	54,850	50,286	49,975	53,375
Supplies & Materials	10,500	10,444	10,500	14,000
Property	12,850	6,502	12,850	13,850
Other	16,625	18,405	16,625	17,125
Total Expenses	\$269,975	\$237,273	\$270,675	\$266,500
<b>Guidance Services</b>				
Salaries	\$295,350	\$285,994	\$310,250	\$315,725
Employee Benefits	74,150	66,868	82,450	81,100
Prof & Tech Services	25,700	25,650	25,875	26,250
Property Services	0	31	300	300
Other Services	2,075	2,000	2,100	2,000
Supplies & Materials	500	588	550	1,000
Property	0	0	0	0
Other	1,650	1,331	1,625	1,475
Total Expenses	\$399,425	\$382,462	\$423,150	\$427,850

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT  
2016-2017**

	14-15		15-16		16-17
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
<b>Health Services</b>					
Salaries	\$98,750	\$111,249	\$72,325	\$84,750	
Employee Benefits	23,675	37,990	41,625	40,575	
Prof & Tech Services	0	0	45,375	43,050	
Property Services	350	246	375	800	
Other Services	0	12	0	75	
Supplies & Materials	1,125	999	1,125	3,200	
Property	475	477	0	600	
Other	0	0	0	200	
Total Expenses	\$124,375	\$150,973	\$160,825	\$173,250	
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction Services</b>					
Prof & Tech Services	\$60,450	\$60,450	\$45,375	\$47,475	
Total Expenses	\$60,450	\$60,450	\$45,375	\$47,475	
<b>Library Services</b>					
Salaries	\$114,750	\$113,103	\$117,350	\$130,225	
Employee Benefits	28,375	28,599	29,175	43,975	
Prof & Tech Services	625	110	225	225	
Property Services	150	116	150	150	
Other Services	0	0	0	0	
Supplies & Materials	18,725	14,598	18,500	17,425	
Property	225	225	225	225	
Other	75	75	75	575	
Total Expenses	\$162,925	\$156,826	\$165,700	\$192,800	
<b>School Board</b>					
Salaries	\$5,025	\$5,000	\$5,025	\$5,025	
Employee Benefits	450	383	450	450	
Prof & Tech Services	31,500	7,268	32,025	33,000	
Property Services	0	0	0	0	
Other Services	6,600	12,033	16,100	15,500	
Supplies & Materials	0	0	0	0	
Property	0	0	0	0	
Other	8,950	5,427	9,475	8,975	
Total Expenses	\$52,525	\$30,111	\$63,075	\$62,950	
<b>Executive Admin. Services</b>					
Prof & Tech Services	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$115,275	\$117,600	
Total Expenses	\$109,500	\$109,500	\$115,275	\$117,600	

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT  
2016-2017**

	14-15		15-16	16-17
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
<b>School Administration</b>				
Salaries	\$479,000	\$477,757	\$485,550	\$491,425
Employee Benefits	147,325	140,182	149,275	145,875
Prof & Tech Services	11,500	10,092	11,500	11,500
Property Services	38,750	51,140	47,000	60,000
Other Services	41,250	15,172	35,350	26,850
Supplies & Materials	14,950	8,404	16,400	14,400
Property	2,450	7,828	4,500	4,500
Other	22,000	11,508	22,000	22,300
Total Expenses	\$757,225	\$722,083	\$771,575	\$776,850
<b>Fiscal Services</b>				
Salaries	\$900	\$825	\$925	\$925
Employee Benefits	75	63	100	75
Prof & Tech Services	175,125	169,125	160,100	167,000
Property Services	0	0	0	0
Other Services	500	4,541	4,800	4,800
Supplies & Materials	1,000	963	1,000	1,000
Other	4,500	0	0	0
Current Interest	29,850	3,069	2,500	2,500
Total Expenses	\$211,950	\$178,586	\$169,425	\$176,300
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Operations</b>				
Salaries	\$220,375	\$213,853	\$263,150	\$268,250
Employee Benefits	99,450	123,123	159,125	142,250
Prof. & Tech. Services	3,000	38,169	3,000	3,000
Property Services	354,400	420,056	345,950	344,300
Other Services	49,700	36,313	38,375	34,800
Supplies & Materials	368,550	292,951	389,000	394,800
Property	8,000	4,021	5,750	7,400
Other	500	336	0	500
Total Expenses	\$1,103,975	\$1,128,822	\$1,204,350	\$1,195,300
<b>Transportation</b>				
Other Services	\$284,675	\$280,911	\$297,275	\$302,200
Total Expenses	\$284,675	\$280,911	\$297,275	\$302,200
<b>Information Services</b>				
Prof & Tech Services	\$86,325	\$86,325	\$65,100	\$66,300
Total Expenses	\$86,325	\$86,325	\$65,100	\$66,300
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Interest on Debt	\$75,900	\$75,890	\$71,925	\$67,650
Principal on Debt	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Total Expenses	\$195,900	\$195,890	\$191,925	\$187,650
<b>Food Service Health Insurance</b>				
	\$0	\$ 5,063	\$73,525	\$41,025
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,834,650</b>	<b>\$11,171,643</b>	<b>\$12,217,575</b>	<b>\$12,363,600</b>

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: <b>Stowe</b> County: <b>Lamoille</b>		<b>T198</b> <b>Lamoille South</b>				Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$5,955 of spending per equalized pupil
					<b>9,955</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
					<b>11,157</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>		
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$11,226,400	\$11,834,650	\$12,217,575	\$12,363,600		
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-		
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-		
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$11,226,400</b>	<b>\$11,834,650</b>	<b>\$12,217,575</b>	<b>\$12,363,600</b>		
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-		
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-		
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$11,226,400</b>	<b>\$11,834,650</b>	<b>\$12,217,575</b>	<b>\$12,363,600</b>		
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$984,300	\$1,077,475	\$2,945,975	\$2,870,700		
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
<b>Revenues</b>							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$2,127,950	\$2,233,100	\$2,158,150	\$1,939,625		
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-		
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-		
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$2,127,950</b>	<b>\$2,233,100</b>	<b>\$2,158,150</b>	<b>\$1,939,625</b>		
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$9,098,450</b>	<b>\$9,601,550</b>	<b>\$10,059,425</b>	<b>\$10,423,975</b>		
15.	<b>Equalized Pupils</b>	<b>656.83</b>	<b>683.24</b>	<b>703.13</b>	<b>715.63</b>		
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,852.06</b>	<b>\$14,052.97</b>	<b>\$14,306.64</b>	<b>\$14,566.15</b>		
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$289.84	\$273.99	\$250.87	NA		
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$2.50	\$13.94	\$5.30	NA		
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA		
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	NA	-	NA		
25.	plus Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	NA	NA	NA	\$14,590.26		
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-		
27.	plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,852	\$14,053	\$14,307	\$14,566.15		
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	151.372%	151.351%	151.249%	NA		
		based on \$9,157	based on \$9,353	based on \$9,459			
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$14,566.15 ÷ (\$9,955.00 ÷ \$1,000))	\$1,4229	\$1,4832	\$1,4974	\$1,4632		
		based on \$0.94	based on \$0.92	based on \$0.92	based on \$1.00		
30.	Percent of Stowe equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.46)	\$1,4229	\$1,4832	\$1,4974	\$1,4632		
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	96.39%	99.64%	99.96%	98.51%		
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,4632 / 98.51%)	\$1,4762	\$1,4886	\$1,4980	\$1,4853		
		based on \$0.94	based on \$0.92	based on \$0.92	based on \$1.00		
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.							
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$14,566.15 ÷ \$11,157) x 2.00%]	2.72%	2.72%	2.72%	2.61%		
		based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	based on 2.00%		
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.61%)	2.72%	2.72%	2.72%	2.61%		
		based on 1.80%	based on 1.94%	based on 1.94%	based on 2.00%		
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-		
37.		-	-	-	-		

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The Base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

## DISTRICT SPENDING ADJUSTMENT

	FY16	FY17
Budgeted Expenditures	\$12,217,575	\$12,363,600
Budgeted Available Revenues	\$2,158,150	\$1,939,625
Education Spending	\$10,059,425	\$10,423,975
Equalized Pupils	703.13	715.63
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,307	\$14,566
Base Amount (FY16) Property Yield (FY17)	\$9,459	\$9,955
<b>District Spending Adjustment</b>	<b>151.249%</b>	<b>146.320%</b>

## ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

	FY16	FY17
District Spending Adjustment	151.249%	146.320%
Statewide Equalized Tax Rate	\$0.99	\$1.00
<b>Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.497</b>	<b>\$1.463</b>
Common Level of Appraisal	99.96%	98.51%
<b>Estimated Local Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.498</b>	<b>\$1.485</b>

### ESTIMATED NON-HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

	FY16	FY17
Statewide Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.535	\$1.538
District Spending Adjustment	N/A	N/A
<b>Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.535</b>	<b>\$1.538</b>
<i>Common Level of Appraisal</i>	99.96%	98.52%
<b>Estimated Local Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.536</b>	<b>\$1.561</b>

### ESTIMATED INCOME SENSITIVITY INFORMATION

	FY16	FY17* (new calculation method)
Ed Spending per Equalized Pupil (For FY17 only)	N/A	\$14,566
Income Yield (new in FY17 with Act 46)	N/A	11,157
Statewide Income Sensitivity %	1.80%	2.00%
District Spending Adjustment (For FY16 only)	151.249%	N/A
<b>Local Income Sensitivity %</b>	<b>2.722%</b>	<b>2.611%</b>

## Lamoille South Supervisory Union Revenues

	Pre-Centralization	Special Education Centralized in LSSU	
	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Budget
<b>Assessments:</b>			
<b>Health Services</b>			
Elmore	N/A	\$ 8,125	\$ 600
Morristown	N/A	\$ 46,200	\$ 48,600
Stowe	N/A	\$ 45,375	\$ 41,550
	\$ -	\$ 99,700	\$ 90,750
<b>Psychological Services</b>			
Elmore	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,475
Morristown	\$ 52,125	\$ 52,500	\$ 53,325
Stowe	\$ 25,650	\$ 25,875	\$ 26,250
	\$ 80,225	\$ 80,775	\$ 82,050
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>			
Elmore	\$ 9,900	\$ 8,050	\$ 7,775
Morristown	\$ 62,025	\$ 46,200	\$ 46,950
Stowe	\$ 60,450	\$ 45,375	\$ 47,475
	\$ 132,375	\$ 99,625	\$ 102,200
<b>Audit Services</b>			
Elmore	N/A	\$ 4,850	\$ 3,975
Morristown	N/A	\$ 11,175	\$ 12,225
Stowe	N/A	\$ 9,525	\$ 10,500
	\$ -	\$ 25,550	\$ 26,700
<b>Administrative Services</b>			
Elmore	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,675
Morristown	\$ 133,050	\$ 138,750	\$ 137,700
Stowe	\$ 109,500	\$ 115,275	\$ 117,600
	\$ 244,075	\$ 255,625	\$ 256,975
<b>Fiscal Services</b>			
Elmore	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,350
Morristown	\$ 205,575	\$ 186,675	\$ 189,675
Stowe	\$ 169,125	\$ 155,100	\$ 162,000
	\$ 377,075	\$ 343,900	\$ 354,025
<b>Information Services</b>			
Elmore	\$ 14,050	\$ 11,675	\$ 10,850
Morristown	\$ 88,500	\$ 66,300	\$ 65,550
Stowe	\$ 86,325	\$ 65,100	\$ 66,300
	\$ 188,875	\$ 143,075	\$ 142,700
<b>Pre-School Program</b>			
Elmore	\$ 18,350	\$ 35,250	\$ 36,725
Morristown	\$ 107,325	\$ 159,600	\$ 213,375
Stowe	\$ 65,350	\$ 180,075	\$ 237,675
	\$ 191,025	\$ 374,925	\$ 487,775

### Lamoille South Supervisory Union Revenues

	Pre-Centralization	Special Education Centralized in LSSU		
	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Budget	
<b>Instruction-SPED</b>				
Elmore	N/A	\$ 428,525	\$	707,850
Morristown	N/A	\$ 2,336,725	\$	2,467,275
Stowe	N/A	\$ 1,437,000	\$	1,346,875
	\$ -	\$ 4,202,250	\$	4,522,000
<b>Psych. Services-SPED</b>				
Elmore	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,650	\$	2,700
Morristown	\$ 56,775	\$ 60,750	\$	60,225
Stowe	\$ 66,825	\$ 71,550	\$	70,950
	\$ 126,125	\$ 134,950	\$	133,875
<b>Speech &amp; Audiology-SPED</b>				
Elmore	\$ 13,925	\$ 36,325	\$	37,125
Morristown	\$ 87,300	\$ 206,475	\$	225,525
Stowe	\$ 85,125	\$ 202,725	\$	228,075
	\$ 186,350	\$ 445,525	\$	490,725
<b>OT/PT-SPED</b>				
Elmore	N/A	\$ 17,150	\$	14,875
Morristown	N/A	\$ 97,200	\$	90,525
Stowe	N/A	\$ 95,475	\$	91,575
	\$ -	\$ 209,825	\$	196,975
<b>Admin. Services-SPED</b>				
Elmore	\$ 9,675	\$ 11,950	\$	11,075
Morristown	\$ 60,375	\$ 68,175	\$	67,725
Stowe	\$ 58,875	\$ 66,975	\$	68,475
	\$ 128,925	\$ 147,100	\$	147,275
<b>Essential Early Education</b>				
Elmore	\$ 11,200	\$ 14,575	\$	-
Morristown	\$ 65,550	\$ 65,775	\$	-
Stowe	\$ 66,825	\$ 74,250	\$	-
	\$ 143,575	\$ 154,600	\$	-
<b>Transportation-SPED</b>				
Elmore	N/A	\$ 9,425	\$	5,325
Morristown	N/A	\$ 9,825	\$	5,450
Stowe	N/A	\$ 14,550	\$	5,325
	\$ -	\$ 33,800	\$	16,100
<b>Transportation</b>				
Elmore	\$ 76,401	\$ 80,525	\$	81,225
Morristown	\$ 271,463	\$ 276,125	\$	288,000
Stowe	\$ 329,934	\$ 341,750	\$	350,075
	\$ 677,798	\$ 698,400	\$	719,300
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,476,423</b>	<b>\$ 7,449,625</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,769,425</b>

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union  
Revenues**

Pre-Centralization	Special Education Centralized in LSSU	
FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Budget	FY 17 Budget

**OTHER REVENUES**

Fund Balance Carryforward	\$ 50,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Interest Income	\$ 2,843	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Service Fees	\$ 45,618	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
IDEA B -	\$ 125,189	\$ 231,000	\$ 234,000
IDEA B - EEE	\$ 7,300	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Title I	\$ 15,801	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
VCPC	\$ 35,818	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 738	\$ -	\$ -
Services to other LEA's	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,000
Food Service (Pass-through)	\$ 301,386	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 584,693</b>	<b>\$ 463,000</b>	<b>\$ 470,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 3,061,116</b>	<b>\$ 7,912,625</b>	<b>\$ 8,239,425</b>

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union**  
**Expenditures with FY15 Actual Adjusted for Comparability**

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Description	FY 15		FY 16		FY 17		Increase (Decrease)	
	Actual		Budget		Budget		\$	%
<u>Health Services</u>								
Salaries	\$	2,210	\$	70,000	\$	64,650	\$	(5,350) -7.6%
Employee Benefits		169		29,700		25,350	\$	(4,350) -14.6%
Other Services		356		-		750	\$	750 #DIV/0!
Total	\$	2,735	\$	99,700	\$	90,750	\$	(8,950) -9.0%
<u>Psychological Services</u>								
Salaries	\$	57,382	\$	59,475	\$	60,075	\$	600 1.0%
Employee Benefits		19,656		21,150		21,825	\$	675 3.2%
Other Services		-		150		150	\$	- 0.0%
Total	\$	77,038	\$	80,775	\$	82,050	\$	1,275 1.6%
<u>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</u>								
Salaries	\$	108,772	\$	112,075	\$	113,175	\$	1,100 1.0%
Employee Benefits		34,765		36,900		38,025	\$	1,125 3.0%
Prof & Tech Services		-		-		-	\$	- #DIV/0!
Other Services		2,292		1,500		2,000	\$	500 33.3%
Supplies & Materials		3,252		4,150		4,000	\$	(150) -3.6%
Property		352		-		-	\$	- #DIV/0!
Other		980		1,000		1,000	\$	- 0.0%
Total	\$	150,413	\$	155,625	\$	158,200	\$	2,575 1.7%
<u>Audit Services</u>								
Prof & Tech Services	\$	7,000	\$	25,550	\$	26,700	\$	1,150 4.5%
Total	\$	7,000	\$	25,550	\$	26,700	\$	1,150 4.5%
<u>Administrative Services</u>								
Salaries	\$	153,921	\$	158,575	\$	160,125	\$	1,550 1.0%
Employee Benefits		48,644		52,400		53,275	\$	875 1.7%
Prof & Tech Services		10,018		20,250		20,250	\$	- 0.0%
Property Services		33,867		33,975		33,000	\$	(975) -2.9%
Other Services		13,491		14,825		14,725	\$	(100) -0.7%
Supplies & Materials		5,899		7,750		7,750	\$	- 0.0%
Property		2,420		1,750		1,750	\$	- 0.0%
Other		8,101		8,600		8,600	\$	- 0.0%
Total	\$	276,361	\$	298,125	\$	299,475	\$	1,350 0.5%

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Expenditures with FY15 Actual Adjusted for Comparability**

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Description	FY 15		FY 16		FY 17		Increase (Decrease)	
	Actual		Budget		Budget		\$	%
<u>Fiscal Services</u>								
Salaries	\$ 267,771	\$	283,675	\$	282,975	\$	(700)	-0.2%
Employee Benefits	85,927		97,400		109,150	\$	11,750	12.1%
Prof & Tech Services	655		3,000		2,500	\$	(500)	-16.7%
Property Services	4,488		5,175		3,500	\$	(1,675)	-32.4%
Other Services	1,916		1,500		2,000	\$	500	33.3%
Supplies & Materials	2,454		3,000		3,000	\$	-	0.0%
Property	1,156		3,000		3,750	\$	750	25.0%
Other	3,074		2,150		2,150	\$	-	0.0%
Total	\$ 367,441	\$	398,900	\$	409,025	\$	10,125	2.5%
<u>Information Services</u>								
Salaries	\$ 122,076	\$	129,000	\$	130,275	\$	1,275	1.0%
Employee Benefits	32,947		36,575		37,425	\$	850	2.3%
Prof & Tech Services	619		1,000		1,000	\$	-	0.0%
Property Services	5,671		3,000		3,000	\$	-	0.0%
Other Services	263		1,000		1,000	\$	-	0.0%
Supplies & Materials	980		1,500		1,500	\$	-	0.0%
Property	661		7,000		5,000	\$	(2,000)	-28.6%
Other	4,920		4,000		3,500	\$	(500)	-12.5%
Total	\$ 168,137	\$	183,075	\$	182,700	\$	(375)	-0.2%
<u>Pre-School Program</u>								
Salaries	\$ 44,850	\$	47,500	\$	155,125	\$	107,625	226.6%
Employee Benefits	18,549		26,025		80,050	\$	54,025	207.6%
Prof & Tech Services	-		-		-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Other Services	119,764		300,150		250,850	\$	(49,300)	-16.4%
Supplies & Materials	-		1,250		1,250	\$	-	0.0%
Property	-		-		500	\$	500	#DIV/0!
Total	\$ 183,163	\$	374,925	\$	487,775	\$	112,850	30.1%
<u>Instruction-SPED</u>								
Salaries	\$ 1,610,012	\$	1,794,850	\$	1,869,500	\$	74,650	4.2%
Employee Benefits	744,406		972,575		975,850	\$	3,275	0.3%
Prof & Tech Services	1,032,790		1,202,675		1,343,875	\$	141,200	11.7%
Property Services	1,658		3,400		24,000	\$	20,600	605.9%
Other Services	280,684		208,375		327,200	\$	118,825	57.0%
Supplies & Materials	15,716		29,025		14,125	\$	(14,900)	-51.3%
Property	8,858		7,350		7,450	\$	100	1.4%
Other	32,301		-		-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Total	\$ 3,726,425	\$	4,218,250	\$	4,562,000	\$	343,750	8.1%

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Description	FY 15		FY 16		FY 17		Increase (Decrease)	
	Actual		Budget		Budget		\$	%
<u>Psychological Services - SPED</u>								
Salaries	\$ 86,159	\$	89,075	\$	89,950	\$	875	1.0%
Employee Benefits	29,898		31,575		32,575		1,000	3.2%
Prof & Tech Services	2,771		11,700		8,750		(2,950)	-25.2%
Other Services	13		100		100		-	0.0%
Supplies & Materials	2,938		2,500		2,500		-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 121,779</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>134,950</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>133,875</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,075)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<u>Speech &amp; Audiology - SPED</u>								
Salaries	\$ 203,751	\$	283,925	\$	290,550	\$	6,625	2.3%
Employee Benefits	105,742		138,325		152,400		14,075	10.2%
Prof & Tech Services	99,636		16,000		30,400		14,400	90.0%
Property Services	1,229		800		4,425		3,625	453.1%
Other Services	814		800		850		50	6.3%
Supplies & Materials	744		4,075		3,800		(275)	-6.7%
Property	1,046		1,600		8,300		6,700	418.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 412,962</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>445,525</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>490,725</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,200</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
<u>OT/PT-SPED</u>								
Salaries	-		124,925		142,525		17,600	14.1%
Employee Benefits	-		62,075		42,300		(19,775)	-31.9%
Prof & Tech Services	164,805		19,025		10,000		(9,025)	-47.4%
Other Services	169		-		-		-	#DIV/0!
Supplies & Materials	1,363		3,100		2,150		(950)	-30.6%
Property	-		700		-		(700)	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 166,337</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>209,825</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>196,975</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(12,850)</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>
<u>Administrative Services - SPED</u>								
Salaries	\$ 103,974	\$	108,450	\$	106,625	\$	(1,825)	-1.7%
Employee Benefits	26,072		35,750		35,100		(650)	-1.8%
Prof & Tech Services	4,189		2,000		6,500		4,500	225.0%
Property Services	4,488		4,400		4,500		100	2.3%
Other Services	2,723		4,000		3,500		(500)	-12.5%
Supplies & Materials	616		3,250		2,950		(300)	-9.2%
Property	687		2,750		1,600		(1,150)	-41.8%
Other	1,543		1,500		1,500		-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 144,292</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,100</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,275</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

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Description	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	Increase (Decrease)	
	Actual	Budget	Budget	\$	%
<u>Essential Early Education</u>					
Salaries	\$ 215,287	\$ 206,175	\$ 153,050	\$ (53,125)	-25.8%
Employee Benefits	74,459	92,650	57,350	\$ (35,300)	-38.1%
Prof & Tech Services	39,406	59,925	-	\$ (59,925)	-100.0%
Property Services	7,000	7,250	7,250	\$ -	0.0%
Other Services	5,291	5,650	3,350	\$ (2,300)	-40.7%
Supplies & Materials	6,460	10,300	500	\$ (9,800)	-95.1%
Property	493	2,150	-	\$ (2,150)	-100.0%
Other	1,591	9,000	-	\$ (9,000)	-100.0%
Total	\$ 349,987	\$ 393,100	\$ 221,500	\$ (171,600)	-43.7%
<u>Transportation Services-SPED</u>					
Other Services	20,496	33,800	16,100		
	20,496	33,800	16,100	\$ (17,700)	-52.4%
<u>Transportation Services</u>					
Other Services	677,798	698,400	719,300		
Total	\$ 677,798	\$ 698,400	\$ 719,300	\$ 20,900	3.0%
Food Service Pmts (Pass-through)	301,386	-	-	\$ -	#DIV/0!
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 7,153,750</b>	<b>\$ 7,912,625</b>	<b>\$ 8,239,425</b>	<b>\$ 326,800</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

Stowe School District  
Financial Statements  
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Stowe School District  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the School Board  
Stowe School District, Vermont

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the

entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Stowe School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pensions and other post-employment benefit information on pages 6, 48-60, and 35-43 and 30-31 respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Stowe School District, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other

records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2016, on our consideration of the Stowe School District, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Stowe School District, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### ***Angolano & Company***

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January 15, 2016

## STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2015

As management of Stowe School District (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's spending was \$663,001 less than the general fund budget.
- Regular Education expenses were \$267,875 less than budget primarily due to lower actual employee salary and benefit costs and lower instructional materials costs.
- Special Education expenses were \$362,597 less than budget due to lower actual employee salary and benefit costs, as well as lower actual professional services and tuition related to student-specific needs.
- Vocational Education expenses were \$172 more than budget.
- Co-curricular Activities costs were \$32,701 less than budget.
- The District received \$202,123 more than anticipated in revenues. This was primarily due to higher than anticipated tuition revenue special education reimbursements.
- The general fund balance at June 30, 2015 was \$1,721,609 compared to \$1,786,485 at June 30, 2014. Committed funds include \$580,000 authorized by the voters to be used to reduce taxes in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and \$100,000 approved to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. The remaining \$1,041,609 will be available to reduce taxes or to defer expenses in future budgets.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components 1) district-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

**District-wide financial statements** – The district-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The District-Wide Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported when the under-lying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Both of the district-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and inter-governmental revenues (governmental activities) from functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the District include general education and administration. The business-type activities of the District include the Food Service Program. The Combined Balance Sheet for all fund types can be found on page 9 of this report.

## STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2015

**Fund financial statements** – A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories – governmental funds and proprietary funds.

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the district-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the district-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provides a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains 3 governmental funds consisting of the General Fund, the Special Revenue Fund, and the Capital Project Fund. The General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual can be found on pages 48-60. The Special Revenue Fund and Capital Project Fund financial information can be found on pages 9 and 11.

**Propriety Funds** – The District has 1 propriety fund (an enterprise fund). Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the district-wide financial statements. The District uses an enterprise fund to account for its Food Service Program operation.

**Fiduciary Funds** – The District maintains 2 fiduciary funds consisting of student activity funds and a private purpose trust.

**Notes to the Financial Statements** – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18-47.

**Other Information** – As of June 30, 2015, the District is able to report a positive net position, both for the governmental and business-type activities.

## STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2015

### Analysis of the District's Operations –

Governmental Activities: Governmental activities increased net assets by \$193,971 from \$6,327,059 at June 30, 2014 to \$6,521,030 at June 30, 2014 (see page 8).

Business-type Activities: Business-type activities decreased net assets by \$18,088 from \$52,418 at June 30, 2014 to \$34,330 at June 30, 2015 (see page 8).

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

**Governmental funds** – The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At June 30, 2015, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,946,357. \$1,041,609 of this total amount constitutes unassigned funds. The remainder of the fund balance is committed to offset taxes in FY2016 (\$580,000), and a transfer to the Construction Fund (\$100,000).

**Proprietary funds** – The District's proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the district-wide financial statements, but in greater detail. Unrestricted net assets of the proprietary fund (School Food Program) are \$34,330 at June 30, 2015.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** - The District was within its approved spending amount for the year. All major object areas have been reviewed and variances are within acceptable ranges.

### CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2015 amounts to \$6,796,147 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, building, equipment, improvements and infrastructure.

### DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2015, the District had a total bonded debt of \$1,740,000 compared to \$1,860,000 at June 30, 2014. 100% of this amount comprises bonded debt backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

During the fiscal year, the District's total debt decreased by \$120,000 due to scheduled repayment of principal.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, contact the District, c/o Lamoille South Supervisory Union, 46 Copley Avenue, Morrisville, VT 05661, or call (802) 888-4541.

Stowe School District  
District-Wide Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2015

## EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,871,393	\$ 23,813	\$ 2,895,206
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	4,532		4,532
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	159,844	14,755	174,599
Prepaid Expenses	5,000		5,000
Inventory		1,860	1,860
Capital Assets, net	<u>6,795,913</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>6,796,147</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>9,836,682</u>	<u>40,662</u>	<u>9,877,344</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Vermont Municipal Pension	<u>44,498</u>	-	<u>44,498</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>44,498</u>	-	<u>44,498</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,881,180</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,662</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,921,842</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable - State	\$ 14,622		\$ 14,622
Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union	35,806		35,806
Accounts Payable - Other LEAs	4,320		4,320
Accounts Payable - Other	250,116	\$ 101	250,217
Accrued Expenses	789,548		789,548
Net Pension Liability	27,726		27,726
Capital Leases Payable	388,861		388,861
Retirement Incentive Payable	22,000		22,000
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within 1 Year	120,000		120,000
Due in More Than 1 Year	<u>1,620,000</u>	-	<u>1,620,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,272,999</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>3,273,100</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unearned Revenues		6,231	6,231
Vermont Municipal Pension	<u>87,151</u>	-	<u>87,151</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>87,151</u>	<u>6,231</u>	<u>93,382</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,667,052	234	4,667,286
Restricted For:			
Capital Projects	224,748		224,748
Other Purposes	680,000		680,000
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>949,230</u>	<u>34,096</u>	<u>983,326</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>6,521,030</u>	<u>34,330</u>	<u>6,555,360</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,881,180</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,662</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,921,842</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

EXHIBIT II

Stowe School District  
District-Wide Statement of Activities  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
Direct Services	\$ 8,164,648	\$ -	602,405	\$ (7,562,243)	\$ (7,562,243)	
Support Services:						
Student Services	845,845	-	38,474	(807,371)	(807,371)	
Instructional Staff Services	227,407	-	-	(227,407)	(227,407)	
General Administrative Services	139,611	-	-	(139,611)	(139,611)	
Area Administrative Services	780,830	-	-	(780,830)	(780,830)	
Fiscal Services	178,588	-	-	(178,588)	(178,588)	
Building Operations and Maintenance	1,095,000	-	116,057	(1,095,000)	(1,095,000)	
Transportation	330,354	-	-	(214,297)	(214,297)	
Other Support Services	91,388	-	-	(91,388)	(91,388)	
Total Governmental Activities	11,853,671	\$ -	756,936	\$ (11,096,735)	\$ (11,096,735)	
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>						
Food Service	296,034	277,946	-	-	(18,088)	(18,088)
Total Business-Type Activities	296,034	277,946	-	-	(18,088)	(18,088)

**General Revenues:**

Tuition	515,608	515,608
State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs	10,545,117	10,545,117
Federal Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs	38,342	38,342
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs	53,000	53,000
Investment Earnings	9,771	9,771
Rentals	3,000	3,000
Refunds and Reimbursements	125,553	125,553
Miscellaneous	315	315
Total General Revenues	11,290,706	11,290,706
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	193,971	(18,088)
<b>Net Position - Beginning of Year</b>	6,400,539	6,452,957
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	(73,480)	(73,480)
<b>Net Position - Ending of Year</b>	\$ 6,521,030	\$ 6,555,360

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Stowe School District  
 Combined Balance Sheet  
 All Fund Types - Fund Base  
 June 30, 2015

EXHIBIT III

	Governmental Fund Type			Proprietary Fund Type		Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Funds	Private Purpose Trust		
<b>ASSETS:</b>								
Current Assets:								
Cash	\$ 2,646,645	\$	224,748	\$ 23,813	\$ 141,283	\$ 25,106	\$ 3,061,595	
Investments		\$ 4,532		14,755		2,509,163	2,509,163	
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	159,844						19,287	
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs				1,860			159,844	
Inventory	5,000						1,860	
Prepaid Expenses							5,000	
Total Current Assets	<u>2,811,489</u>	<u>4,532</u>	<u>224,748</u>	<u>40,428</u>	<u>141,283</u>	<u>2,534,269</u>	<u>5,756,749</u>	
Other Assets:								
Fixed Assets - net	-	-	-	234	-	-	234	
Total Other Assets	-	-	-	234	-	-	234	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,811,489</b>	<b>\$ 4,532</b>	<b>\$ 224,748</b>	<b>\$ 40,662</b>	<b>\$ 141,283</b>	<b>\$ 2,534,269</b>	<b>\$ 5,756,983</b>	

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:**

<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Uncashed Checks	\$ 1,413
Accounts Payable - State	14,622
Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union	31,274
Accounts Payable - Other LEAs	4,320
Accounts Payable - Other	248,703
	\$ 101
	\$ 373,275
	\$ 1,413
	14,622
	35,806
	4,320
	622,079

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Stowe School District  
 Combined Balance Sheet  
 All Fund Types - Fund Base  
 June 30, 2015

EXHIBIT III

	Governmental Fund Type			Proprietary Fund Type		Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund		Agency Funds	Private Purpose Trust	
Liabilities (continued):								
Accrued Expenses	\$ 789,548			\$ 6,231				\$ 789,548
Unearned Revenue	-	-	-	-		141,283	-	6,231
Amount Held for Agency Funds								141,283
Total Liabilities	<u>1,089,880</u>	<u>\$ 4,532</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>6,332</u>		<u>141,283</u>	<u>\$ 373,275</u>	<u>1,615,302</u>
Fund Equity:								
Fund Balances:								
Unassigned	1,041,609							1,041,609
Restricted			224,748				2,160,994	2,160,994
Committed	680,000			34,330				904,748
Net Position	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,330</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,330</u>
Total Fund Equities	<u>1,721,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,748</u>	<u>34,330</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>2,160,994</u>	<u>4,141,681</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,811,489</b>	<b>\$ 4,532</b>	<b>\$ 224,748</b>	<b>\$ 40,662</b>		<b>\$ 141,283</b>	<b>\$ 2,534,269</b>	<b>\$ 5,756,983</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
 Governmental Funds  
 June 30, 2015

Fund Balances – total governmental funds	\$ 1,946,357
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Governmental capital assets	13,184,908
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,388,995)
Other assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Deferred Outflows – VMERS	44,498
Bonds payable and contractual obligations have not been included in the governmental fund financial statements.	
Bonds Payable	(1,740,000)
Capital Lease Obligations	(388,861)
Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental fund financial statements:	
Net Pension Liability	(27,726)
Retirement Incentive Payable	(22,000)
Deferred Inflows – VMERS	<u>(87,151)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 6,521,030</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
 Changes in Fund Balances  
 All Governmental Fund Types - Fund Base  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

## EXHIBIT IV

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:				
Tuition	\$ 515,608			\$ 515,608
Investment Income	7,551		\$ 2,220	9,771
Rentals	3,000			3,000
Contributions	3,000		50,000	53,000
Services to Other LEAs	64,666			64,666
Refunds and Reimbursements	60,887			60,887
Miscellaneous	315			315
Private/Local		\$ 38,474		38,474
State	10,663,404			10,663,404
Federal	<u>38,342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,342</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>11,356,773</u>	<u>38,474</u>	<u>52,220</u>	<u>11,447,467</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Direct Services	7,303,487			7,303,487
Support Services:				
Students	805,277	38,474		843,751
Instructional Staff	217,279			217,279
General Administration	139,611			139,611
Area Administration	780,954			780,954
Fiscal Services	178,588			178,588
Operation and Maintenance of Building	1,128,820			1,128,820
Transportation	330,354			330,354
Information Services	86,325			86,325
Food Services	5,063			5,063
Construction Services			281,123	281,123
Debt Services	<u>195,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,891</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>11,171,649</u>	<u>38,474</u>	<u>281,123</u>	<u>11,491,246</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	185,124	-	(228,903)	(43,779)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In			250,000	250,000
Transfers Out	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(250,000)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
 Changes in Fund Balances  
 All Governmental Fund Types - Fund Base  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

EXHIBIT IV

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (64,876)	\$ -	\$ 21,097	\$ (43,779)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2014	<u>1,786,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,651</u>	<u>1,990,136</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2015	<u>\$ 1,721,609</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 224,748</u>	<u>\$ 1,946,357</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of  
 Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

Net Changes in fund Balances – total governmental funds	\$ (43,779)
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:	
Expenditures for capital assets	291,444
Less current year depreciation	(319,194)
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of Net Assets. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	
Repayment of bonds	120,000
Repayment of capital lease obligations	131,399
Expense reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources and is therefore not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Deferred Outflows – VMERS Change	44,498
Net Pension Liability Change	(27,726)
Deferred Inflows – VMERS Change	(87,151)
Current year payments on liabilities for the voluntary exit program (early retirement, etc.) are reported as expenditures in Governmental fund financial statements and as a reduction in debt in the district-wide financial statements.	
	11,000
Current year granting of voluntary exit programs (early retirements, etc.) are not reported as expenditures in governmental fund financial statements and are reported as an expense and debt in the district-wide financial statements.	
	<u>0</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 120,491</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Net Position  
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund  
Food Program  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

EXHIBIT V

Operating Revenues:		
Sales	\$ 210,904	
Other	<u>99</u>	
Total Operating Revenues		\$ 211,003
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Benefits	122,783	
Professional Services	38,388	
Property Services	7,977	
Food and Supplies	119,794	
Property	4,467	
Other	2,390	
Depreciation	<u>235</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>296,034</u>
Operating Income (Loss)		(85,031)
Non-Operating Revenue:		
Investment Income	63	
State Sources:		
Lunch Match	1,960	
Child Nutrition Breakfast	410	
Child Nutrition Other	436	
Reduced Lunch Initiative	952	
Federal Sources:		
Restricted Grants:		
School Breakfast Program	14,637	
School Lunch Program	48,485	
Commodities	<u>-</u>	
Total Non-Operating Revenue		<u>66,943</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position		(18,088)
Net Position, July 1, 2014		<u>52,418</u>
Net Position, June 30, 2015		<u>\$ 34,330</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund  
Food Program  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

EXHIBIT VI

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Received From Customers	\$ 212,322	
Payments To Employees and Fringe Benefits	(122,783)	
Payments To Vendors and Supplies	<u>(170,364)</u>	
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities		\$ (80,825)
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:		
State Aid Received		67,853
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
None		-
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment Income		<u>63</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash		(12,909)
Cash, July 1, 2014		<u>36,722</u>
Cash, June 30, 2015		<u>\$ 23,813</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Used By Operating Activities:		
Cash Provided From Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)		\$ (85,031)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	\$ 235	
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	10,316	
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable - Other	(7,664)	
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	<u>1,319</u>	
Total Adjustments		<u>4,206</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities		<u>\$ (80,825)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
 and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Fiduciary Fund Type - Private Purpose Trusts  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

## EXHIBIT VII

	CV Starr Scholarship Fund	Charitable Fund	Totals
REVENUES:			
Investment Income	\$ 90,356	\$ 40	\$ 90,396
Donations		745	745
Realized Gain (Loss)	(30,768)		(30,768)
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	<u>(97,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(97,576)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>(37,988)</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>(37,203)</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Scholarships/Gifts	233,725	2,475	236,200
Fees/Interest	<u>15,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,282</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>249,007</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>251,482</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(286,995)	(1,690)	(288,685)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2014	<u>2,422,883</u>	<u>26,796</u>	<u>2,449,679</u>
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2015	<u>\$ 2,135,888</u>	<u>\$ 25,106</u>	<u>\$ 2,160,994</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Stowe School District ("School District") is organized as a public educational district under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Vermont. It is governed by a Board of School Directors elected by registered voters of the District to provide public education to the residents of the Town. Except where noted, the accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental units.

The School District financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the School District are discussed below. School District also complies with the requirements of the Vermont Department of Education's Handbook for Financial Accounting of Vermont School Systems (The Handbook).

**Reporting Entity:**

The reporting entity for the School District is based upon criteria set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (1) organizations for which the standalone government is financially accountable and (2) the standalone government that is controlled by a separately elected governing body that is legally separate and is fiscally independent. All of the accounts of the School District comprise the standalone government.

The school board is elected by the public and it has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, School District is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in its Statement No. 14. There are no component units included within the reporting entity. The School District is a component of the Town of Stowe.

**Basic Financial Statements - District-wide:**

The School District's basic financial statements include both District-wide (reporting School District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting School Districts major funds). Both the District-wide and fund financial statements categorized primary activities as either governmental or business type.

The District-wide Statement of Net Position reports all of the non-fiduciary activities of School District. Both the governmental and business-type activities are presented on a consolidated

Stowe School District  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

basis and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

The District-wide Statement of Activity demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include fees paid by recipients or goods or services provided by a function, and grants that are restricted to a particular function. General State Support and other revenues not identified with a function are presented as general revenues.

This District-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the School District as an entity and the change in the School District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements:

The financial transactions of the School District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria for the determination of major funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The School District reports major governmental funds as follows:

Governmental Fund Types:

- General Fund – The general fund is the School District's primary operating fund and is always classified as a major fund which accounts for typical general government revenues and a wide variety of activities that benefit the School District's as a whole. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Special Revenue Funds – The special revenue funds focus on revenues that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specific purposes (other than major capital projects or expendable trusts). The School District accounts for resources restricted to, or committed for, specific purposes by the School District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most federal, some State financial assistance and voter committed funds are accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor or the voters at the close of specified project periods.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

- Capital Project Fund – The capital projects funds are required when the acquisition or construction of capital assets is financed with general obligation debt. Capital project funds are permitted to be used for accounting and reporting whenever the School District has financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays for general capital assets, including purchasing or constructing any type of general capital asset.

Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary Fund – The Proprietary Funds consist of Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. Revenues generally come from fees for services. They use the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting.

Fiduciary Funds, (Not included in District-wide Statements):

Fiduciary Funds are used to report resources held for individuals, private organizations or other governments. The School District reports the following fiduciary funds:

- Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.
- Private Purpose Trust Funds account for assets where both principal and interest may be expended. These are accounted for in essentially the same manner as Governmental Fund Types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation:

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Both District-wide and business-type activity statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred regardless of when related cash flows take place. Grant revenues are recognized when eligibility requirements are satisfied. Fees and charges and other exchange revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

The governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Intergovernmental revenues and grants are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met and the revenues are available. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred except for early retirement, and compensated absences, which are recognized to the extent they have matured. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, restricted resources are used first.

Other Accounting Policies:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows for proprietary and similar fund-types, the School District considers highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of twelve months or less when purchased.

Interfund Receivables and Payables:

During the course of operations, transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Activities between funds that are representative of lending or borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are also reported as "due to/from other funds". As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government wide financial statements.

Transfers:

Advances between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as transfers.

Deposits and Investments:

Resources from each fund are pooled for deposit and investment purposes. A separate accounting is maintained for each fund. Deposits and Investments are stated at fair value and are managed in accordance with any legal constraints.

Accounts Receivable:

All receivables are reported net of estimated uncollectible amounts. The accounts receivable balances at year end are from governmental entities, except in the proprietary funds which may have some receivables from individuals, and no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Inventory:

Inventories consist of expendable items held for consumption. They are valued at cost on a first-in, first-out method.

Stowe School District  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Prepaid Items:**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods. In the fund based financial statements, the cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures when the payments are made. In the District-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds, these items are recorded as prepaid items.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources:**

The School District recognizes differences between the receipt of funds and the recognition of revenues through the use of unearned revenue accounts. These unearned revenue accounts represent funds that will be recognized as revenues in some future period when the conditions have been met.

**Capital Assets:**

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings, improvements, furniture, equipment, infrastructure, and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the governmental wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year (categories of assets are depreciated over the following lives; land improvements 10-40 years, buildings 25-50 years, building improvements 10-50 years, infrastructure 10-50 years, furniture & equipment 3-20 years, and vehicles 3-15 years). Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Capital assets, except for land and construction in progress are depreciated using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives with a full year of depreciation taken in the year acquired and none taken in the year of disposal. Land and construction in progress are not depreciated.

**Long-term Obligations:**

In the District-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of Net Position. The face amount of obligations issued is reported as other financing sources.

**Pensions:**

*VSTRS*. For purposes of measuring the liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and expense associated with the State's requirement to contribute to the Vermont State Teachers Retirement System (VSTRS), information about VSTRS' fiduciary net

Stowe School District  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

position and additions to/deductions from VSTRS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VSTRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*VMERS.* For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) and additions to/deductions from VMERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Budgetary Data:**

The School District is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General Fund. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Annual appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year with the exception of restricted programs indicated as a fund balance restricted or committed. The following procedures are used to establish a budget:

The School Board with assistance from the Supervisory Union and the School District's Administration drafts a budget. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them.

The budget is adopted by the School Board for presentation to the voters as a warning or article in the annual report.

The voters vote on the total expense amount and not the individual line items at the School District's annual meeting or subsequent special meetings.

**Encumbrances:**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration and project control in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund. Encumbrances are not liabilities and should be recorded as a reservation of fund balance at year end. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The School District has elected to treat its encumbrances as liabilities for budgetary control purposes.

**Use of Estimates:**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting

Stowe School District  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Resources and Fund Balance:

District-wide Financial Statements:

When the School District incurs an expense for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted net position, it generally uses restricted net position first. Net position on the Statement of net position includes the following:

Net Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted For Other Purposes – It consists of assets that are restricted by the School District's creditors, by the state enabling legislation, by grantors and by other contributors.

Restricted For Capital Projects – The component of net position that reports the amount of revenue from bond proceeds, grants, and special assessments in excess of expenditures. These funds are restricted for the construction or acquisition of capital assets.

Unrestricted – All other net positions that do not meet the definition of "Restricted For Other Purposes" or "Net Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt".

Fund Based Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances as unassigned, assigned, restricted, committed, spendable, or non-spendable fund balance.

Unassigned Fund Balance – That portion of the general fund, fund balance that contains all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. It is used in other funds only to report a deficit.

Assigned Fund Balance – Includes amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes, as determined by the Board, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed.

Stowe School District  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Restricted Fund Balance – Includes amounts constrained to specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers (grantors and contributors), or through enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – Includes amounts constrained for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, generally the voters.

Spendable Fund Balance – The portion of the permanent fund balance that is available to be spent on the designated purpose of the fund.

Non-spendable Fund Balance – The portion of the permanent fund balance that has to be maintained, and cannot be spent, or an asset such as inventory or prepaid that are not expected to be converted to cash.

**Function and Object Codes:**

Function and object codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by the Vermont Department of Education. The Vermont Department of Education requires School District to use these codes in order to insure accuracy in building and maintaining a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

**Memorandum Only Columns:**

The total columns are captioned "memorandum only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to make financial analysis easier. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with GAAP. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Cash and cash equivalent deposits with financial institutions at June 30th amounted to \$3,061,595. As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed insured limits.

**Interest Rate Risk:**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of any investments. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
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**NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

The School District's investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk:

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the School District would not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

FDIC insures all accounts held by the same financial institution up to a combined total of \$250,000. There are some special provisions which increase this limit.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The policy of the School District contains no limitations on the amount that can be on deposit in any one financial institution.

The cash deposits held at financial institutions and cash on hand can be categorized according to four levels of risk.

These four levels of risk are as follows:

- Category 1     Repurchase Agreements - Deposits which are invested in government securities held by the School District or by its agent in the School District's name.
- Category 2     Collateralized Accounts - Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Bank's name.
- Category 3     Letter of Credit - Private commercial insurance protection or letter of credit issued by the financial institution to cover funds in excess of FDIC limits.
- Category 4     Deposits which are not collateralized or insured. (includes cash on hand)

The School District uses collateralization agreements to protect deposits not otherwise insured by the FDIC and/or SIPC.

Balances held in each area are as follows:

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**NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Insured (FDIC) and/or (SIPC)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
- Category 1	0	0
- Category 2	2,811,595	2,969,726
- Category 3	0	0
- Category 4	0	0
Total deposits	<u>\$3,061,595</u>	<u>\$3,220,082</u>

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the amount of uninsured and not collateralized cash could have been much higher than at year end.

Collateralization agreements of \$2,969,726 are securities held by the bank's trust department or agent in the bank's name. Securities consist of municipal bonds, U.S. Government obligations and U.S. Government Agency Bonds.

**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS**

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The investment policy of the School District contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer.

Custodial Credit Risk:

The custodial risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, the School District would not be able to recover the value of its investment of collateral securities that are in possession of another party.

The School District invests its assets in various entities and/or debt instruments as described below. As noted some are insured by the SIPC (Securities Investor Protections Corporation). If the broker-dealer fails, the SIPC provides protection for customer accounts by returning securities registered in the name of the investor, distributing all remaining customer assets on a pro rata basis, and providing SIPC funds for all remaining claims of each customer up to a maximum of \$500,000, including up to \$100,000 on claims for cash.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Credit Risk:

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. Investments of the balance sheets of the School District are stated at cost plus applicable accrued interest. Market values include applicable accrued interest. The investment consists of:

	Cost	Market Value
Securities held by School District registered to School District uninsured by SIPC	\$ 0	\$ 0
Insured (SIPC) and registered held by dealer/broker in School District's name (Book Entry)		
Money Market	35,593	35,593
Municipal Bonds	251,104	249,095
Corporate Stocks	1,029,342	1,094,909
Corporate Bonds	461,412	471,805
Mutual Funds	505,882	482,217
Unit Investment Trust	185,849	175,544
Uninsured, registered held by dealer/broker in School District's name (Book Entry)	0	0
Insured (SIPC) unregistered held by dealer/broker	0	0
Uninsured, unregistered held by dealer/broker	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,469,182</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,509,163</u></b>

**NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital activity for the School District for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Primary Government			
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land Improvements	\$ 25,552	\$225,728	\$ 25,552	\$ 225,728

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

**NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

	<u>Primary Government</u>			
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Buildings	\$ 3,174,619	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,174,619
Building Improvements	8,284,308	43,896	0	8,328,204
Infrastructure	118,000	0	0	118,000
Furniture and Equipment	<u>1,316,537</u>	<u>21,820</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,338,357</u>
Total other capital assets at historical costs	<u>12,919,016</u>	<u>291,444</u>	<u>25,552</u>	<u>13,184,908</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land Improvements	25,552	11,099	25,552	11,099
Buildings	2,815,433	51,313	0	2,866,746
Building Improvements	2,096,745	181,515	0	2,278,260
Infrastructure	14,725	5,900	0	20,625
Furniture and Equipment	<u>1,142,898</u>	<u>69,367</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,212,265</u>
Total accum. Depr.	<u>6,095,353</u>	<u>319,194</u>	<u>25,552</u>	<u>6,388,995</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 6,823,663</u>	<u>\$ (27,750)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,795,913</u>
Business-type activities:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 57,129	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 57,129
Less accum. Depr.	<u>56,660</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,895</u>
Business-type activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 469</u>	<u>\$ (235)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 234</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Direct Services	\$247,470
Support Services:	
Students	1,563
Instructional Staff	11,395
General Administration	0
Area Administration	2,446
Fiscal Services	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	56,320
Transportation	0

Stowe School District  
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**NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

Other Support Services	\$ <u>0</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$319,194</u>

**NOTE 5 - SICK LEAVE**

It is the School District's policy to permit employees to earn varying amounts of sick pay benefits. Such sick leave benefits do not vest under the School District's policy, accordingly benefits must be used during employment. Since the employees' accumulating rights to receive compensation for future absences are contingent upon the absences being caused by future illnesses and such amounts cannot be reasonably estimated, a liability for unused sick leave is not recorded in the financial statements.

Teaching staff earn 14 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 130 days. Non-teaching staff, both school-year and full-year, shall earn 10 sick days per year awarded on a pro-rated basis for every completed month of employment, and may accumulate a maximum of 50 days.

**NOTE 6 – OPEB AND TERMINATION BENEFITS**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement #45 requiring the entire liability for Other Post Employment Benefits (post-employment health care benefits) to be accrued. The School District does not offer any OPEB plans and has no liability under GASB #45.

Voluntary termination benefits are governed by GASB Statement #47 and are recognized to the extent they become payable in the current year. The School District offers:

For those full-time teachers who have (20) twenty years of teaching experience in any District, (15) fifteen of which are in the Stowe School District, may be eligible for a retirement incentive. A teacher who leaves the District having met the criteria above by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year in which he/she wishes to retire, and having notified the Superintendent between February 1 and April 15 of the year in which the teacher elects to resign, shall receive a payment equivalent to 100% of his/her annual teaching salary from the year he elects to resign. The payment will be disbursed in three equal installments on September 5<sup>th</sup> of each year following resignation. In addition, teachers electing early retirement will be allowed to continue membership in the District's group health plan at 80% of the cost of group rate premium for two

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**NOTE 6 – OPEB AND TERMINATION BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

years. Not more than 3 teachers in the District can be granted benefits under this program in one year. The Board has the discretion to increase or decrease the number of teachers benefited if they judge it to be in the best interest of the School District. The Board can decide to not offer the incentive at all in any given year.

The Board decided not to offer this incentive in FY14 or FY15; therefore, no new teachers elected this incentive in FY14 or FY15. Since the incentive is offered at board discretion every year and the board hasn't decided yet for FY 16, a future contingent liability cannot be calculated at this point

The board did decide to offer an additional retirement incentive to anyone who worked in the District a total of twenty (20) years as of July 1, 2013, and was age sixty (60) as of December 31, 2013. This incentive was limited to one teacher on a first come, first serve basis. The payment for the incentive would be \$1,000 per year served in the District, paid over three (3) years starting in FY15. One teacher did elect to take this incentive. The following is a schedule of the remaining future minimum liability to the District from prior year offerings:

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016	\$11,000
2017	11,000
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$33,000</u>

Effective September 15, 2011, employees who retire under an early retirement incentive agreement may elect to have their retirement distributions paid by the School District directly into the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System 403(B) Investment Program as a pre-tax salary deferral. The maximum annual contribution amount allowed is the yearly "IRC 415 limit", and will be fully vested. No one has elected to do this.

**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The School District issues general obligation bonds and notes to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 5 to 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year.

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**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Borrowings	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2015
<b>BONDS:</b>				
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bond Payable, interest at 4.34%, interest paid semi-annually, principle of 2014 \$30,000 due on November 15 <sup>th</sup> of each year until 2030; originally borrowed \$600,000 in July of 2010.	\$ 510,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 480,000
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bond Payable, interest at 4.22%, interest paid semi-annually, principle of \$90,000 due on December 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year until 2028; originally borrowed \$1,800,000 on July 22, 2008.	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>1,260,000</u>
<b>TOTAL BONDS:</b>	<b><u>\$1,860,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$120,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,740,000</u></b>
<b>Total notes &amp; bonds:</b>	<b><u>\$1,860,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$120,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,740,000</u></b>

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation bonds and notes including interest are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$ 120,000	\$ 71,885	\$ 191,885
2017	120,000	67,650	187,650
2018	120,000	63,195	183,195
2019	120,000	58,559	178,559
2020	120,000	53,772	173,772
2021-2025	600,000	194,572	794,572
2026-2030	510,000	57,086	567,086
2031-2035	<u>30,000</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>30,758</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$1,740,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$567,477</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,307,477</u></b>

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**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

The following is a summary of other long term obligation:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Increases	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2015
OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:				
Obligations Under Capital Lease	<u>\$520,258</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$131,399</u>	<u>\$388,859</u>
OPEB and Termination Benefits	<u>\$ 33,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,000</u>

**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL LEASES**

On May 13, 2013, the Stowe School District entered into a non-cancellable lease agreement with First Niagara Leasing, Inc. for the lease of a Wood Pellet Boiler. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$652,878, to be paid in yearly installments of \$93,196 for 1 year and then \$93,280 over 6 more years with a buyout at the end of \$0.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$ 93,280
2017	93,280
2018	93,280
2019	93,280
2020	93,281
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total minimum lease payments	466,401
Less amount representing interest	<u>28,725</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$437,676</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 2.157% percent.

On July 28, 2014, the Stowe School District entered into a non-cancellable lease agreement with Hewlett Packard Financial Services Company for the lease of laptops, Chromebooks, projectors, Macbooks, iPads, iMacs, Smart Boards, and related computer accessories. This

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**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)**

lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$146,556, to be paid in yearly installments of \$48,852.16 over 3 years with a buyout at the end of \$1.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$48,852
2017	48,852
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total minimum lease payments	97,704
Less amount representing interest	<u>6,561</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$91,143</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 4.76% percent

**NOTE 9 – RESTRICTED, COMMITTED AND ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES (Fund Financial Statements)**

Restricted, committed and assigned fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source. A more detailed explanation is provided in Note 1. Reservations at year end are for the following:

General Fund:	
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget	\$ 580,000
Construction Fund	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 680,000</u>
Capital Projects Fund:	
Building Maintenance & Improvement	<u>\$ 224,748</u>
Private Purpose Trust Fund:	
Scholarships and Awards	<u>\$2,160,994</u>

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**NOTE 10 – NET RESOURCES RESTRICTED (District-wide Financial Statements)**

Restricted net resource balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of the funding source. Restrictions at year end are for the following:

Net Resources Restricted For Capital Projects:	
Building Maintenance & Improvement	\$ 224,748
Net Resources Restricted For Other Purposes:	
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget	\$ 580,000
Construction Fund	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 680,000</u>

**NOTE 11 – TRANSFERS IN THE FUND BASED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The School District transfers funds to cover expenditures made in one fund for which the revenues are in another fund, or at the request of the voters. The following transfers were made during the year.

Funds of \$250,000 were transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund – Building Maintenance & Improvements as per article passed by voters.

**NOTE 12 - PENSIONS**

VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

*Plan Description.* VSTRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation administered by the Vermont State Teachers Retirement System (VSTRS) that provides benefits for teaching-certified employees of participating school districts. Title 16 of the Vermont State Statutes grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the VSTRS Board of Trustee. VSTRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/vstrs-financial-reports](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/vstrs-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* VSTRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits vary based on group classification (Group A or Group C), years of service, and age at retirement. Details of benefits are explained in Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 16 Section 1937. Five years of service is required for disability eligibility. Details of disability benefits

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

**VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)**

are explained in Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 16 section 1938. Details of death benefits are explained in Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 16 section 1940.

Public school teachers employed within the State of Vermont prior to July 1, 1981 and elected to remain in Group A are eligible for group A benefits. Public school teachers employed within the State of Vermont on or after July 1, 1990 are automatically a Group C member. All employees hired before July 1, 1990 and were Group B members are now a Group C member.

*Contributions.* Per Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 16 Section 1944, contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating school districts are established and may be amended by the VSTRS Board. Title 16 also requires the State to contribute 100 percent of school districts' contractually required contributions, which are actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees are required to contribute 5.5% for Group A, 6% for Group C with less than 5 years of employment and 5% for Group C with more than 5 years of employment of their annual pay. The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2015 was 12.75 percent of annual school district payroll of which 0 percent of payroll was required from the school districts and 12.75 percent of payroll was required from the State. State contributions to the pension plan were \$600,175 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

*Pension Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension*

At June 30, 2014, the State reported a liability of \$7,447,462 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of the date. The State's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the State's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total projected contributions of the state and all participating school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2014, the State's proportion was 100 percent.

As a result of its requirement to contribute to VSTRS, the State recognized expense of \$1,008,845 for the year ended June 30, 2014. At June 30, 2014, the State reported deferred

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources as a result of its requirement to contribute to VSTRS.

	Deferred Outflows <u>Of Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows <u>Of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 0	\$ 0
Changes in assumptions	0	0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	(727,798)
Change in proportional share	393,143	0
State contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$393,143</u>	<u>\$(727,798)</u>

\$(247,331) reported as deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions resulting from State contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as a result of the State's requirement to contribute to VSTRS will be recognized in expenses as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2016	\$(38,761)
2017	(38,761)
2018	(169,809)
2019	0
2020	0
Thereafter	0

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3-3.25 percent
Salary increases	4.25 – 8.4 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	13.83 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the 12995 Buck Mortality Tables for Males or Females, as appropriate.

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

**VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)**

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2010. Expectation of life after disability was based on RP 2000 Disabled Life Tables.

The long-term expected rate of return on System investments was determined using best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variables and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecast of the short, intermediate, and longer term horizons by weighting the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles. To reflect this in the rate-of-return assumption, a Select and Ultimate assumption setting approach, which is cited in Section 3.6.4 of Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 as an alternative to a single assumed rate of return, is employed.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33.0%	2.94%
Equity	31.5	6.70
Alternative	15.5	6.26
Multi-Strategy	20.0	5.98

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.15 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined, and that contributions from the State will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.15 percent, as well as what the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7.15 percentage) or 1-percentage-point higher (9.15 percentage) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(7.15%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(8.15%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(9.15%)</u>
State's proportionate share of The net pension liability	\$9,780,835	\$7,447,462	\$5,488,746

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued VSTRS financial report.

VERMONT STATE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan)

Employees of the District are provided with pensions through the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) – a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a board of five trustees, known as the Retirement Board. Vermont Statutes Annotated title 24 Section 5062 grants the responsibility for the proper operation and effective provision of the Retirement System to the Retirement Board. VMERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-financial-reports](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* VMERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Details of benefits can be obtained at [www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-group-plans](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-group-plans) and [www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-group-comparisons](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-group-comparisons).

*Contributions.* Per Title 24 Chapter 125 of the Vermont Statutes, contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating School District are established and may be amended

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

VERMONT STATE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

by the Retirement Board. Employees and the School District contributions vary based on group classification (Group A, B, C, or D)

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Employees' Contributions (% of gross wages)	2.5%	4.75%	9.75%	11.25%
The School Board's contributions (% of gross wages)	4.0%	5.375%	7.0%	9.75%

Further information on contributions can be obtained at [www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni\\_group-comparisons](http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni_group-comparisons).

The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2015, was the percentage of annual payroll from the above table, which is actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the School District were \$44,498 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

*Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.*

At June 30, 2015, the School District reported a liability of \$27,730 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating School Districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, the School District's proportion was 0.3038 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0057 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the School District recognized pension expense of \$41,397. At June 30, 2015, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

VERMONT STATE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

	Deferred Outflows <u>Of Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows <u>Of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$ 0
Changes in assumptions	0	0
Net difference between projected and actual		
Earnings on pension plan investments	0	(85,507)
Changes in proportion and differences between		
School District contributions and		
Proportionate share of contributions	0	(1,644)
School District contributions subsequent		
To the measurement date	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$(87,151)</u>

\$(66,555) reported as deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expenses as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2016	\$(22,185)
2017	(22,185)
2018	(22,185)
2019	0
2020	0
Thereafter	0

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3-3.25 percent
Salary increases	5 percent, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, Including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the 12995 Buck Mortality Tables for Males or Females, as appropriate.

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**NOTE 12 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

VERMONT STATE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2010. Expectation of life after disability was based on RP 2000 Disabled Life Tables.

The long-term expected rate of return on System investments was determined using best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variables and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecast of the short, intermediate, and longer term horizons by weighting the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles. To reflect this in the rate-of-return assumption, a Select and Ultimate assumption setting approach, which is cited in Section 3.6.4 of Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 as an alternative to a single assumed rate of return, is employed.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33.0%	2.94%
Equity	31.5	6.70
Alternative	15.5	6.26
Multi-Strategy	20.0	5.98

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.23 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from School Districts will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees.

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Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.23 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7.23 percentage) or 1-percentage-point higher (9.23 percentage) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(7.23%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(8.23%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(9.23%)</u>
School District's proportionate share of The net pension liability	\$233,607	\$27,730	\$(144,995)

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued VMERS financial report.

**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, students and guests; as well as natural disasters. School District uses risk sharing pools and carries commercial insurance to cover these risks. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the School District.

In addition, Stowe School District as a member of Vermont School Boards Association (Association), participates in that entity's public entity risk pools. The Association has set up two insurance trusts; Vermont School Board Insurance Trust, Inc. (VSBIT) for Workers Compensation, Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program, and Unemployment Compensation Program, and the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI) for Medical Benefits. VSBIT and VEHI are nonprofit corporations formed to provide insurance and risk management

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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

programs for Vermont school districts and are owned by the participating districts. The Trusts are not licensed insurance carriers and members are not protected by the Vermont Insurance Guaranty Association.

To provide insurance coverage, VEHI has established a self-funded fully insured program in conjunction with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS). A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

To provide unemployment coverage, VSBIT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, unemployment claims, and to provide excess reinsurance protection. Contributions are based on payroll expense and the previous two year unemployment compensation experience. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VSBIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each members assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

To provide worker's compensation coverage, VSBIT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs and workers compensation coverage. Contributions are based upon formulas applied to payroll expense. At the end of the coverage period, the members will be assessed or refunded any difference between estimated contributions and actual expenses.

Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program provides coverage for Property; Inland Marine and Boiler & Machinery; Crime; Commercial General Liability; Automobile/Garagekeepers; and Educators legal Liability. Annual contributions are based upon appropriate rates applicable to each Member; such rates are set based on recommendations of a qualified actuary, plus a proportionate share of all operational and administrative cost including excess reinsurance premiums incurred by the trust. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VSBIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each members assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of asset and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of

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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 14 - OPERATING LEASES**

On February 23, 2012, Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for the lease of two copiers. The total amount due is \$51,754, to be paid in monthly installments of \$862.57 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$10,351
2017	7,763
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$18,114</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$10,351.

On June 26, 2012, Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$27,911, to be paid in monthly installments of \$465.18 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$ 5,582
2017	5,583
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$11,165</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$5,582.

On March 14, 2014, Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$30,904, to be paid in monthly installments of \$515.06 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$ 6,181
2017	6,181
2018	6,181

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**NOTE 14 - OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)**

During the year ended June 30, 2019	\$ 4,635
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$23,178</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$6,181.

**NOTE 15 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On September 8, 2015 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with US Bank Equipment Finance for the lease of 2 copiers. The total amount due is \$41,385.60, to be paid in monthly installments of \$ \$689.76 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2016	\$ 6,208
2017	8,277
2018	8,277
2019	8,277
2020	8,277
2021-2025	<u>2,070</u>
Total	<u>\$41,386</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$0.

**NOTE 16 - COMMITMENTS**

On May 1, 2015 the School District entered into a contract with Dale E. Percy, Inc. for the full reconstruction and paving of the High School rear drive and parking lot for a base bid of \$229,300. The work is to be completed no later than August 14, 2015.

The School District participates in various state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money recovered may be required and the collectibility of any related receivable at June 30, 2015 may be impaired. It is the opinion of the School District, that there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing

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**NOTE 16 – COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

The School District is responsible for the withholding and paying over of certain payroll taxes and related items. At June 30, 2015, School District showed a liability for any taxes due and unpaid. These taxes are subject to audit by the State and federal government. It is the opinion of the School District, that there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing these or other taxes.

**NOTE 17 - RELATED PARTY**

As defined by GASB No. 14, paragraph 71, the School District is a participant in and has an ongoing financial responsibility to Lamoille South Supervisory Union. The School District's board is responsible for appointing one member to the board of Lamoille South Supervisory Union. Lamoille South Supervisory Union assesses the School District annually for a share of the net projected expenses in excess of revenues, plus a share of other budgetary provisions. Lamoille South Supervisory Union also provides the busing for the District, the cost of which is assessed to the School District. Lamoille South Supervisory Union collects the food program reimbursement from the State and passes it through the School District. Separate financial statements on Lamoille South Supervisory Union are available from Lamoille South Supervisory Union.

**NOTE 18 - CONTINGENCY**

Annually, before November 1st, the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Education notifies each school of its net cost per elementary and/or secondary pupil for the previous school year. If the School District received tuition students from other Vermont School Districts it must determine whether it overcharged the sending District. If it did, it must provide the overcharged District with a credit against current tuition or refund the overcharged amount.

The School District received State construction aid in the past for various projects. In the event that the school building was to be sold, this construction aid might have to be repaid out of the proceeds. The amount of State construction aid received since July 1970 is not available but can be calculated by the State of Vermont in the event that a repayment is sought.

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<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Tuition:				
Private		\$ -	\$ 64,938	\$ 64,938
Other LEAs		384,000	450,670	66,670
Investment Income		40,000	7,551	(32,449)
Rentals		3,000	3,000	-
Contributions		-	3,000	3,000
Services to Other LEAs		-	46,666	46,666
Shared Transportation		-	18,000	18,000
Insurance Reimbursements		-	3,691	3,691
Prior Year Refunds		-	57,196	57,196
Miscellaneous		-	315	315
State:				
Education Spending Grant		9,569,850	9,569,238	(612)
Technical Center		31,700	32,312	612
Transportation Aid		112,000	116,057	4,057
Driver Education		3,500	574	(2,926)
Driver Education - Prior Year		-	1,656	1,656
High School Completion (Act 176)		-	4,509	4,509
High School Completion - Prior Year		-	8,110	8,110
Mainstream Block Grant		238,200	238,211	11
SPED Expenditure Reimbursement		650,000	638,716	(11,284)
SPED Expenditure Reimbursement - Prior Year		-	(18,379)	(18,379)
Extraordinary Reimbursement		35,000	-	(35,000)
Extraordinary Reimbursement - Prior Year		-	1,336	1,336
Essential Early Education		47,400	47,410	10
Vocational Transportation		-	23,654	23,654
Federal:				
IDEA-B		<u>40,000</u>	<u>38,342</u>	<u>(1,658)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<u>11,154,650</u>	<u>11,356,773</u>	<u>202,123</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Preschool:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>65,350</u>	<u>65,350</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>65,350</u>	<u>65,350</u>	<u>-</u>

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Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	\$ 11,150	\$ -	\$ 11,150
Employee Benefits	200	1,025	94	931
Professional & Tech. Services	300	70,375	66,825	3,550
Other Services	500	150	-	150
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>750</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>634</u>
Subtotal		<u>83,450</u>	<u>67,035</u>	<u>16,415</u>
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Other Services	500	125	-	125
Property	700	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>
Subtotal		<u>725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>725</u>
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,942</u>	<u>(442)</u>
Subtotal		<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,942</u>	<u>(442)</u>
Other Student Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Subtotal		<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Total Preschool		<u>154,325</u>	<u>136,327</u>	<u>17,998</u>
Elementary:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	1,785,175	1,770,854	14,321
Employee Benefits	200	600,100	545,499	54,601
Professional & Tech. Services	300	34,200	30,394	3,806
Property Services	400	7,000	22,773	(15,773)
Other Services	500	12,825	6,885	5,940
Supplies & Materials	600	68,575	65,816	2,759
Property	700	36,350	24,567	11,783
Other	800	<u>1,400</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>708</u>
Subtotal		<u>2,545,625</u>	<u>2,467,480</u>	<u>78,145</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	248,500	244,617	3,883
Employee Benefits	200	170,625	132,156	38,469
Professional & Tech. Services	300	160,925	114,555	46,370
Property Services	400	500	-	500
Other Services	500	300	195	105

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Supplies & Materials	600	\$ 1,925	\$ 2,078	\$ (153)
Property	700	<u>650</u>	<u>1,404</u>	<u>(754)</u>
Subtotal		<u>583,425</u>	<u>495,005</u>	<u>88,420</u>
Guidance Services 2120:				
Salaries	100	71,325	73,517	(2,192)
Employee Benefits	200	8,850	8,973	(123)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	8,550	8,550	-
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>300</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>(68)</u>
Subtotal		<u>89,025</u>	<u>91,408</u>	<u>(2,383)</u>
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	38,650	42,135	(3,485)
Employee Benefits	200	8,225	23,275	(15,050)
Property Services	400	100	75	25
Other Services	500	-	4	(4)
Supplies & Materials	600	300	197	103
Property	700	<u>475</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Subtotal		<u>47,750</u>	<u>66,163</u>	<u>(18,413)</u>
SPED Health Services 2130:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>(356)</u>
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>(356)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	23,775	22,275	1,500
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>-</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>(1,290)</u>
Subtotal		<u>23,775</u>	<u>23,565</u>	<u>210</u>
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Salaries	100	17,700	16,267	1,433
Employee Benefits	200	21,050	19,980	1,070
Professional & Tech. Services	300	31,675	34,192	(2,517)
Property Services	400	300	-	300
Other Services	500	500	131	369
Supplies & Materials	600	950	288	662
Property	700	<u>600</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>(7)</u>
Subtotal		<u>72,775</u>	<u>71,465</u>	<u>1,310</u>
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	26,850	20,903	5,947
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>300</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>109</u>
Subtotal		<u>27,150</u>	<u>21,094</u>	<u>6,056</u>

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Other Student Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,600	\$ 1,900
Subtotal		<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>1,900</u>
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	20,150	20,150	-
Subtotal		<u>20,150</u>	<u>20,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	43,050	41,042	2,008
Employee Benefits	200	18,575	19,141	(566)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	400	-	400
Supplies & Materials	600	7,300	4,882	2,418
Subtotal		<u>69,325</u>	<u>65,065</u>	<u>4,260</u>
Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	1,675	1,666	9
Employee Benefits	200	150	153	(3)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	10,500	2,355	8,145
Other Services	500	1,000	3,891	(2,891)
Other	800	2,300	1,801	499
Subtotal		<u>15,625</u>	<u>9,866</u>	<u>5,759</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	36,500	36,500	-
Subtotal		<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	179,825	178,304	1,521
Employee Benefits	200	61,250	63,289	(2,039)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	2,000	-	2,000
Property Services	400	19,750	24,379	(4,629)
Other Services	500	19,000	6,621	12,379
Supplies & Materials	600	5,800	5,243	557
Property	700	1,500	2,596	(1,096)
Other	800	6,300	6,065	235
Subtotal		<u>295,425</u>	<u>286,497</u>	<u>8,928</u>
Administrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	19,625	19,625	-
Subtotal		<u>19,625</u>	<u>19,625</u>	<u>-</u>
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	300	275	25

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Employee Benefits	200	\$ 25	\$ 21	\$ 4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	58,375	56,375	2,000
Other Services	500	500	1,514	(1,014)
Supplies & Materials	600	-	289	(289)
Other	800	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>477</u>
Subtotal		<u>60,700</u>	<u>59,497</u>	<u>1,203</u>
Plant Operation 2600:				
Salaries	100	90,025	87,197	2,828
Employee Benefits	200	29,675	56,456	(26,781)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	10,448	(10,448)
Property Services	400	76,675	96,844	(20,169)
Other Services	500	16,700	12,104	4,596
Supplies & Materials	600	115,000	88,288	26,712
Property	700	8,000	4,021	3,979
Other	800	<u>500</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>164</u>
Subtotal		<u>336,575</u>	<u>355,694</u>	<u>(19,119)</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	94,475	93,198	1,277
Other Services	500	<u>1,000</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>844</u>
Subtotal		<u>95,475</u>	<u>93,354</u>	<u>2,121</u>
SPED Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>
Subtotal		<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>
Information Services 2820:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>28,775</u>	<u>28,775</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>28,775</u>	<u>28,775</u>	<u>-</u>
Food Services 3100:				
Employee Benefits	200	<u>-</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>(2,018)</u>
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>(2,018)</u>
Debt Service 5100:				
Interest	800	25,300	25,297	3
Principal	900	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>65,300</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>3</u>
Current Interest 5200:				
Other	800	<u>9,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,950</u>
Subtotal		<u>9,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,950</u>

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Total Elementary		<u>\$ 4,450,800</u>	<u>\$ 4,284,474</u>	<u>\$ 166,326</u>
Secondary:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	1,363,500	1,353,728	9,772
Employee Benefits	200	469,325	383,597	85,728
Professional & Tech. Services	300	26,000	35,251	(9,251)
Property Services	400	20,600	36,771	(16,171)
Other Services	500	10,450	7,739	2,711
Supplies & Materials	600	45,675	43,534	2,141
Property	700	42,300	32,537	9,763
Other	800	<u>6,800</u>	<u>1,575</u>	<u>5,225</u>
Subtotal		<u>1,984,650</u>	<u>1,894,732</u>	<u>89,918</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	287,900	228,402	59,498
Employee Benefits	200	121,975	59,781	62,194
Professional & Tech. Services	300	68,000	71,367	(3,367)
Property Services	400	1,000	389	611
Other Services	500	82,100	499	81,601
Supplies & Materials	600	2,075	522	1,553
Property	700	<u>600</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>539</u>
Subtotal		<u>563,650</u>	<u>361,021</u>	<u>202,629</u>
Vocational Education 1300:				
Other Services	500	<u>60,400</u>	<u>60,572</u>	<u>(172)</u>
Subtotal		<u>60,400</u>	<u>60,572</u>	<u>(172)</u>
Athletics 1400:				
Salaries	100	112,625	101,406	11,219
Employee Benefits	200	8,950	7,806	1,144
Professional & Tech. Services	300	25,700	19,633	6,067
Other Services	500	500	1,142	(642)
Supplies & Materials	600	9,500	9,944	(444)
Property	700	12,850	6,502	6,348
Other	800	<u>16,000</u>	<u>18,075</u>	<u>(2,075)</u>
Subtotal		<u>186,125</u>	<u>164,508</u>	<u>21,617</u>
Guidance Services 2120:				
Salaries	100	141,975	145,505	(3,530)

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Employee Benefits	200	\$ 26,075	\$ 31,268	\$ (5,193)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	8,550	8,550	-
Property Services	400	-	31	(31)
Other Services	500	2,000	2,000	-
Supplies & Materials	600	100	-	100
Other	800	<u>1,475</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>318</u>
Subtotal		<u>180,175</u>	<u>188,511</u>	<u>(8,336)</u>
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	29,700	34,365	(4,665)
Employee Benefits	200	7,625	7,634	(9)
Property Services	400	150	109	41
Other Services	500	-	4	(4)
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>500</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>79</u>
Subtotal		<u>37,975</u>	<u>42,533</u>	<u>(4,558)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>23,775</u>	<u>22,275</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Subtotal		<u>23,775</u>	<u>22,275</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	28,375	28,375	-
Property Services	400	725	-	725
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>
Subtotal		<u>29,300</u>	<u>28,375</u>	<u>925</u>
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>16,650</u>	<u>10,800</u>	<u>5,850</u>
Subtotal		<u>16,650</u>	<u>10,800</u>	<u>5,850</u>
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>20,150</u>	<u>20,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>20,150</u>	<u>20,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	35,850	36,218	(368)
Employee Benefits	200	4,900	4,743	157
Professional & Tech. Services	300	125	110	15
Property Services	400	150	117	33
Supplies & Materials	600	6,775	5,801	974
Property	700	125	113	12
Other	800	<u>50</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>12</u>
Subtotal		<u>47,975</u>	<u>47,140</u>	<u>835</u>

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Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,665	\$ 10
Employee Benefits	200	150	102	48
Professional & Tech. Services	300	10,500	2,558	7,942
Other Services	500	2,300	4,162	(1,862)
Other	800	<u>3,800</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,974</u>
Subtotal		<u>18,425</u>	<u>10,313</u>	<u>8,112</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Assessment	300	<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>	-
Subtotal		<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>	-
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	196,350	198,497	(2,147)
Employee Benefits	200	44,850	44,519	331
Professional & Tech. Services	300	9,500	10,067	(567)
Property Services	400	10,750	13,964	(3,214)
Other Services	500	12,000	5,774	6,226
Supplies & Materials	600	6,000	2,011	3,989
Property	700	500	468	32
Other	800	<u>7,500</u>	<u>2,712</u>	<u>4,788</u>
Subtotal		<u>287,450</u>	<u>278,012</u>	<u>9,438</u>
Administrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>19,625</u>	<u>19,625</u>	-
Subtotal		<u>19,625</u>	<u>19,625</u>	-
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	300	275	25
Employee Benefits	200	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	58,375	56,375	2,000
Other Services	500	-	1,514	(1,514)
Supplies & Materials	600	500	289	211
Other	800	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>477</u>
Subtotal		<u>60,700</u>	<u>59,497</u>	<u>1,203</u>
Plant Operation 2600:				
Salaries	100	99,600	97,708	1,892
Employee Benefits	200	53,075	51,360	1,715
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,800	13,927	(12,127)
Property Services	400	162,650	193,063	(30,413)
Other Services	500	16,500	12,104	4,396

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Supplies & Materials	600	\$ 147,900	\$ 122,726	\$ 25,174
Subtotal		<u>481,525</u>	<u>490,888</u>	<u>(9,363)</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	94,475	93,198	1,277
Subtotal		<u>94,475</u>	<u>93,198</u>	<u>1,277</u>
Special Education Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	2,000	17	1,983
Subtotal		<u>2,000</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1,983</u>
Athletic Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	46,750	43,046	3,704
Subtotal		<u>46,750</u>	<u>43,046</u>	<u>3,704</u>
Information Services 2820:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	28,775	28,775	-
Subtotal		<u>28,775</u>	<u>28,775</u>	<u>-</u>
Food Services 3100:				
Employee Benefits	200	-	3,045	(3,045)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>3,045</u>	<u>(3,045)</u>
Debt Service 5100:				
Interest	800	25,300	25,297	3
Principal	900	40,000	40,000	-
Subtotal		<u>65,300</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>3</u>
Current Interest 5200:				
Other	800	9,950	-	9,950
Subtotal		<u>9,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,950</u>
Total Secondary		<u>4,302,300</u>	<u>3,968,830</u>	<u>333,470</u>
Middle:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	913,575	917,493	(3,918)
Employee Benefits	200	293,350	259,446	33,904
Professional & Tech. Services	300	25,125	23,956	1,169
Property Services	400	12,100	27,485	(15,385)
Other Services	500	8,050	7,866	184
Supplies & Materials	600	41,100	39,918	1,182
Property	700	45,225	23,681	21,544

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Other	800	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,311	\$ (111)
Subtotal		<u>1,340,725</u>	<u>1,302,156</u>	<u>38,569</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	174,000	193,948	(19,948)
Employee Benefits	200	89,050	113,519	(24,469)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	67,150	90,595	(23,445)
Property Services	400	500	389	111
Other Services	500	81,600	304	81,296
Supplies & Materials	600	5,700	1,936	3,764
Property	700	100	1,313	(1,213)
Subtotal		<u>418,100</u>	<u>402,004</u>	<u>16,096</u>
Athletics 1400:				
Salaries	100	21,875	14,979	6,896
Employee Benefits	200	-	1,146	(1,146)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	6,000	6,669	(669)
Supplies & Materials	600	1,000	500	500
Other	800	625	330	295
Subtotal		<u>29,500</u>	<u>23,624</u>	<u>5,876</u>
Guidance Services 2120:				
Salaries	100	82,050	66,972	15,078
Employee Benefits	200	39,225	26,627	12,598
Professional & Tech. Services	300	8,600	8,550	50
Other Services	500	75	-	75
Supplies & Materials	600	100	220	(120)
Other	800	175	174	1
Subtotal		<u>130,225</u>	<u>102,543</u>	<u>27,682</u>
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	30,400	34,748	(4,348)
Employee Benefits	200	7,825	7,082	743
Property Services	400	100	63	37
Other Services	500	-	4	(4)
Supplies & Materials	600	325	381	(56)
Subtotal		<u>38,650</u>	<u>42,278</u>	<u>(3,628)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	23,775	24,771	(996)
Subtotal		<u>23,775</u>	<u>24,771</u>	<u>(996)</u>

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Schedule 1

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Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Salaries	100	\$ 12,300	\$ 17,198	\$ (4,898)
Employee Benefits	200	20,350	8,187	12,163
Professional & Tech. Services	300	28,375	28,375	-
Supplies & Materials	600	250	18	232
Property	700	<u>400</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>1</u>
Subtotal		<u>61,675</u>	<u>54,177</u>	<u>7,498</u>
Occupational Therapy Services 2160:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	6,325	5,421	904
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
Subtotal		<u>6,425</u>	<u>5,421</u>	<u>1,004</u>
Other Student Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>4,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Subtotal		<u>4,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>20,150</u>	<u>20,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>20,150</u>	<u>20,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	35,850	35,843	7
Employee Benefits	200	4,900	4,715	185
Professional & Tech. Services	300	100	-	100
Supplies & Materials	600	4,650	3,915	735
Property Services	700	100	113	(13)
Other	800	<u>25</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>(13)</u>
Subtotal		<u>45,625</u>	<u>44,624</u>	<u>1,001</u>
Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	1,675	1,669	6
Employee Benefits	200	150	128	22
Professional & Tech. Services	300	10,500	2,355	8,145
Other Services	500	3,300	3,979	(679)
Other	800	<u>2,850</u>	<u>1,801</u>	<u>1,049</u>
Subtotal		<u>18,475</u>	<u>9,932</u>	<u>8,543</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	102,825	100,955	1,870

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Employee Benefits	200	\$ 41,225	\$ 32,373	\$ 8,852
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	25	(25)
Property Services	400	8,250	12,796	(4,546)
Other Services	500	10,250	2,777	7,473
Supplies & Materials	600	3,150	1,149	2,001
Property	700	450	4,763	(4,313)
Other	800	<u>8,200</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>5,468</u>
Subtotal		<u>174,350</u>	<u>157,570</u>	<u>16,780</u>
Administrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>19,625</u>	<u>19,625</u>	-
Subtotal		<u>19,625</u>	<u>19,625</u>	-
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	300	275	25
Employee Benefits	200	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	58,375	56,375	2,000
Other Services	500	-	1,514	(1,514)
Supplies & Materials	600	500	386	114
Other	800	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>477</u>
Subtotal		<u>60,700</u>	<u>59,594</u>	<u>1,106</u>
Plant Operation 2600:				
Salaries	100	30,750	28,948	1,802
Employee Benefits	200	16,700	15,307	1,393
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,200	13,794	(12,594)
Property Services	400	115,075	130,148	(15,073)
Other Services	500	16,500	12,104	4,396
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>105,650</u>	<u>81,937</u>	<u>23,713</u>
Subtotal		<u>285,875</u>	<u>282,238</u>	<u>3,637</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	94,475	93,198	1,277
Other Services	500	<u>250</u>	<u>1,161</u>	<u>(911)</u>
Subtotal		<u>94,725</u>	<u>94,359</u>	<u>366</u>
SPED Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	<u>6,000</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>5,717</u>
Subtotal		<u>6,000</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>5,717</u>
Athletic Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	<u>7,600</u>	<u>6,097</u>	<u>1,503</u>
Subtotal		<u>7,600</u>	<u>6,097</u>	<u>1,503</u>

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Information Services 2820:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 28,775	\$ 28,775	\$ -
Subtotal		<u>28,775</u>	<u>28,775</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service 5100:				
Interest	800	25,300	25,297	3
Principal	900	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>65,300</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>3</u>
Current Interest 5200:				
Other	800	<u>9,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,950</u>
Subtotal		<u>9,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,950</u>
Total Middle		<u>2,927,225</u>	<u>2,782,018</u>	<u>145,207</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>11,834,650</u>	<u>11,171,649</u>	<u>663,001</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(680,000)	185,124	865,124
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers to Capital Project Fund		<u>-</u>	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(250,000)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(680,000)	(64,876)	615,124
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2014		<u>680,000</u>	<u>1,786,485</u>	<u>1,106,485</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2015		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,721,609</u>	<u>\$ 1,721,609</u>

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Stowe School District  
 Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities  
 Fiduciary Fund Types - Agency Funds  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

Schedule 2

	Balance July 1, 2014	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2015
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash - Elementary	\$ 10,593	\$ 97,471	\$ 95,011	\$ 13,053
Cash - Secondary	<u>122,017</u>	<u>298,526</u>	<u>292,313</u>	<u>128,230</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 132,610</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 395,997</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 387,324</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 141,283</u></b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<u>\$ 132,610</u>	<u>\$ 395,997</u>	<u>\$ 387,324</u>	<u>\$ 141,283</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 132,610</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 395,997</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 387,324</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 141,283</u></b>

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Stowe School District  
 Combining Balance Sheet  
 Fiduciary Fund Type - Private Purpose Trusts  
 June 30, 2015

Schedule 3

	CV Starr Scholarship Fund	Charitable Fund	Totals
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Current Assets:			
Cash		\$ 25,106	\$ 25,106
Investments	\$ 2,509,163	-	2,509,163
Total Current Assets	<u>2,509,163</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>2,534,269</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,509,163</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,106</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,534,269</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>			
Liabilities:			
Scholarship Payable	\$ 373,275	-	\$ 373,275
Total Liabilities	<u>373,275</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>373,275</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	<u>2,135,888</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>2,160,994</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,135,888</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>2,160,994</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,509,163</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,106</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,534,269</u></b>

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED  
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the School Board  
Stowe School District, Vermont

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Stowe School District, Vermont's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2016.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Stowe School District, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Stowe School District, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Stowe School District, Vermont's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Stowe School District, Vermont's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance of other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

## **Angolano & Company**

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January 15, 2016



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September 16, 2015

To the School Board  
Stowe School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Stowe School District** for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 26, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Stowe School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during June 30, 2015. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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

Management's estimate of the lives of property, plant, and equipment is based on expected usefulness. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop

the lives of property, plant, and equipment in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management estimates the final receivable or payable with the State of Vermont Department of Education for special education expense reimbursement.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of Fund Balances and Resources in Notes 9 and 10 to the financial statements as to how any surplus is to be used in future fiscal years.

The disclosure of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Termination Benefits in Note 6 to the financial statements as to how it is being offered and any contingent and real liabilities that exist.

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

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

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

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

#### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

#### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

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

This information is intended solely for the use of School Board and management of Stowe School District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

**Angolano & Company**

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## **EVENTS IN 2015**

### **JANUARY**

Brian Leven leaves the DRB after serving 8 years  
Stowe High School Alumni hockey game held to benefit first grader Rowan Dodge  
Charlie Davidow won National Geographic Society Geography Bee at Stowe Elementary  
Chad Haggerty hits 100 goals in hockey  
Stowe's Ty Walker makes Olympic snowboard squad  
Spruce Peak makeover – Resort plans for new Adventure Center, Alpine Club & more

### **FEBRUARY**

70th Annual Stowe Derby held with over 500 participants  
12 + mono skiers visit Stowe  
60th wedding anniversary for Rene & Bernice Bingnot  
Stowe High School boys 1st and girls 2nd in ski standings at Lyndon Institute carnival  
Morrill farm and Pike farms nominated for 4014 highest quality cow milk award  
Nancy Bennum received 2nd place in the honey special class at the 2015 Vermont Farm Show  
Selectboard votes 4-1 not to pay any more to cover SAA share to keep Mtn Road shuttle service going  
7th grader Bjorn Westervelt finished 2nd in Nor Am Cup Biathlon competition at Lake Placid  
Stowe Planning Commission completes Town Plan latest update for Selectboard review/approval

### **MARCH**

House fire on Edson Hill claims life of Laurel Baas  
Lisa Hagerly and Adam Davis re-elected as Select persons as were School Board members Emily Bradbury & James Brochhausen; Ellen Thorndike for Lister  
All items passed at Town Meeting with \$40,000 added to proposed work at the Intersection of Rte 100 & 108  
Cliff Johnson recognized at town meeting for his years of service for the town  
Charlie Berry awarded the Conservation Commission's Conservationist Award  
Stowe Nordic boys finish second in the state  
Rte 108 Bridge work to start April 6, 2015

Stowe HS Boys Hockey take Division II State Championship  
Stowe Area Association agrees to support bus service for another year  
Stowe Women's Hockey hosts 8 teams from VT, ME, NH and PQ with 100 ladies Participating  
Stowe Bantams win championship in the Green Mountain Avalanche tournament at Jay Peak.  
Stowe Urgent Care closes  
Alchemist to open operation in Stowe  
Former Stowe resident, Irene Edwards, turns 100  
Marcia Smith retires from Library after 34 years  
AIG Winter Summit raises \$700,000 for Disabled Sports USA's Warfare Fighter Program  
Long time resident Ora Pike dies at age 96

### APRIL

School Board opposes reform  
75th annual Sugar Slalom held  
Bridget Martin, a 2014 SHS graduate selected as one of 28 N.E.Patriots cheerleaders  
Johannes Von Trapp is the Borden E. Avery Innkeeper of the year  
SED proposes solar power array in gravel pit  
Bridge construction going smoothly  
Stowe's young riders make their mark at USA Snowboard & Freeski National Championship  
John Pelletier chosen state's 2015 Financial Literacy Champion  
Marion Kellogg passes away. Over the years, served in many capacities for the town.  
Cindy Fuller hired as Finance Director for the town

### MAY

15th Annual Stowe Weekend of Hope held May 1-3  
Green Up Day held on the 2nd  
Town OK's tower plan near top of Luce Hill  
USA Today's List ranks Stowe as the # 2 off season resort for summer adventure  
Kaeden Scribner earns 3rd place at the 34th annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students hosted by US Rep Peter Welch  
Route 108 bridge opens after 47 days of construction. Historic moment celebrated.

## JUNE

Sterling Falls Gorge is recognized as one the best travel sites by TripAdvisor  
Valedictorian for the year at Stowe High School is Isabelle Strong  
Salutatorian is Annika Norden. SHS had 60 graduates.

Olivia & Rachel Flynn, students at Stowe Middle give \$350 to Nepal  
Earthquake Relief Effort

Voters approve 91-45 a solar power facility to be located in Nebraska Valley

Girls' Lacrosse team lose championship to Woodstock 8-7

Boy's Lacrosse team lose to Burr and Burton in the semi-finals

Last drug store, Heritage Drugs closes after 15 years

Speed blinker to be installed on Maple Street

Willie Noyes, Selectboard member named Business Person of the Year by  
Stowe Area

41st Rugby Club tournament held at Polo fields

## JULY

4th of July celebration huge with Parades and Shortest Marathon of 1.7  
mile held

34th Stowe 8-Miler held with 549 participants

Stowe Wine and Cheese store sold by Pardas after 40 years of operation

29th Hot Air Balloon Festival hosted by Stoweflake

Barnes Camp & trails earn planning honors

4 Veteran Teachers Retire: Lana Leene 43 years; Mark May 29 years; Lynn  
Bennett 26 years and Jim Cardasis 19 years.

Stowe Town Plan adopted for next 5 years

12 teams & 100 players take part in Little League Invitational Tournament

Zipline opens at the mountain

Farm of the year is Pike's in Stowe

Stowe Police Sargent Bruce Merriam accompanying the Special Olympics in  
California

12 year old boy falls 30' at Bingham Falls

Education Fund raises \$41,000 for schools

Copley Scramble at Stowe Country Club raises \$20,000 for Copley Hospital

Stowe Swimmers earn 36 first place finishes & 42 state qualifying times at  
last meet

Traffic light at corner of West Hill and Rte 100 removed - some liked it and  
some didn't

**AUGUST**

58th Annual Antique Car Show held at Nichols Field  
New town website installed with congratulations from many  
Jennifer Lane and 13 year old daughter Abby hike the Long Trail in 24 days  
15 Stowe swimmers earn finishes top finishes in the Vt State Championships  
Shap Smith throws hat in for Governor  
Westervelt, age 14 wins gold in rollerski biathlon at Lake Placid

**SEPTEMBER**

Miss O – Bev Osterberg selected for Vermont Sports Hall of Fame  
24th British Invasion held with 675 cars  
7th annual Pumpkin Chuckin Festival held at Stoweflake Resort  
West Nile made way to West Branch  
Work being done to stabilize the West Branch river near Thompson Park  
175 riders do Darn Tough Ride, riding 48, 60 or 100 miles  
Sue Minter enters race for Governor

**OCTOBER**

James Roy named Member of the Year by Stowe Mt Bike Club  
4 new members Craig Burt, Trina Hosmer, Dr. Edgar Holmes and Charles  
Lord named  
to Ski Museum Hall of Fame  
Stowe Reporter buys News and Citizen  
Keewaydin Farm (Pike's) receive 2015 New England Green Pastures Dairy  
Farm  
At Eastern States Exposition  
69 soccer teams, 700 participants from BY and VT attend 4th annual Solon  
& Liam Bailey Memorial Jamboree in Stowe  
Maple Street closed for 3 hours on Halloween  
Barnes Camp restoration project receives 2015 Project of the Year by the  
Northern N.E.  
American Planning Association  
Inn at the Mountain use to be changed to multi-use facility  
Stowe Firefighters battle blazes in Waterbury and Stowe; assist in  
rescue all in same day

## **NOVEMBER**

Solar generating facility in Nebraska Valley vote to be in January 2016  
Stowe breakfast at Community Church honors military veterans on 11/11  
Elmore residents reject merger vote; passed in Morristown. Revote will be scheduled.  
For 4th year in a row, Stowe High School Cross Country Team wins state title  
Stowe High School Girl's Soccer team wins state championship  
Boy's soccer team defeated # 1 Twin Valley for State Championship in division 3  
Stowe Field Hockey Team loses to Bellows Falls for championship  
11 SHS students inducted into the National Honor Society  
Shap Smith ends run for Governor due to wife's illness  
Heidi Vietze is honored with Teacher of the Year Award at Stowe Middle School  
Business Parker & Stearns helps to update Stowe Middle School piece of recess equipment  
VT Historical Society presents Award of Merit to Stowe Historical Society for its Interactive vintage aerial photography of "High Over Stowe"

## **DECEMBER**

Stowe-Morrisville airport welcomes Tradewinds Aviation flights to New York  
Proposed shelter for polo field in discussion  
Callagy Fahey Ross dies in snowboarding accident at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort  
Stowe hosts Dickens Christmas Festival  
Stowe Community Church welcomes new minister Rev. William Vaus  
Helen Day Art Center for past 35 years dedicates art center to Tree of Lights  
Gale Shaw Jr, one of the Stowe's noted skiers and legend in the ski industry dies  
Donna Carpenter to be Burton's CEO  
Alumni Hockey game takes place with a dedication for Marc von Trapp and Alex Kende proceeds to benefit Erica Ciaraldi

**MARCH 2015 STOWE TOWN MEETING**  
**SNAP-SHOT**

132 of 3,758 registered voters present at Annual Town/School District Meeting (floor vote) - 3% of voters

\*Town Budget increased by \$40,000 from floor to address paving in the Rt. 100/108 village intersection for a total budget approved of \$11,123,075 of which, \$8,392,254 is to be raised by taxes.

**Australian Ballot Items**

490 voters cast ballots out of 3,758 registered voters – 13% of voters

Leighton Detora elected Town & School District Moderator – 1 year term (459 votes)

Lisa Hagerty elected Selectboard – 3 year term (422 votes)

Adam Davis elected Selectboard – 2 year term (431 votes)

Emily Bradbury elected School Director – 3 year term (409 votes)

James Brochhausen elected School Director – 2 year term (413 votes)

Ellen Thorndike elected Lister – 3 year term (444 votes)

School Budget of \$12,217,575 passed with 314 (YES) and 171 (NO)

Electric Department Bond for \$800,000 for substation & transformer improvements, CIS billing system, IT improvements and vehicle replacements of Digger Derrick and Bucket Trucks passed with

369 (YES) and 110 (NO)

**ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2015**  
**STOWE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Moderator Leighton Detora called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present were 132 registered voters of the Town of Stowe. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no presentation of the Cliff Thompson award by the Fire Department because no nominations were received.

Conservationist of the year award was presented to Charlie Berry.

The Moderator then explained Roberts Rules of Order.

Permission was granted by the voters for the Town Manager, Public Works Director and Librarian to answer questions if needed as they are not registered Stowe voters.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

**Article 1:** Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Jed Lipsky, to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

**Article 2:** Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Jed Lipsky, to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and that the same shall be done by notes of the District. Cam explained the proposed school budget holds a 3.2% increase based on State & Federal mandates as well as inflation.

David Jaqua raised the issue of retirement funding and Ken strong suggested that retirement requirements be increased.

Cathy Davis as about per pupil spending and wondered how many students are here on tuition? Cam Page stated that Stowe's per pupil spending is \$14,307 which is below the state average. She added that there are currently 32 tuition students who pay \$15,500 annually.

Lionel Faye stated that a 3% budget increase is too high.

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

**Article 3:** Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Jed Lipsky, to pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year as follows:

School Board Directors	\$1,000/member per year
Moderator	\$ 75/meeting
Treasurer	\$825/year

George Gay pointed out that merging of services at the Lamoille South Supervisory Union saved \$56,000.

David Jaqua asked if the school consolidation discussions were being based on state mandates or just good sense? Cam Page state both.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

**Article 4:** Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Ken Strong, to apply five hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$580,000) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2015-2016 school year budget as well as two hundred fifty thousand (\$100,000) toward the construction fund for the purpose of building improvements and repairs, and establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the above amounts.

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

**Article 5:** Other business.

There was no other business and the School District Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

## TOWN MEETING

**Article 1:** Neil Van Dyke made the motion, seconded by Lisa Hagerty, to appropriate eleven million eighty-three thousand seventy-five dollars (\$11,083,075) to pay expenses identified in the "Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Town Operating Budget" as follows:

Accounting	\$ 260,725
Administration	\$ 408,465
Akeley Memorial Bldg	\$ 130,541
Annual Leave Reserve Fund Transfer	\$ 120,000
Arena	\$ 535,354
Cemetery	\$ 16,008
Community Affairs	\$ 79,522
Cultural Campus	\$ 35,937

Debt Management	\$ 1,256,417
Elections	\$ 3,387
Emergency Management	\$ 2,406
EMS	\$ 447,341
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	\$ 400,000
Fire	\$ 220,847
General Government	\$ 574,992
Highway	\$ 1,967,045
Insurance	\$ 209,871
Library	\$ 561,995
Listers	\$ 105,542
Mountain Rescue	\$ 19,689
Parks	\$ 504,833
Planning	\$ 139,066
Police	\$ 1,657,310
Public Safety Building	\$ 135,227
Public Works Administration	\$ 327,561
Recreation	\$ 487,366
Solid Waste	\$ 550
Street Lights	\$ 28,252
Town Clerk	\$ 312,996
Zoning	\$ 133,830

David Jaqua made the motion, which was then seconded, to amend the budget to add \$40,000 to recommend repaving of the Village intersection. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to amend was approved.

In the end, there was no further discussion and the motion to approve the amended budget of \$11,123,075 carried.

**Article 2:** Lisa Hagerty made the motion, seconded by William Adams, to appropriate five hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$460,000) for capital projects identified in the “Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Capital Budget” as follows:

Trash/Recycling Receptacles	\$ 20,000
Bridge Street Bridge Local Match	\$ 160,000
Village Sidewalk Replacement Preliminary Engineering	\$ 75,000
Luce Hill Road Culvert Rehabilitation	\$ 65,000
West Branch Erosion Mitigation Design & Permitting	\$ 50,000
MRV Sidewalk Phase 2 Design & Permitting	\$ 30,000
Town Clock Rehabilitation	\$ 10,000
Main St. Utility Line Relocation Feasibility & Preliminary Design	\$ 50,000

Bodo Liewehr asked about the need for \$20,000 for trash & recycling receptacles? Willie Noyes stated that the receptacles will be placed at many locations throughout Town and Town Manager Charles Safford added that it was a necessary requirement to comply with Act 148.

Marina Meerburg made the motion, seconded by Ed Frey, to remove \$50,000 for the feasibility study. Discussion continued both in support of and against the amendment. In the end, the amendment failed with a division of the house.

There was no further discussion and the motion to approve article 2 as presented passed.

**Article 3:** LLisa Haggerty made the motion, seconded by William Adams, to approve the list of wages for Selectboard, Listers and Moderator as follows

Selectboard	\$15,000 (five (5) members at \$3000 each)
Listers	\$ 750 (three (3) members at \$250 each)
Moderator	\$ 75 per meeting

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

**Article 4:** Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Lisa Haggerty, to accept the reports of the Town Officers as presented.

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

**Article 5:** Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Lisa Haggerty, to accept the reports of the Town Officers as presented.

There was no discussion and the motion carried..

**Article 6: Other Business**

A moment was taken to recognize Cliff Johnson for his years of service as Stowe's Public Works Director. The Town Report was dedicated to him.

Ken Schumann stated that people should step forward to make nominations for the Cliff Thompson Public Service Award.

There was no further discussion.

Town Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON A. KAISER, *Town Clerk*

## LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



The six Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) transfer station facilities serve as a convenient and affordable option for trash disposal, recycling and reuse for residents of Hyde Park. In FY2015 a total of 3,577 tons of trash and 982 tons of recycling were collected at these facilities; an additional 17,443 tons of solid waste was handled through private haulers across the District. Additionally, the LRSWMD provides services for those hard to recycle special wastes.

Amounts of those materials collected are as follows: just under 1 ton of single-use plastic shopping bags, 26 tons of books and textiles, 104 tons of electronics waste, and more than 2,850 tires.

The Board of Supervisors approved a \$1,235,510 annual operating budget for FY 2015. At the close of the fiscal year, there was a net income of \$108,000. FY2016 is off to a net income of just over \$21,000 at the close of the first quarter. The budget for FY2017 is on track to be approved in April. The operational budget of the LRSWMD is generated through user fees and disposal surcharges.

The Redemption Center at the Stowe Transfer Station handles over a million bottles annually. Some residents using the redemption center choose to have their bottle money donated to local charities by placing them in specially marked containers. Donations in the amount of \$6,793 were divided among the United Way, the Lamoille Community Food Share and other beneficiaries. The Redemption Center is closed on Tuesday and Sunday but donations can be left whenever the Stowe Transfer Station is open, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. every day except Tuesday.

LRSWMD also pays \$1,200 per year to Green Up Vermont to cover the cost of our District towns participation in this program. Approximately 9.53 tons of trash and 621 tires were collected across the LRSWMD for Green Up Day. Contact Tom Jackman, Stowe Conservation Green Up Coordinator, to get involved!

Please check online for more details of services provided, location of sites and items accepted: [www.lrswmd.org](http://www.lrswmd.org). You can now also find us on Twitter and Facebook!

LRSWMD Facilities	Hours
<b>Main Office - 29 Sunset Dr. Morrisville</b> ph: 888-7317 <i>~ DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE, ADMINISTRATION ONLY ~</i>	Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
Craftsbury - Town Garage, Creek Road	Saturday 9am to 1pm
Eden - Town Garage, Route 100	Sunday 9am to 2pm
Johnson - Wilson Road off Route 100 ph: 635-9246	Friday & Saturday 8:30am - 3:30pm
Morrisville - Trombley Hill Road	Saturday 8:30am - 1:30pm
Worcester - Calais Road ph: 229-2719	Saturday 7:30am to 1pm
Stowe - Dump Road ph: 253-4059	M, W, Th, F, Sat., Sun. Closed Tuesdays 7:30am - 3pm
Stowe Reuse Room & Redemption Center ph: 253-9503	<b>REUSE CENTER</b> For picking up only Tuesday 10:30am - 4:30pm, Saturday & Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm  <b>REDEMPTION CENTER</b> Closed Tues. & Sun. All other days open 7:30am - 3pm

**NON-DISTRICT OPERATED FACILITIES:**

- Casella Waste Management: Hyde Park, 800-439-3615
- Town of Wolcott Transfer Station: Gulf Road, 888-2746
- Cambridge Transfer Station: Rt 104, 800-439-3615
- Foss Enterprises: Garfield Road, 888-2469
- ReSource: 851-8333, Hyde Park

**LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FEE SCHEDULE**

**LRSWMD Pricing Guide**

RECYCLING	Any Size	FREE
TRASH	15 Gal	\$2.25
	30 Gal	\$3.75
	45 Gal	\$5.25
	per Yard	\$27.00
	per Ton	\$155.00
	Min Scale Fee	\$25.00
APPLIANCES	Microwave, Washer, etc.	\$5.00
	w/ Freon	\$12.00
BATTERIES	Lead Acid Automotive	\$1.00
	All other batteries	FREE
BOOKS	15 gal box or bin	\$0.50
BULBS	Ballast	\$0.50
	CFL, HID, Mercury	FREE
	Fluorescent Tubes <10	FREE
	Fluorescent Tubes ≥10	\$0.07/ft
	UV	\$3.00 ea
BULKY/ FURNITURE	Chair - <i>Stuffed</i>	\$6.00
	Chair - <i>Recliner/Medical</i>	\$12.00
	Mattress/Box - Lg	\$15.00 ea.
	Mattress/Box - Sm	\$8.00 ea.
	Sofa	\$15.00
	Sleeper Sofa	\$25.00

BUILDING MATERIALS	Asphalt Shingles	\$18/drum	\$75/yd
	Concrete, Brick, Mortar		\$6/yd
		per Yard	\$40.00
ELECTRONICS		per Ton	\$155.00
	Computers and TVs <7		FREE
	Computers and TVs >7		Fees apply
	Small Electronics <i>(depends on size)</i>		\$1 - \$5
PROPANE TANKS	1 lb.		\$0.50
	20 lb.		\$3.00
REUSE	≤15 gallon		\$0.50
	> 15 gallon		min of \$1.00
SCRAP METAL		per Yard	\$5.00
TIRES	Bicycle		\$0.50 ea.
	Small: 16"		\$3.50 ea.
	Medium: 17" - 20"		\$7 ea.
	Large: 21" - 24"		\$10 ea.
	w/ Rim - add'l cost		\$1.00 ea.
ORGANICS/ YARD WASTE	Grass Clipping, Leaf and Yard Debris, Brush and Stumps		\$3.00/yd
	Clean, untreated wood		\$3.00/yd
	Christmas Trees (Jan.1 thru Feb.1)		FREE

## TOWN WAGE REPORT

Fte	Name	Hourly Rate	Years Of Service
1.00	Adams Gregory A. Jr	22.34	11
1.00	Adams Nicole B.	21.53	1
0.24	Allaire Barbara	20.26	40
1.00	Allen John E.	21.52	16
1.00	Barup Ray T.	18.38	1
1.00	Bates Eric J.	19.50	12
1.00	Baumann Jeffrey	17.65	2
1.00	Binder Frances M.	16.26	0
1.00	Black Samuel C.	17.65	2
1.00	Boek Emily A.	19.18	1
1.00	Bowles Christopher A.	23.52	0
1.00	Cashin Ryan T.	20.61	0
1.00	Demeritt Steve M.	23.87	11
1.00	Emerson Bruce	30.06	23
1.00	Gregory Megan K.	21.35	1
1.00	Hoadley Robert E.	18.19	8
1.00	Hodgdon Archie Iii	17.08	2
0.60	Kelly Linda D.	30.22	11
1.00	Kirkpatrick Scott	21.75	1
1.00	Knight David M.	33.12	18
1.00	Longe Bryan G.	32.70	13
1.00	Mandigo Michael E.	33.34	28
1.00	Manning Michael	27.13	28
1.00	Marcoux Lucas A.	21.75	2
1.00	Martin Joseph O.	21.52	20
1.00	Masset Tessa E.	17.71	2
1.00	Mcelligott Kelly P.	21.90	2
1.00	Merriam Bruce	34.77	31
1.00	Moeck Susan H.	29.34	18
1.00	Mogerley Neil F.	22.73	2
1.00	Pickett Julie S.	29.09	28
1.00	Psaros Jessica L.	16.26	0
1.00	Rhodes Lawrence G.	22.58	25
1.00	Rogers Christopher B.	31.85	18
1.00	Ross Allen R.	25.62	18
1.00	Small Daren H.	24.63	1
0.83	Smith Peter R.	19.49	34
1.00	Stewart Steve C.	34.77	31
1.00	Stirewalt Mark A.	24.87	8
1.00	Tabor Darron L.	27.28	22
1.00	Walker Kyle R.	26.45	7
0.75	Walker Lisa A.	20.53	1
1.00	Wells Melvin R.	23.94	26
1.00	Wells Jasson	23.24	13

1.00	Whitcomb Frederick G.	29.47	16
1.00	Wilkesman Jesse K.	26.62	11
1.00	Wilkins-Mandigo Gwyn	22.58	33
<b>Fte</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Weekly Salary</b>	<b>Years Of Service</b>
1.00	Baker Richard T.	1,469.43	9
1.00	Bonneau Stephen J.	1,528.21	25
1.00	Brinkman Scott	1,212.90	4
1.00	Frazeo Matthew	1,370.82	2
1.00	Fuller Cynthia C.	1,390.71	0
1.00	Godin Bruce	1,528.21	35
1.00	Grogan Richard L.	1,344.74	3
1.00	Hull Donald	1,684.84	3
1.00	Jackman Thomas	1,528.21	13
1.00	Jolly Christopher J.	1,212.90	0
1.00	Kaiser Alison A.	1,604.58	22
1.00	Lewis Gregory A.	1,604.58	36
1.00	Morrissey Timothy	1,337.22	3
1.00	Safford Charles M.	2,140.05	8
1.00	Shepard Harry J. Iii	1,820.75	5
1.00	Weber Cynthia K.	1,261.42	3
1.00	Whitaker Anthony J.	1,144.11	7

### STOWE ELECTRIC DEPT. EMPLOYEE WAGE REPORT

<b>FTE</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
1.00	Bilodeau, Evan	\$34.03	3
1.00	Cutler, Steve	\$36.75	2
1.00	Fortunati, Adam	\$30.63	0
1.00	Hackwell, Beth	\$22.22	1
1.00	Hammond, Tammy	\$19.78	0
0.50	Mandigo, Randy	\$23.82	37
1.00	McAllister III, Wilfred	\$26.03	0
1.00	Percy, Tim	\$28.92	0
1.00	Power, Silas	\$34.03	6
1.00	West, Tracy	\$27.23	1
<b>FTE</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Weekly Salary</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
1.00	Brewster, Jamie	\$1,189.43	3
1.00	Burgess, Lily	\$1,292.86	9
1.00	Burt, Ellen	\$2,517.79	20
1.00	Haselton, Doug	\$1,861.72	4
1.00	Rutherford, Matt	\$ 838.47	1
1.00	Waugh, Patricia	\$1,442.31	1
1.00	Weishaar, Kevin	\$1,725.50	2

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
WAGES REPORT FY16**

<b>FTE</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Years Teaching</b>	<b>Education Level</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.00	Annetts	Barbara	34	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Barney	Brian	21	B+30	\$60,299.00
1.00	Bradford	Elizabeth	19	M+60	\$79,007.00
1.00	Buzzell	Stephen	11	M+60	\$69,653.00
1.00	Chartrand	Rebecca	6	B+15	\$51,370.00
1.00	Connelly	Laurel	2	B+45/M	\$48,394.00
1.00	Conti	Lauren	3	B+45/M	\$50,249.00
1.00	Crouse	Kathryn	8	M+15	\$57,322.00
1.00	Dacales	Jeffrey	22	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Delena	David	12	M+45	\$69,266.00
1.00	Economou	Anne	13	M+30	\$68,918.00
1.00	Emory	Paige	20	B+45/M	\$65,208.00
0.80	Faith	Jennifer	8	B+15	\$42,580.00
1.00	Gagnon	Andrew	1	B	\$38,653.00
1.00	Gordon	Charles	27	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Greene	Aimee	10	B+45/M	\$63,314.00
1.00	Greene	Micah	9	B+45/M	\$63,314.00
1.00	Grogan	Jeffrey	16	M+45	\$74,871.00
1.00	Harney	Kate	1	B+30	\$41,629.00
1.00	Harris	Mairead	2	B	\$42,402.00
1.00	Hedenberg	Timberly	1	B	\$38,653.00
1.00	Hoffmann	Heather	14	M+30	\$70,774.00
1.00	Horton	Sarah	14	B+45/M	\$67,063.00
1.00	Hulbert	Madeline	5	B+15	\$49,514.00
1.00	Kalp	Laura	12	M+15	\$66,676.00
1.00	Keaton	Rachael	9	B+45/M	\$61,458.00
1.00	Kennedy	Dale	26	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Kennedy	John	7	M+60	\$65,903.00
1.00	Lambert	Jane	31	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Limanek	Carol	35	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Lowe	Constance	22	M+30	\$76,378.00
1.00	McArdle	Amy	29	M+30	\$76,378.00
1.00	McDowell	Donald	33	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Meagle	Susan	27	M+15	\$74,136.00
1.00	Meier	Christopher	5	B+45/M	\$53,998.00
1.00	Meyer	Kaaren	23	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Monahan	Wendy	21	M+45	\$78,620.00
1.00	Murphy	Roger	18	M+45	\$74,871.00
1.00	Ndione	Ann	15	M+30	\$72,629.00

FTE	Last Name	First Name	Years Teaching	Education Level	Salary
1.00	North	Tamara	9	B+45/M	\$59,603.00
1.00	Peterson	Lucas	7	M+15	\$55,467.00
1.00	Rapoport	Michael	10	M+45	\$65,555.00
1.00	Raymond	Pamela	28	M+45	\$78,620.00
1.00	Reina	Soraya	15	B+45/M	\$70,812.00
1.00	Ritzo	Joseph	37	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Rudner	Elyse	30	M+15	\$74,136.00
1.00	Schafer	Anastasia	5	B	\$48,007.00
1.00	Schnee	Karen	31	B+15	\$53,225.00
1.00	Semler	Sean	13	B+45/M	\$68,918.00
1.00	Smith	David	12	B+45/M	\$63,314.00
1.00	Smythe	Kathleen	5	B+15	\$49,514.00
1.00	Sorrell-Lacasse	Martha	24	M+60	\$80,862.00
1.00	Stanton	Catherine	12	B+15	\$53,225.00
1.00	Suursoo	Astrid	30	M+45	\$78,620.00
1.00	Vietze	Heidi	18	B+45/M	\$68,918.00
0.80	Volansky	Jennifer	17	B+15	\$42,580.00
1.00	Waite	Timothy	1	B	\$40,508.00
1.00	Wells	Jessica	7	M+15	\$57,322.00
1.00	Williams	Norman	40	M+60	\$80,862.00
0.80	Zide	Trina	4	M+15	\$42,858.40
1.00	Ziegler	Timothy	31	B+45/M	\$72,668.00
0.80	Zimbalatti	Carleen	7	M+15	\$44,373.60

\*B represents a Bachelor's Degree

\*M represents a Master's Degree

(+15, +30, etc., represents additional credits earned above the degree)

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT STAFF  
WAGES REPORT FY16**

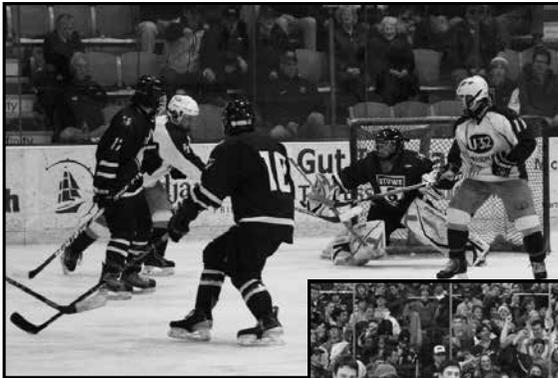
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Hourly Rate/Salary</b>
Andrews	Jenifer	Kindergarten Aide	\$12.62
Bartholomew	Kathleen	Kindergarten Aide	\$14.37
Bedell	Michael	Head Custodian	\$40,228.00
Bernhard	Martha	Food Service	\$11.85
Bouchard	Priscilla	Reading Aide	\$13.62
Broderick	Catherine	Driver's Education	\$33,600.00
Brown	Mariah	Playground Supervisor/Aide	\$13.27
Clymer	Stefanie	Strategic Math Support Aide	\$14.12
Crittenberger-Geissler	Jacqueline	Learning Center Assistant	\$14.37
Digregorio	Michelle	Food Service	\$13.91
Faunce	John	Network Administrator	\$50,841.00
Gillen	Wayne	Custodian	\$15.29
Godin	Janet	School Nurse Aide	\$16.48
Graves	Joanna	Athletic Director	\$31,542.00
Greene	Crystal	Strategic Math Support Aide	\$12.62
Hale	Barbara	Learning Center Assistant	\$14.37
Hayden	Dorothy	Administrative Assistant	\$36,050.00
Hough	Maryanne	Administrative Assistant	\$46,847.00
Laflamme	Pierre	Student Assistance Counselor	\$52,698.00
Leavey	William	Custodian	\$15.04
Maher	Jeffrey	Principal	\$118,383.00
Mailhoit	Thomas	Grounds & Building Manager	\$64,688.00
Merchant	Adam	Food Service	\$13.00
Minkoff	Alexander	Technical Support Specialist	\$32,960.00
Morrison	Daniel	Principal	\$86,366.00
O'Grady	Susan	Secretary	\$15.63
O'Neil	Judith	Registrar	\$34,182.00
O'Neill	Benjamin	Custodian	\$14.65
Ortiz	Elisabeth	Administrative Assistant	\$37,080.00
Shedd	Navia	Custodian	\$14.90
Slocum	Kathleen	Library Aide	\$14.62
Smiles	Richard	Principal	\$116,992.00
Tyler	Julie	Health Aide	\$15.40
Walker	Charlene	Secretary	\$36,569.00
Wasserman	Theodore	Custodian	\$15.04
Williams	Perrin	Food Service	\$18.54

**LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION  
ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND STAFF  
WAGES REPORT FY16**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Hourly Rate/Salary</b>
Alperen	Jana	Special Educator	\$51,370.00
Alvin	Robyn	SLP Aide	\$13.87
Angione	Rita	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$74,136.00
Armbruster	Huntly	Paraprofessional	\$13.57
Banfi-Graupe	Katalin	Paraprofessional	\$12.87
Barberi	Andrea	Special Educator	\$66,676.00
Bataille	Jeanne	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$72,668.00
Beal	Lindzey	Paraprofessional	\$13.62
Belitsos	Leah	Special Educator	\$53,573.00
Bellavance	Ericka	Program Aide	\$15.44
Berger	Linda	Director of Student Services	\$88,562.00
Boerger	Patty	Consulting Teacher	\$76,765.00
Breault	Katelyn	Paraprofessional	\$13.87
Brynn	Jeffery	Food Service Director	\$51,500.00
Bullard	Ariana	Paraprofessional	\$12.17
Calenberg	Carol	Paraprofessional	\$13.27
Calhoun	James	School Psychologist	\$74,583.00
Christensen	Carrie	Accountant	\$49,239.00
Cook	Genny	Occupational Therapist	\$33,000.00
Cota	Doreen	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Cote	Robin	Paraprofessional	\$13.47
Cross	Lisa	Human Resources Coordinator	\$51,496.00
Crowder	Rochelle	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$67,063.00
Davis	Cathy	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Desrochers	Julie	Paraprofessional	\$14.87
Dunkley	Kim	Early Education Paraprofessional	\$14.50
Earle	Kristina	Speech Language Aide	\$13.72
Echarte	Jennifer	Paraprofessional	\$14.12
Farmer	Debra	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Fish	Patricia	Special Educator	\$57,709.00
Fisher	Julia	Early Education Program Teacher	\$61,072.00
Fitzgerald	Michelle	Paraprofessional	\$13.72
Fleming	Kascinda	Special Educator	\$48,394.00
Friedrich	Chelsea	Speech Language Aide	\$14.37
Gabaree	David	Paraprofessional	\$14.87
Gamble	Laurel	Paraprofessional	\$13.72
Gillen	Melissa	Data Manager	\$58,966.00
Gravel	Brenda	Administrative Assistant	\$42,892.00
Gravel	Julie	Speech Language Aide	\$14.87

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Hourly Rate/Salary</b>
Griffith	Tammy	Paraprofessional	\$13.12
Grove	Jennifer	Early Education Program Teacher	\$38,653.00
Guihan	Marian	Paraprofessional	\$13.72
Halladay	Kaitlyn	Paraprofessional	\$12.52
Hodder	Megan	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Howe	Noel	Paraprofessional	\$12.67
Hunkins	Melissa	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Ingalls	Heidi	Accounting Manager	\$54,212.00
Jones	Alice	Paraprofessional	\$13.62
Keith	Amanda	Paraprofessional	\$13.47
King	Anne	Special Educator	\$75,257.00
King	Eric	Special Educator	\$71,160.00
King	Mary	Paraprofessional	\$13.57
Kirby	Meghan	Paraprofessional	\$12.02
Kuney	Alyssa	Paraprofessional	\$12.42
Lacoss	Heather	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Langdon	Elaine	Special Educator	\$63,661.00
Lapan	Emily	Paraprofessional	\$13.47
Lewis	Norma	Paraprofessional	\$29,009.00
Lively	Rebecca	School Psychologist	\$73,944.00
Locke	Amanda	Administrative Assistant	\$34,000.00
Lorson	Shane	Paraprofessional	\$14.37
Lundeen	Andrew	Director of Finance and Operations	\$87,078.00
Macy	Kelly	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$59,603.00
Mallory	Heather	Early Education Paraprofessional	\$14.62
Marshall	Amy	Consulting Teacher	\$72,668.00
Messier	Karen	Paraprofessional	\$13.72
Meyer	John	Director of Educational Technology	\$70,000.00
Mickelsen	Betsy	Early Education Program Teacher	\$38,653.00
Morse	Leah	Accountant	\$38,110.00
Myerson	Jordan	Director of Nursing Services	\$64,000.00
Nadeau	Michelle	Pre-School Program Teacher	\$42,402.00
Nelson	Brendan	Paraprofessional	\$13.87
O'Laughlin	Ann	Paraprofessional	\$20.55
Oplinger	Leslie	Special Educator	\$73,016.00
Pelkey	Marcella	Occupational Therapist	\$71,952.00
Peterson	Ruthanne	Special Educator	\$44,258.00
Reeve	Gianna	Paraprofessional	\$13.47
Rice	Linda	Speech Language Aide	\$13.87
Roy	Ruth	Physical Therapist	\$72,000.00
Safford	Jennifer	Paraprofessional	\$13.72
Sanner	Elizabeth	Special Educator	\$50,249.00
Saphier	Kelly	ESL Instructor	\$59,178.00

Last Name	First Name	Position	Hourly Rate/Salary
Schleupner	Heather	Paraprofessional	\$14.87
Schulze	Susan	Consulting Teacher	\$63,314.00
Scott	Philip	Paraprofessional	\$13.42
Scribner	Samantha	Paraprofessional	\$14.12
Small	Carmen	Paraprofessional	\$12.92
Smith	Terrie	Paraprofessional	\$13.37
Squires	Rachel	Paraprofessional	\$18.20
Stengel	Michael	Paraprofessional	\$13.47
Sullivan	Valerie	Director of Curriculum & Instruction	\$97,881.00
Tilton	Kaitlin	Early Education Paraprofessional	\$12.62
Walsh	Christopher	Paraprofessional	\$14.87
Wills	Jessica	Special Educator	\$59,603.00
Wood	Barbara	Paraprofessional	\$13.22
Wrend	Tracy	Superintendent of Schools	\$129,801.00
Wyman	Naomi	Early Education Paraprofessional	\$15.37
Zola	Joseph	Paraprofessional	\$14.37



*Stowe Raiders 2015*  
*Division II*  
*State Champions*



## STOWE HISTORIC TIMELINE

- 1763 Charter granted by Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire to 64 “Proprietors,” none of whom settled in Stowe (June 8, 1763); original area 36 square miles.
- 1791 Vermont becomes the 14th state.
- 1794 First settlement; Oliver Luce arrived from Hartland, VT (April 16, 1794)
- 1796 First saw and grist mill built at the falls of the Little River in Mill Village
- 1797 First town meeting held at house of Lauden Chase
- 1798 The Old Yard or Center Cemetery established on land donated by the Town Clerk following the drowning of his son; oldest in town. First hotel established in Stowe about a mile above the village.
- 1800 First school house erected on land deeded by Oliver Luce in the Upper Village
- First established religious group (Methodist); first recorded church service. Dysentery epidemic – 48 die in six months, representing nearly one-sixth of the population.
- 1803 Original wooden bridge on Bridge Street constructed. Military company established. First log school houses built in upper village.
- 1806 Leather tannery constructed in the lower village.
- 1810 First one-horse wagon driven over “road” from Waterbury to Stowe.
- 1811 Steve Wright House built; oldest in Village
- First tavern erected in the Center Village; expanded to an inn in 1814. Dry goods store opened in lower village.
- 1812 Carding mill established in lower village.
- 1817 First school established in what became Stowe Village
- 1818 Old Town Hall built on the site of the present Stowe Community Church, later moved to its present location; oldest public building in Stowe in continuous public service; now the Vermont Ski Museum.
- First Church built
- 1820 Masonic Lodge established
- 1822 Gristmill constructed in Mill Village. Dam and sawmill established in Moscow.

- 1828 First public library opened (given up in 1849).
- 1832 Stowe-Morrisville Road opened to traffic; Route 100
- 1833 Green Mountain Inn built as a dwelling; later expanded into a hotel
- 1838 “e” added to “Stow” in warned Town Meeting
- 1840 Most of the Town of Mansfield added to Stowe (originally settled in 1799)
- 1842 New road route laid out to Waterbury Center.
- 1844 Bridge on Bridge Street replaced by a covered wooden bridge . West Branch Cemetery established.
- 1849 Rail service established in Waterbury
- 1855 Part of the Town of Sterling added to Stowe  
McMahon House (Bashaw home) built; stop on the Underground Railroad. Gold discovered in Gold Brook.
- 1856 Toll Road up Mt. Mansfield to the Half-way House built; a saddle horse trail went from there to the summit
- 1858 Summit House built under the nose of Mt. Mansfield
- 1860 Planked toll road established between Waterbury Center and Stowe  
Road to Smugglers Notch was run up to the Big Spring
- 1861 District #6 Village School (Stowe High School) constructed
- 1863 Mount Mansfield Hotel constructed in the Village. It had three and one-half stories, 300 feet long with two rear wings; accommodated 450 guests, with livery for 200 horses;  
Stowe Community Church built for \$12,000; most photographed building in town
- 1865 Riverbank Cemetery established
- 1866 Stowe Free Library established
- 1870 Mt. Mansfield Toll Road completed to the summit
- 1883 C.E. & F.O. Burt purchased 1000 acres of timberland on Worcester Mountain and established a steam mill in Stowe Hollow.
- 1888 Mt. Mansfield Creamery began operation, first in Lamoille County
- 1889 Fire; destroyed the Mount Mansfield Hotel
- 1890 George M. Culver Butter Tubs Factory established (later Stoware, Inc and the home of Stowe Canoe Company)
- 1893 Neighborhood school districts consolidated into single town school district

- 1894 Carriage Road to Smugglers Notch completed. Stowe Centennial Celebration.
- 1895 C.E. & F.O. Burt steam mill erected in Stowe Village.
- 1896 Stowe Village incorporated
- 1897 Mt. Mansfield Electric Railroad began daily service between Waterbury and Stowe; Depot Building constructed;
- 1899 Mansfield Mountain Grange established
- 1900 Stowe High School organized; first graduating class in 1901  
Roman Catholic mission established in Stowe.
- 1902 Akeley Memorial Building built, as a soldier's memorial; it has housed the post office, jail, Union Bank, Stowe Free Library and administration offices.
- 1904 Municipal water system established to serve village
- 1905 Palisades Park deeded to town
- 1906 Stowe Cemetery Association established
- 1911 Village of Stowe Electric Light & Power System established  
Water mains constructed from Edson Hill springs to Village, Lower Village  
Stowe Civic Club established (to promote village improvements, e.g. electric lights).
- 1913 Skiing first introduced by Swedish families living in Stowe
- 1915 Main Street sidewalks and curbing put in. First state purchase of land on Mount Mansfield for a state forest.
- 1918 Notch Road completed for use by automobiles.
- 1919 American Legion organized in Stowe.
- 1921 First Winter Carnival held; sponsored by the Stowe Civic Club; ski jump, toboggan slide and skating rink built.
- 1923 Torrent Fire Department organized with 30 members. Toll Road to summit of Mount Mansfield open to automobiles.
- 1925 Stowe Women's Club organized.
- 1927 Fire truck purchased.
- 1931 Village Charter amended for construction of an electric plant, and service area expansion outside of village
- 1932 Mt. Mansfield Electric Railroad service discontinued.  
Cement highway was built through Stowe, Route 100

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- 1933 First ski trails cut as part of Civilian Conservation Corps project
- 1934 Municipal well developed to supply water system (abandoned in 1994). Mt. Mansfield Ski Club incorporated.
- 1940 First single chair lift constructed on Mt. Mansfield, ushering in modern commercial skiing
- 1944 Covered Bridge on the West Branch, built in 1848, was rebuilt with no cover “in deference to changing times”
- 1949 Mt. Mansfield Company established. Stowe Rotary organized.
- 1954 Stowe Elementary School built; last one room schools closed
- 1956 Stowe Historical Society founded
- 1957 Summit House closed and dismantled
- 1958 Stowe Reporter established.
- 1960 Proposed zoning regulation rejected by town voters and again in 1961
- 1962 Planning Commission appointed by the Selectmen.
- 1963 Stowe-Morrisville Airport established as first state-owned airport constructed in state
- 1964 First Stowe town plan “Stowe Plan of Development” adopted
- 1971 Village residents vote down merger with the town.
- 1972 New fire and police station build in Lower Village.
- 1973 Stowe Middle-Senior High School Built on Barrows Road
- 1974 Jackson Ice Arena completed
- 1975 Winter Carnival resurrected
- Stowe Rescue Squad started Contract with Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department for emergency dispatch services.
- 1976 Bloody Brook one room school renovated for museum operated by the Stowe Historical Society.
- 1978 Stowe Village Historic District nominated to National Register
- 1979 Town Garage constructed. Alpine Slide opened. Fire at Trapp Family Lodge destroyed main building; replaced by current lodge.
- 1980 Stowe’s first municipal wastewater treatment plan constructed replacing direct system discharge into the Little River
- Fire at Trapp Family Lodge destroyed main building; replaced by current lodge

- 1981 Former Stowe High School renovated to house the Library Free Library and Helen Day Art Center
- 1982 Art exhibitions began at the Helen Day Art Center
- 1984 Stowe Recreation Path opened. Stowe Conservation Commission established.
- 1987 Stowe Land Trust founded  
Renovation of public safety buildings on Route 100, a \$688,000 construction project. New post office opened.
- 1989 Stowe Recreation Path completed to Top Notch Meadow  
Elementary school playground built. Village sidewalks replaced. Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District formed.
- 1990 Mayo Farm purchased by the town for conservation, recreation and community-related purposes; includes 35 acre special events field.
- 1992 Stowe Trolley System established. Night skiing debuts.  
Stowe Elementary School renovated and wing added to Stowe Middle-Senior High School
- 1993 Mayo Connector Road constructed
- 1994 Library building expanded.
- 1995 Wastewater treatment facility and service areas expansions are locally approved
- 1996 Quiet Path on Mayo Farm is completed. Merger approved by Town and Village, effective July 1.
- 1997 Mayo Connector Road paved. Ridgeline and Hillside overlay District is established. Sewer line extended to Sylvan Park area of Lower Village.
- 1998 Moscow Ball Fields acquired. Copley Woodlands Condominiums opened. Sewer line extended up Mountain Road to Cottage Club Road. Phase 1 of water system expansion approved by voters, to be completed in 1999.
- 1999 Act 250 approval for sewer plant expansion
- 2000 Moscow Stump Dump is closed  
Sunset Hill and Bingham Falls are conserved by Stowe Land Trust  
Vermont Ski Museum is established in the renovated Old Meeting House building

- 2001 Construction of expanded wastewater treatment plant and sewer and water lines commences
- 2002 Development Review Board replaces Zoning Board of Adjustment Planning Commission's role is redefined to be long term planning
- 2003 Historical Preservation Commission is established
- 2004 Mayo Farm 25 year term easement is established and management plan developed
- 2005 Construction of Spruce Peak improvements commences
- 2006 One percent local options tax on rooms and meals is established
- 2007 Town Manager form of government Charter change. Adams Camp is conserved by Stowe Land Trust
- 2008 Village Vibrancy group is formed
- 2009 New public safety building is constructed at a cost of \$7,200,000. Helen Day repairs commence.
- 2010 West Branch Schoolhouse/St. John's Church moved to its new location adjacent to Stowe Free Library and will house Stowe Historical Society. Memorial Park Master Plan completion.
- 2011 Construction of new expanded vault at Akeley Memorial Building. Rebuilt Cupola placed on Akeley. Cape Cod Road embankment failure. Little River water main replacement after Hurricane Irene.
- 2012 Cady Hill Forest is purchased by Stowe Land Trust and acquired by the Town. "Rotary Barn" (1839 Congregational Church) demolished.
- 2013 Stowe Arena is constructed at a cost of \$6,500,000 as a replacement for aging Jackson Arena. Korean era and Vietnam era Veteran Plaques commemorated at Akeley Memorial Building. Stowe celebrates 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Marshall (sledding) Hill purchased by Town. Cemetery Road reconstruction.
- 2014 Mountain Road Village Sidewalk construction from Cape Cod Rd to Gale Farm Center. Mayo Events Field grading and drainage. Cady Hill Forest trail improvements.
- 2015 Adoption of the 2015 Stowe Town Plan. Replacement of the Bridge St. Bridge, dedicated to Giles Dewey. Completion of the village staircase to the Rec Path parking lot. Completion of Phase 1 of the West Branch River/Stowe Rec Path Restoration Project. Replaced the decking on the "Heyer Bridge" on Ranch Brook Rd. Construction of the Stowe Mountain Resort Adventure Center, Zip Tour and Tree Top Adventure course. Conservationist of the Year Award presented to Charlie Berry.

**Town of Stowe, Vermont**  
**IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION**

1. **Method of Payment:** Currently dated checks should be made payable to TREASURER, TOWN OF STOWE, P.O. Box 730, Stowe, Vermont 05672. Payments mailed from foreign countries may either be paid by check or International Money Order, but must be payable in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank. Checks not meeting these requirements will immediately be returned to the sender and penalties will be attached if applicable. All checks returned by the bank, for any reason, will cause the payment to be cancelled, any receipt for that payment to be void, and fees, penalties and interest added where applicable. Receipt will be mailed if a stamp is supplied.
2. **Taxes/Special Assessments:** The tax bill covers taxes and special assessments, if any, for the fiscal year July 1 through June 30. The total of the individual tax amounts shown in the breakdown may not equal the "total amount" because of the lost mill factor in computing each extension.
3. **Installment Payments/Delinquent Dates:** Taxes on real property are payable in four (4) equal payments. One quarter of the annual tax bill is due on each installment due date -

<b>1st installment</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>2nd installment</b>	<b>November 10</b>
<b>3rd installment</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>4th installment</b>	<b>May 10</b>

Any taxes not paid when due will be deemed delinquent and payable to the collector of delinquent taxes. **An additional charge** of two percent (2%) of the unpaid taxes will be imposed for each month or fraction thereof as interest on any tax not paid on or before the dates due. If the installment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time of delinquency will be on the next business day. **POSTMARKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

4. **Property Ownership/Statements:** Taxes are levied on real property as it exists in the name of the owner of record on the lien date of April 1st, prior to the July 1st tax year start date.
5. **Property Owner's Responsibility:** By law, tax bills are mailed to the owner of record as of April 1st at the address on file with the Assessor's Office on or about July 1st. **Failure to receive a bill DOES NOT relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due and payable; nor does it relieve the addition of penalties and interest as required by law.** The Assessor's Office must be notified in writing of any address changes.
6. **Transfer of Property:** If all or a portion of the taxed property is sold it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner. It is the **new owner's** responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable. **The Town Clerk's office is willing to provide a copy of the current year tax bill at no charge.**

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