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TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Town Moderator:

Town Moderator:

Term expires 2017 (1 year term)

Leighton C. Detora

Selectboard:

Term expires 2017 (3 year term)

William Noyes

Term expires 2017 (2 year term)

Adam Davis

Term expires 2018 (3 year term)

Lisa Hagerty

Term expires 2018 (2 year term)

Cornelius Van Dyke

Term expires 2019 (3 year term)

William Adams II

Listers:

Term expires 2017 (3 year term)

Leo V. Clark

Term expires 2018 (3 year term)

Ellen Thorndike

Term expires 2019 (3 year term)

Paul E. Percy

School District Moderator

Term expires 2017 (1 year term)

Leighton C. Detora

School Directors:

Term expires 2017 (3 year term)

C. Cameron Page

Term expires 2017 (2 year term)

James Brochhausen

Term expires 2018 (3 year term)

Emily Bradbury

Term expires 2018 (2 year term)

Vacant

Term expires 2019 (3 year term)

Cara Zimmerman

Justices of the Peace:

All terms are for two years and expire January 31, 2019

Mary Black

Elizabeth Lackey

Marshall Faye

Arnold Ziegel

Richard Bland

Mitzi McInnis

Kermit R. Spaulding

Leighton C. Detora

Susie Connerty

Pall D. Spera

Lyndall P. Heyer

Marina Meerburg

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

Cemetery Commissioners:

Term expires 2017	Donna Adams
Term expires 2017	Barbara Allaire
Term expires 2018	Claire "Skeeter" Austin
Term expires 2019	Judy Demeritt
Term expires 2019	Vacant
Term expires 2019	Gerry Griffin
Term expires 2019	Karin Gottlieb

Library Trustees:

Term expires 2017	Charles Lusk
Term expires 2017	Richard Johannesen Jr.
Term expires 2018	Kim Kaufman
Term expires 2018	Charlotte Maison Kastner
Term expires 2019	Darla Witmer
Term expires 2019	David Bryan
Term expires 2019	Barbara Fox

Recreation Commissioners:

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
Term expires 2019	Vacant

Development Review Board:

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
Term expires 2018	Drew Clymer
Term expires 2019	Michael Diender
Term expires 2019 (Alternate)	Peter Collotta

Planning Commission:

Term expires 2017	Charles Baraw, Jr.
Term expires 2017	Brian Hamor
Term expires 2018	Robert Davison
Term expires 2018	Neil Percy
Term expires 2019	Mila Lonetto
Term expires 2019	Chuck Ebel
Term expires 2019	Arnold Ziegel

Conservation Commission:

Term expires 2017	Robert Moore
Term expires 2017	David Jaqua
Term expires 2017	Christine McGowan
Term expires 2018	Darsey Moon
Term expires 2018	Catherine Drake
Term expires 2019	Andre Blaise
Term expires 2019	Gar Anderson

Historic Preservation Commission:

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
Term expires 2019	Barbara Baraw
Term expires 2019 (alternate)	George Bambara

Stowe Electric Utility Commissioners:

Term expires 2017	Larry Lackey
Term expires 2018	Richard C. Marron
Term expires 2019	Denise Gutstein

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Executive Assistant & Clerk to Selectboard Abigail Earle

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 SpecialistRobert McCarthy

Director of Planning Tom Jackman
 Zoning DirectorRichard Baker
 Acting Zoning Administrator Tom Jackman

Secretary to Recreation, CemeteryBarbara 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 CommissionerCharles Safford
 Highway Superintendent Stephen J. Bonneau
 Highway ForemanDaren Small
 Road Crew: John Allen, Eric Bates, Melvin Wells, Joe Martin,
 Jasson Wells, Archie Hodgdon, Todd Barup
 Town Mechanic Greg Adams

Fire ChiefMark 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 SergeantsSteve Stewart & Bruce Merriam
 Patrol Corporal..... David Knight & Christopher Rogers
 DetectiveFrederick Whitcomb
 Patrol Division: Bruce Emerson, Kyle Walker, Neil Mogerley,
 Ryan Cashin, Zachary Smith
 Technology Officer..... Darron Tabor
 Part-Time Officers: Matthew Andrews, Francis Gonyaw,
 David Selby, Jon Zygmuntowicz, Andre Labier, Steve Holbrook,
 Christian Mellen, Scott Kirkpatrick, Brook O'Steen,
 Chris Jones, Adam Pockette

Acting Wastewater Superintendent Harry Shepard
 Chief Sewer Plant OperatorBryan Longe
 Assistant Chief Sewer Plant Operator Jesse Wilkesman
 Sewer Plant Operator.....Mark Stirewalt
 Sewer Lab TechnicianGwyn Wilkins-Mandigo

Water Superintendent/Chief Water Operator Richard Grogan
 Assistant Chief Water Plant Operator Allen Ross
 Water Plant Operator Richard Griffin
 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 Dave Kresock
 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
 Customer Service Tammy Hammond
 Working Foreman..... Silas Power
 Linemen: Adam Fortunati, Evan Bilodeau, Willie McAllister,
 Tim Percy
 Meter Reader Randall Mandigo

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

Library Director Cindy Weber
 Children's Librarian/Assistant Director Julie Pickett
 Program and Systems Librarian Vacant
 Circulation Librarian Jessica Psaros
 Technical Services Librarian Margot O'Connell

Akeley Memorial Building/Public Safety Facility Custodian
 Robert Hoadley

- Other Appointments
- Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management
- District SupervisorWillie Noyes
- Health OfficerRichard 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 EstateCharles 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, Madeline Motta
- LCPC Transportation Advisory Committee Tom Jackman,
Chris Jolly, Alternate
- LCPC Brownfields Committee Rep Tom Jackman
- LECP Lamoille Emergency Planning Committee Ed Stewart
Alternate..... Derek Libby
- Stowe Land Trust Rep Tom Jackman
- Green Mountain Byway Steering Committee Co-Chair
..... Tom Jackman
- Green Up Day CoordinationTom Jackman/Conservation Comm.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ed Stewart
- E 9-1-1 Address Contact PersonRichard 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 or by calling the Planning Office at 253-2705.

OFFICIAL WARNING
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING
TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2017

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 7, 2017, 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.
c. One for a term of one (1) year.
Australian Ballot

Article: 4 Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$11,932,700, 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 \$15,011 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.06% higher than spending for the current year.
Australian Ballot

Article 5 Shall Subchapter 3, Section 303 (a) of the Charter of the Town of Stowe, (entitled “Time of Meeting”) be amended as follows:

The annual Town meeting for the consideration of the budget and other Town business shall be held on the first Tuesday of March, or on any of the three immediately preceding days, as determined by the Selectboard.

Australian Ballot

Article 6 Shall general obligation bonds for the Town of Stowe in an amount not to exceed EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$800,000.00) be issued for the benefit of the Stowe Electric Department to acquire, replace or construct municipal electric plant improvements namely substation transformers, CIS billing system and IT improvements, and vehicles, which bonds are to be payable from the net revenues of the Stowe Electric Department?

Australian Ballot

Article 7 Shall the Town of Stowe incur general obligation indebtedness in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,225,000.00), for the benefit of Stowe Electric Department and payable from the net revenues of the Stowe Electric Department for the purpose of acquiring an equity ownership interest in Vermont Transco, LLC, on the terms and conditions contained in the Vermont Public Service Board’s January 25, 2017 order in PSB Docket No. 8868?

Australian Ballot

ATTEST:
The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
Vermont, dated this 31st day of
January, 2017.

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

ATTEST:
The School Directors,
Stowe School District,
Vermont, dated this 31st
day of January, 2017.

C. CAMERON PAGE
EMILY BRADBURY
JAMES BROCHHAUSEN
DREW CLYMER
CARA ZIMMERMAN

OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
STOWE VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2017

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 7, 2017 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 Directors to apply three hundred thousand (\$300,000) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2017-2018 school year budget, five hundred thousand (\$500,000) 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 six hundred seventeen thousand seventy nine dollars (\$11,617,079) of which eight million nine hundred forty six thousand eight hundred thirty six dollars (\$8,946,836) is to be raised by property taxes and two million six hundred seventy thousand two hundred forty three dollars (\$2,670,243) is to be funded by non-tax revenues?

Department	Budget Request
Accounting	\$263,956
Administration	\$439,594
Akeley Memorial Bldg	\$167,730
Annual Leave Reserve Fund Transfer	\$120,000
Cemetery	\$31,304
Clerk/Treasurer	\$337,113
Cultural Campus	\$79,248
Debt Management	\$1,164,740
Economic Development & Community Services	\$79,050
Elections	\$2,972
Emergency Management	\$1,965
EMS	\$650,811
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	\$410,000
Fire	\$222,425
General Government	\$528,618
Highway	\$2,129,318
Insurance	\$191,189
Library	\$587,537
Listers	\$109,839
Mountain Rescue	\$20,400
Parks	\$505,243
Planning	\$148,278
Police	\$1,756,166
Public Safety Building	\$147,101
Public Works Administration	\$338,976
Recreation	\$465,255
Solid Waste	\$596
Social Services	\$53,972
Stowe Arena	\$504,957
Street Lights	\$18,086
Zoning	\$140,640

Article 2: Shall the voters approve the Selectboard allocating six hundred ten thousand dollars (\$619,000) of the accumulated Capital Fund for the following capital projects:

Lower Village Sidewalk - Rte. 100 / River Rd Intersection Improvements	\$ 470,000
Polo Field Shelter	\$ 109,000
Ski Museum Window Restoration	\$ 40,000

Article 3: 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 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each annual or special town meeting over which the moderator presides?

Article 4: To hear and to act on the report of the Town officers and the Auditor's report for the budget period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Article 5: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
Vermont, dated this 31st day of
January, 2017.

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

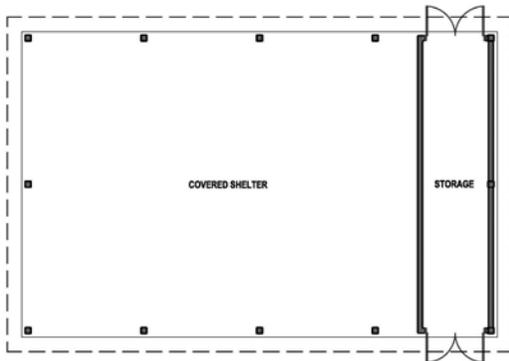
ATTEST:

The School Directors, Stowe School
District, Vermont, dated this 31st
day of January, 2017.

C. CAMERON PAGE
EMILY BRADBURY
JAMES BROCHHAUSEN
DREW CLYMER
CARA ZIMMERMAN



POLO FIELD SHELTER



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.

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. March 6, 2017.

SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED! You can see the ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots will be posted no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS**Check-In:**

1. Go to an entry checklist table.
2. Give your name and residence, if asked; speak 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 18 FAST FACTS

Net FY'18 Budget: The net budget increased from \$8,601,536 in FY'17 to \$8,946,836 in FY'18, an increase of \$345,300 or 4.01%.

Tax Rate: The projected FY'18 tax rate is \$0.4139, which is a 2.22% increase over the existing FY'17 tax rate of \$.04049.

Grand List: For budgeting purposes, the Grand List has been projected to increase 1.75% from \$21,241,675 to \$21,613,404. One cent on the tax rate is projected to raise \$216,134 in property taxes.

Fund Balance: The General Fund had an estimated fund balance of \$983,427 as of June 30, 2016. Of this amount, \$168,251 is nonspendable inventory and prepaid expenses, \$17,049 is restricted for library development expenses, and \$18,327 is assigned for recreation scholarship and library operation expenses. There is \$227,674 that is assigned to reduce FY'17 property taxes, leaving \$552,126 of undesignated surplus.

Undesignated Surplus: The proposed budget allocates \$159,000 to offset taxes in the FY'18 budget and leaves a projected undesignated fund balance of \$620,800. The \$159,000 represents the surplus generated in FY '16. The \$620,800 would be the total amount of undesignated fund balance and equals 5.34% of the proposed FY'18 General Fund Operating Expenditures. An undesignated fund balance of 12% to 18% is recommended by the auditors to help with cash flow, cover unanticipated spending due to emergencies, and to help manage the municipal tax rate.

Employment Levels: Money has been added to the EMS budget to cover the cost of having an employee on all shifts to help provide surety of service for one ambulance to respond and to help support the volunteers.

Pay: Employees who fall under the Personnel Regulations, Police Association Contract, and the IBEW Agreement are scheduled to receive a 1.6% 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 2015 to October 2016.

Capital Fund: The FY'18 capital budget is comprised of \$619,000 in proposed projects. The funding for these projects comes from \$550,000 in projected FY'18 local options taxes and \$69,000 from unallocated capital reserves. The proposed projects are:

Lower Village Sidewalk/River Rd. Improvements	\$470,000
Polo Field Shelter	109,000
Ski Museum Window Restoration	<u>40,000</u>
Total	\$619,000

Equipment Fund: The following pieces of equipment are scheduled to be replaced through the Equipment Fund in FY'18:

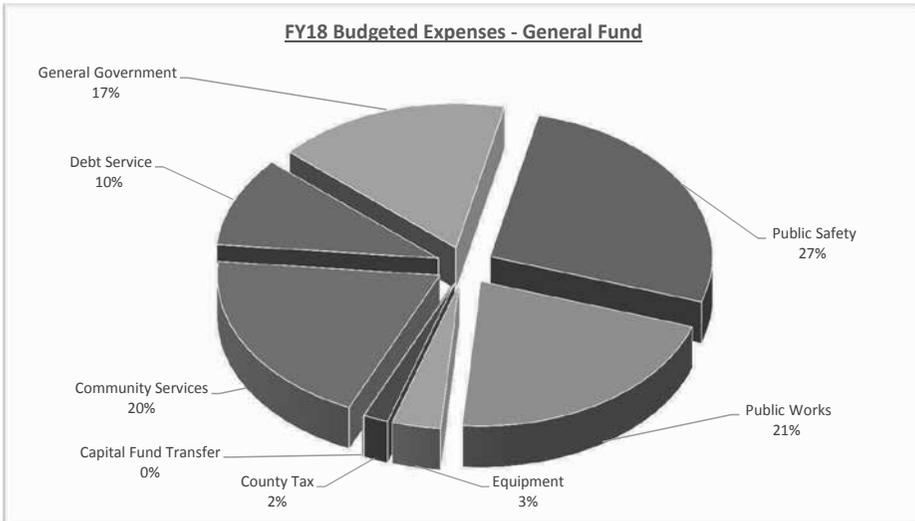
Highway F-350 Pick-up 4x4	\$ 40,000
Mountain Rescue All-Terrain Vehicle	20,000
Parks F-350 Pick-up 4x4	40,000
Police Patrol SUV	<u>48,805</u>
Total	\$148,805

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Town of Stowe
Comparative Budget Summary Sheet

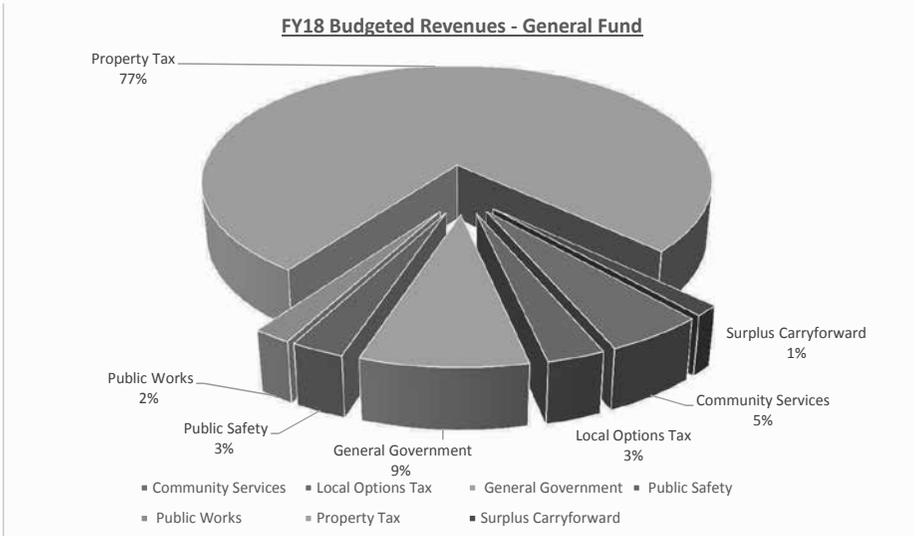
Departments	FY16 Adopted	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Budget Request	FY17-FY18 \$ Change (Decrease)	FY17-FY18 \$ Change (Decrease)
Total Operating Expenditures						
Accounting	260,725	243,727	255,653	263,956	8,303	3.25%
Administration	408,465	414,937	438,775	439,594	819	0.19%
Akeley Memorial Building	130,541	118,599	167,483	167,730	247	0.15%
Annual Leave Transfer	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	-	0.00%
Capital Fund Transfer	40,000	40,000	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Commission	16,008	15,468	15,731	31,304	15,573	99.00%
Community Affairs	79,522	79,497	100,522	133,022	32,500	32.33%
Cultural Campus	35,937	42,676	75,262	79,248	3,986	5.30%
Debt Management	1,256,417	1,255,482	1,188,128	1,164,740	(23,388)	-1.97%
Elections	3,387	2,484	6,229	2,972	(3,257)	-52.29%
Emergency Management	2,406	1,421	2,382	1,965	(417)	-17.51%
EMS	447,341	465,250	545,584	650,811	105,227	19.29%
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	400,000	400,000	400,000	410,000	10,000	2.50%
Fire	220,847	199,031	221,577	222,425	848	0.38%
General Government	574,992	573,061	527,447	528,618	1,171	0.22%
Highway	1,967,045	1,807,650	2,119,122	2,129,318	10,196	0.48%
Insurance	209,871	180,206	188,224	191,189	2,965	1.58%
Library	561,995	548,197	571,358	587,537	16,179	2.83%
Listers	105,542	111,284	110,807	109,839	(968)	-0.87%
Mountain Rescue	19,689	25,232	20,138	20,400	262	1.30%
Parks	504,833	477,335	522,166	505,243	(16,923)	-3.24%
Planning Department	139,066	135,272	144,039	148,278	4,239	2.94%
Police	1,657,310	1,642,895	1,708,370	1,756,166	47,796	2.80%
Public Safety Building	135,227	140,279	139,269	147,101	7,832	5.62%
Public Works - Administration	327,561	311,086	327,189	338,976	11,787	3.60%
Recreation	487,366	430,949	477,675	465,255	(12,420)	-2.60%
Solid Waste	550	569	550	596	46	8.36%
Stowe Arena	535,354	540,021	499,534	504,957	5,423	1.09%
Street Lights	28,252	16,246	18,294	18,086	(208)	-1.14%
Town Clerk & Treasurer	312,996	327,674	324,578	337,113	12,535	3.86%
Zoning	133,850	136,049	136,107	140,640	4,533	3.33%
Expenditure Total:	11,123,075	10,802,576	11,372,193	11,617,079	244,886	2.15%

Total Operating Revenues						
Departments	FY16 Adopted	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Budget Request	FY 17 - FY 18 \$ Change (Decrease)	FY 17 - FY 18 \$ Change (Decrease)
Accounting	20,000	20,001	20,000	20,000	-	0.00%
Administration	689,023	753,980	745,433	762,804	17,371	2.33%
Akeley Memorial Building	-	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Leave Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Commission	1,200	836	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
Community Affairs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cultural Campus	1,496	2,451	1,524	1,825	301	19.75%
Debt Management	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	-	0.00%
Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMS	201,505	203,711	192,505	206,030	13,525	7.03%
Equipment Reserve Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire	750	11,141	750	750	-	0.00%
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highway	182,500	197,330	183,800	184,800	1,000	0.54%
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library	28,500	37,248	27,000	28,464	1,464	5.42%
Listers	7,500	11,653	7,500	4,500	(3,000)	-40.00%
Mountain Rescue	500	636	-	-	-	-
Parks	35,743	60,392	41,780	47,600	5,820	13.93%
Planning Department	2,500	7,000	3,500	3,500	-	0.00%
Police	112,000	132,149	115,200	114,800	(400)	-0.35%
Public Safety Building	-	6	-	-	-	-
Public Works - Administration	47,000	45,200	47,000	45,500	(1,500)	-3.19%
Recreation	172,205	142,351	172,105	151,950	(20,155)	-11.71%
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stowe Arena	425,556	372,967	416,605	368,250	(48,355)	-11.61%
Street Lights	-	-	-	-	-	-
Town Clerk & Treasurer	172,916	167,916	161,071	166,760	5,689	3.53%
Zoning	52,253	52,509	56,010	52,510	(3,500)	-6.25%
Revenue:	2,503,147	2,569,483	2,542,983	2,511,243	(31,740)	-1.25%
Add Surplus Carry Forward:	227,674	227,674	227,674	159,000	(68,674)	-30.16%
Total Revenue:	2,730,821	2,569,483	2,770,657	2,670,243	(100,414)	-3.62%
Net Budget	8,392,254	8,233,093	8,601,536	8,946,836	345,300	4.01%
Town Grand List	20,772,816	20,772,816	21,241,675	21,613,404	371,729	1.75%
Town Tax Rate	\$ 0.4040	\$ 0.3950	\$ 0.4049	\$ 0.4139	\$ 0.0090	2.22%



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



FY 18 PROPOSED COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUDGET

Central Vermont Adult Education	3,500
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$3,000
Children's Room	\$500
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$2,750
Central Vermont Community Action Council	\$500
Habitat For Humanity	\$1,000
Lamoille County Court Diversion	\$1,250
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$5,000
Lamoille County Special Investigations Unit	\$1,000
Lamoille Family Center	\$3,000
Lamoille Food Share	\$7,000
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	\$12,942
Maple Leaf Farm	\$3,000
Meals on Wheels	\$3,500
North Central Vermont Recovery Center	\$1,000
Out & About	\$1,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$660
Rural Community Transportation	\$2,200
Vermont Association for the Blind	\$500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$420

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Friends of the Waterbury Reservoir	\$500
Helen Day Art Center	\$10,000
Lamoille County Conservation District	\$100
Lamoille Economic Development Corporation	\$3,000
North Country Animal League	\$1,000
Stowe American Legion	\$350
Stowe Area Association	\$20,000
Stowe Historical Society	\$4,000
Stowe Land Trust	\$6,000
Stowe Mountain Bike Club	\$7,500
Stowe Nordic	\$2,500
Stowe Performing Arts	\$2,000
Stowe Vibrancy	\$20,000
Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball	\$2,000
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100

5 YEAR EQUIPMENT FUND

DEPT	VEHICLE	MAKE	PURCHASE FY YEAR	Replacement Fiscal Year	REPLACEMENT VALUE	LIFE CYCLE	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	
	1800 GAL TANKER W2	FREIGHTLINER	2008	2038	\$220,000	30	-	-					
FIRE	SILVERADO UTILITY TRUCK	CHEVY	2003	2018	\$32,000	15			32,000				
FIRE	4X4 TRUCK W/PUMP E3	FORD	2016	2046	\$220,000	30							
FIRE	AERIAL LADDER TRUCK T1***	SUTPHEN	1991	2021	\$300,000	30					300,000		
FIRE	2574 TANKER TRUCK W1	INTERNATIONAL	1994	2024	\$200,000	30							
FIRE	PUMPER TRUCK E1	AMERICAN LAFRAN	2001	2031	\$350,000	30							
FIRE	16 ENGINE 2 4x4	INTERNATIONAL	2013	2043	\$398,000	30							
FIRE	18 RESCUE 1 R1	INTERNATIONAL	1996	2026	\$300,000	30							
HIGHWAY	WHEELOADER 1	JOHN DEERE	2012	2027	\$135,000	15							
HIGHWAY	WHEELOADER 2	JOHN DEERE	2015	2030	\$150,000	15							
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2012	2024	\$170,000	12							
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2015	2027	\$170,000	12							
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2015	2027	\$170,000	12							
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 10 Wheeler	INTERNATIONAL	2016	2028	\$170,000	12							
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2007	2019	\$170,000	12			170,000				
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2009	2021	\$170,000	12					170,000		
HIGHWAY	DUMP - 7600 TANDEM	INTERNATIONAL	2010	2022	\$170,000	12						170,000	
HIGHWAY	GRADER	JOHN DEERE	1996	2021	\$215,000	25					215,000		
HIGHWAY	7720 MOTORGRADER	JOHN DEERE	2005	2030	\$215,000	25							
HIGHWAY	F-350 PICKUP (SHOP) 4x4	FORD	2008	2018	\$40,000	10		40,000					
HIGHWAY	F-550 1.5 TON DUMP TRUCK	FORD	2011	2021	\$70,000	10					70,000		
HIGHWAY	F-250 PICKUP 4x4	FORD	2014	2024	\$40,000	10							
HIGHWAY	F-250 FOREMAN'S PICKUP 4x4	FORD	2016	2021	\$40,000	5					40,000		
HIGHWAY	783-SKD STEER LOADER	BOBCAT	2010	2020	\$35,000	10				34,000			
HIGHWAY	RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE	JOHN DEERE	2013	2028	\$80,000	15							
HIGHWAY	5600 TURBO WORK MACHINE	BOBCAT	2016	2026	\$40,000	10							
HIGHWAY	EXCAVATOR EW17D	VOLVO	2001	2017	\$180,000	16	180,000						
HIGHWAY	6215 ROADSIDE MOWER	JOHN DEERE	2008	2023	\$70,000	15							
MTN RES	K-30 RESCUE - HOMELAND	FORD	2011	2031	\$85,000	20							
MTN RES	CREW CAB 4WD PICKUP		2003	2020	\$35,000	15				35,000			
MTN RES	ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	BOMBARDIER	2018	2030	\$20,000	12	20,000						
MTN RES	SNOWMACHINE	SKI DOG	2003	2015	\$16,000	12		16,000					
MTN RES	SNOWMACHINE	SKI DOG	2005	2020	\$17,000	12				17,000			
MTN RES	ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	BOMBARDIER	2003	2021	\$21,000	12					21,000		
PARKS	KUBOTA TRACTOR	KUBOTA	2017	2029	\$32,000	12	32,457						
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER - R7	EXMARK	2014	2022	\$14,000	8						14,000	
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER R11	EXMARK	2017	2025	\$14,000	8	15,293						
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER R10	EXMARK	2017	2025	\$14,000	8	12,294						
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER R12	EXMARK	2017	2025	\$14,000	8	12,280						
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER R13	EXMARK	2017	2025	\$14,000	8	12,280						
PARKS	72" EXMARK MOWER R8	EXMARK	2012	2020	\$14,000	8				14,000			
PARKS	KUBOTA UTILITY		2008	2020	\$20,000	10				20,000			
PARKS	SKID STEER	BOBCAT	2017	2027	\$25,000	10	46,174						
PARKS	F-250 PICKUP	FORD 2 wheel drive	2016	2026	\$25,000	10							
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP	FORD 2 wheel drive	2006	2016	\$25,000	10	25,000						
PARKS	F-350 PICKUP - 4x4	FORD 4x4	2008	2018	\$35,000	10		340,000					
PARKS	F-350 DUMP 4x4	FORD 4x4	2007	2017	\$40,000	10	340,000						
PARKS	F-250 PICKUP - 4x4	FORD	2015	2025	\$30,000	10							
PARKS	F-350 DUMP 4x4	FORD	2013	2023	\$35,000	10							
PARKS	SNOWMACHINE & GROOMER	SKANDIC SWT	2012	2022	\$17,000	10						17,000	
ARENA	ZAMBONI 546	ZAMBONI	2014	2032	\$97,000	18							
POLICE 1	UNMARKED CRUISER	FORD	2014	2022	\$30,000	8						30,000	
POLICE 2	CHIEF SMALL SUV	FORD	2017	2025	\$34,000	8							
POLICE 3	PATROL SUV (SUPERVISORS)	CHEVY	2011	2017	\$48,805	6	48,805						
POLICE 4	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2014	2018	\$48,805	4	48,805					48,805	
POLICE 5	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2016	2020	\$48,805	4				48,805			
POLICE 6	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2015	2019	\$48,805	4		48,805					
POLICE 7	PATROL SUV	CHEVY	2016	2020	\$48,805	4			48,805				
RESCUE 1	AMBULANCE -1	International(Osage)	2012	2021	\$186,000	9					186,000		
RESCUE 2	AMBULANCE -2	FORD	2003	2012	\$230,000	9	230,000						
RESCUE 3	ALS1	CHEVY	2017/2014	2024	\$50,000	9							
			Total Fleet Value		\$5,992,025								
TOTAL							Annual Expense:	654,583	148,805	266,805	217,610	1,002,000	279,805
Fire Replacements							Beginning Fund Balance:	143,054	19,249	280,444	433,639	646,029	84,029
Assumptions							General Fund Transfer:	400,000	410,000	420,000	430,000	440,000	450,000
							Other Revenue:	-	-	-	-	-	-
							Insurance Settlements:	130,778					
							Ending Fund Balance:	19,249	280,444	433,639	646,029	84,029	254,224

** - Per policy, will be subject to separate voter approval given its expense
 *** - Will be purchased as a used vehicle

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The previous year was a busy year for the Town of Stowe. There was considerable private and public sector investment.

The Alchemist and Trapp Family Lodge built new breweries. Stowe Mountain Resort built the Adventure Center. Stowe Bowl opened up offering a new recreational opportunity. Also, we saw new investment on Main Street with the renovation of 109 Main Street and 151 Main Street. In all, these developments represent approximately \$50 million in private investment.

The Town undertook a number of capital construction projects. Larger projects included the second phase of the West Branch Little River Management Project, the new Quiet Path Bridge and the reconstruction of 2,100 feet of the Recreation Path. The River Management Project represented the last of the work related to the 2011 floods. In all there were over \$1 million in repairs. Thank you to Stowe's Planning and Public Works employees for shepherding these projects from design, permitting and construction.

In the upcoming year our major capital project, if the remaining funding is approved by the voters at Annual Meeting, is to construct the Lower Village Sidewalk. The work is planned to be coordinated with the State reconstruction / paving of Rt. 100 from Stowe to Waterbury. In addition, the Town will continue the planning work on the village sidewalk replacement project and the potential relocation / undergrounding of the utility poles on Main Street. Our intent is to have something ready for voter consideration at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

In cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Lamoille County Planning Commission, CLD Consulting Engineers was hired to prepare a feasibility study for improvements to the Vermont Route 100 Intersection at West Hill Road and at Moscow Road. The locally preferred alternative for the Rt. 100 / West Hill Intersection is a traffic light with a left turn lane on Rt. 100 northbound onto West Hill Road. The locally preferred alternative for Rt. 100 / Moscow Road Intersection is a roundabout. CLD also prepared a speed limit study for Vermont Route 100 southbound leading up to its intersection with West Hill Road. The speed limit is currently 40 mph and they recommended lowering it to 30 mph. All of these projects must be approved by the State as they involve State right-of-way. Also, the intersection improvements are subject to future funding.

Future public works challenges involve running out of gravel at the Town gravel pit and the implementation of state stormwater regulations and permits for Town Highways. The Town will need to expand the existing pit, find a new pit or begin purchasing gravel from a private pit. The State adopted new stormwater regulations in an effort to clean up Lake Champlain. Towns will

now be issued a general highway permit and be responsible for controlling sediment off from our local highways. The extent of the regulations and its associated cost is not clear, but should emerge over the next several years.

Another challenge that remains for the community is the decline of emergency management volunteers. Since FY12 the EMS operating budget has increased by 118% and is augmented by financial donations by Stowe Rescue. Stowe's Emergency Medical Services budget has increased as we have replaced shifts that used to be filled by volunteers with employees to help provide surety of service. We are beginning to see similar challenges with fire services. The Town hired Municipal Resources, Inc to study the challenges and offer potential solutions, but there is no "silver bullet." Among their recommendations was to more aggressively recruit volunteers. The hard work of our volunteers and employees is very much appreciated. If you would like to consider volunteering you can contact Mark Sgantas, Fire Chief at sgantasm@yahoo.com or Scott Brinkman, EMS Chief at sbrinkman@stowevt.us. As a volunteer you get paid while on a call or at training.

The Selectboard appointed a Town Meeting Task Force to look at ways to increase attendance at Annual Meeting. Again, there was no "silver bullet," but it was decided to seek a charter change to see if the voters would approve enabling the Selectboard to warn Annual Meeting any of the preceding three days before the traditional Annual Meeting date on the first Tuesday in March. This would enable the Town to experiment with different dates and times to see what works best for Stowe. Also, the Town Meeting Task Force is going to look for ways to raise awareness of Annual Meeting and encourage attendance. Please feel welcome to attend Annual Meeting and encourage others to do so as well. In addition to consideration of the budget and proposed capital projects, it is an opportunity for the community to come together to discuss important issues.

After adoption of the 2015 Stowe Town Plan, the Planning Commission completed a comprehensive review and update of the Zoning Regulations that they have recommended to the Selectboard. The Selectboard will now hold a series of work sessions and public hearings on the proposed revisions, which can be reviewed on the Town's website, www.townofstowevt.org.

The Stowe Free Library celebrated its 150 year anniversary. The Stowe Free Library was the first library to be funded by a municipal appropriation as set forth by Vermont law.

The Town of Stowe continues to benefit from the many events held each year by Stowe Vibrancy for the community and its visitors. We are also fortunate to have many other non-profits that help to make Stowe such a wonderful place to live and visit.

The Selectboard would like to acknowledge the retirement of Susan Moeck after nearly 19 years as the Town Manager's Executive Assistant and

Mike Mandigo who served as Chief Water Plant Operator for almost 30 years as well as the departure of Scott Kirkpatrick, Police Patrol Officer for over 2 years, Chris Bowles, Paramedic with Stowe EMS for 2 years and Jonathan Thereault, Paramedic with Stowe EMS for just under a year. In addition, Abby Earle (Town Manager's Executive Assistant) and Richard Griffin (Water System Operator) joined our municipal team. Finally, Megan Gregory and Lisa Walker have been serving as Interim Clerk / Treasurer's while Alison Kaiser has been recovering from an automobile accident.

We would also like to acknowledge the passing of Cliff Johnson and Peter Smith. Cliff was Stowe's first Public Works Director. The Selectboard dedicated the 2014 Annual Report to him in recognition of his service. One of his most notable accomplishments was overseeing the \$30 million water and sewer infrastructure improvements. Cliff was the personification of a nice person who was always willing to help.

Pete was a native of Stowe. He was a volunteer on the Stowe Volunteer Fire Department, served on the Stowe Cemetery Commission and Planning Commission, and was the custodian at the Helen Day Art Center and Stowe Free Library for thirty-five years.

Economic Development

2016 saw a large number of commercial projects in Stowe

The Alchemist opened their new brewery on Cape Cod Road this summer to large crowds who were “Ready for a Heady.”



Stowe Mountain Resort completed their newest venture—the Adventure Center. Guests can now enjoy indoor rock climbing, zip lining and more.

Economic Development

Trapp Family Lodge has joined the craft beer movement, opening their Bierhall for guests to enjoy Trapp Family Brewery drinks and traditional Austrian food.



The Country Store on Main opened, breathing new life into the historic Lackey's Building on Main Street. Shoppers can pick up a variety of home goods at the new store.

Stowe Bowl, located at the Sun & Ski Inn and Suites on the Mountain Road, offers visitors a new indoor sport option in Stowe.



STOWE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Town of Stowe Cemetery Commission consists of seven volunteer members. It meets monthly on the first Tuesday. We are sad to say that there is currently an open seat on the board due to the passing of Peter Smith, a faithful volunteer and friend to the Stowe community, who also served as Vice Chair. We will miss his insightful contributions and infectious grin. Other members include Gerry Griffin, Karin Gottlieb, Judy Demeritt, Barbara Allaire, Secretary, Skeeter Austin, Treasurer, and Donna Adams, Chair. Our Cemetery Superintendent is Bruce Godin, who oversees the maintenance of all the town cemeteries and buildings, as well as interaction with contracted workers involved with burials and memorials. We're very grateful for his continuing care to maintain the order and serenity of the burial grounds.

Stone restoration and tree management remain the biggest challenges in the budget and take up the largest portion of our time. A section of the fence at West Branch was replaced, and more is planned. New signage was added to West Branch due to more traffic on Cottage Club Road. Dangerous trees have been removed from West Branch and Riverbank, and some replacement trees have been planted. The restoration and straightening of old memorials in Old Yard is complete and we plan to do more work in the remaining historic cemeteries of Stowe. They include Old Ivory Luce, Thomas Luce, Sterling and Mansfield cemeteries. With the help of Harry Shepard, Public Works Director, preliminary design plans have been developed to replace the historic entrance to Riverbank and we will continue to work on that project.

Recent passage of a bill by the State of Vermont prompted the commission to discuss and modify the Rules and Regulations document and, with approval from the Select Board, add regulations regarding natural ("green") burials in our cemeteries. New fees were also instituted. Full lots and cremation lots are currently available in Riverbank cemetery only, although burials take place in both West Branch and Riverbank.

New security measures were installed in the buildings at Riverbank Cemetery, which house the historic Victorian hearses. We invite the public to view the hearses during daylight hours and read the brochures displayed in kiosks there and also at Old Yard to gain a better understanding of the history of Stowe and its cemeteries. Pat Haslam's book, "The Annotated Cemetery Book II, Stowe, Vermont 1798-1915: Four Record Books" is for sale through the town website or Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Adams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Among its roles and responsibilities, the Stowe Conservation Commission is actively involved in 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)
- Faunce Lot (2 acres) (Public Access to Gold Brook at the bottom of Gold Brook Rd.)

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 2016:

Conservationist of the Year Award

At the annual Town Meeting in March, the Commission presented its Conservationist of the Year award to the Sterling Falls Gorge Natural Area Trust (SFGNAT) in recognition of over 25 years of providing public access for recreation and environmental education to Sterling Falls Gorge. The award was accepted by Gar Anderson on behalf of the SFGNAT.

Green-up Day

The Commission coordinated another successful Green-Up Day on May 7, with over 300 people participating, including the entire Stowe Elementary School. Nearly 1,700 pounds of trash was picked up. We look forward to continuing this effort and invite everyone to join us on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Sunset Grille and Taproom, starting at 8:00 AM.

Village Street Tree Inventory & Assessment

The Town was fortunate to be able to engage the services of the Vermont Urban & Community Forest staff along with staff from the University of

Vermont to conduct an inventory and assessment of the street trees in Stowe Village.

The goal of this ongoing project is to accurately locate and assess Town-owned trees within the public right-of-way (ROW) on village streets, at Stowe Elementary School and at the Stowe Free Library to maintain a record of tree conditions, plantings, and removals. A secondary goal of the project is to identify potential tree planting locations within the public ROW. The Conservation Commission will also use this information to develop an Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness Plan for the Town.

Cady Hill Forest

The Stowe Mountain Bike Club (SMBC) is the official trail corridor manager for the mountain bike networks in Cady Hill Forest and Sterling Forest. Maintenance and trail work performed by SMBC in 2016 included extensive upgrades to Bear's Trail and the Schween Haus loops and a reroute of the southern end of the Cady Hill Connector.

The Conservation Commission in partnership with Stowe Land Trust continued its ongoing effort to slow the spread of the invasive Japanese barberry that it started in 2015. Mike Bald of GotWeeds was hired to pull plants and to lead a volunteer work day in November, resulting in the pulling of 1,400 barberry plants and 100 honeysuckle plants. The Commission intends to continue this work in 2017.

The Commission also installed permanent kiosk displays designed by CC member David Jaqua, at the 3 Cady Hill Forest trailheads.

Mayo Farm

The long-awaited Quiet Path Bridge was completed in 2016 and dedicated to Brenda Ross Winter, who left \$50,000 in her will to be used by the Town for the benefit of the Recreation Path or Quiet Path.



Sterling Forest

During the fall of 2016, the Commission funded the installation of boardwalks and bridging on Papa's Trail to improve drainage. SMBC, along with the Catamount Trail Association, completed the replacement of 3 of the 8 bridges on the 8 Bridges Trail. The bridges were originally built using lumber from Sterling Forest in 2005. Replacement work is planned to continue in 2017.

As Phase 3 of a 3-phase forest management plan, 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 1 acre with the intention of creating songbird habitat as well as browse for moose and deer. The timber harvest was scheduled for February, 2016, but the winter turned out to be too warm to go into the woods with heavy equipment. The harvest has been rescheduled for February, 2017.

Conservation Commission members in 2016 included:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jackman, *Planning Director*

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 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,

LISA WALKER & MEGAN GREGORY, *Interim Town Clerk/Treasurers*

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 6/30/2016</u>
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%	\$0
February, 2013	\$9,489,489	\$777,514	8.19%	\$0
May, 2013	\$9,489,489	<u>\$650,174</u>	<u>6.85%</u>	\$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>	\$139
TOTAL	\$38,102,936	\$2,827,416	7.42%	
August, 2014	\$9,739,969	\$685,446	7.04%	\$1,406
November, 2014	\$9,739,969	\$714,833	7.34%	\$1,501
February, 2015	\$9,739,969	\$873,665	8.97%	\$1,501
May, 2015	\$9,739,969	<u>\$801,266</u>	<u>8.23%</u>	\$3,166
TOTAL	\$38,959,877	\$3,075,210	7.89%	
August, 2015	\$9,998,594	\$726,878	7.27%	\$24,229
November, 2015	\$9,998,594	\$786,591	7.87%	\$48,003
February, 2016	\$9,998,594	\$675,483	6.76%	\$107,132
May, 2016	\$9,998,594	<u>\$748,352</u>	<u>7.48%</u>	\$232,980
TOTAL	\$39,994,374	\$2,937,304	7.34%	\$420,057
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DELINQUENCIES AS OF 6/30/2016				

2016 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

In 2016 the Development Review Board reviewed and issued decisions for 17 new or amended subdivisions, 27 conditional uses, 6 Ridge and Hillside Overlay projects, 11 Historic Design projects and 3 Notice of Violation appeals.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas White, Chair

Drew Clymer
Michael Diender
Chris Walton
Tyler Mumley
Nick Lizotte
Tom Hand
Peter Collotta (alternate)



TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Stowe Electric staff spent considerable time this year on the development of Vermont's first utility-owned, 1 megawatt solar facility, located on Beech Hill Road. The Nebraska Valley Solar Farm, energized on August 9th 2016, was constructed on a reclaimed portion of a gravel pit owned by the Town. SED's lease payments for the property will contribute more than \$13,000 annually to the Town General Fund. The Nebraska Valley Solar Farm was financed utilizing the Federal Clean Renewable Energy Bond ("CREB") program which resulted in a blended interest rate of 0.97% for a 25 year term. The total project cost of \$3.177MM came in below the original estimate of \$3.5MM. The expected annual generation will be 1,568,000 kWh or 2.2% of current electric sales which is enough energy to power approximately 229 Stowe homes. The cost per kWh will average \$0.119 for the first 25 years, and after that will drop to \$0.03 per kWh. The Nebraska Valley Solar Farm is one of the most cost-effective ways to meet the new State Renewable Energy Standard (Act 56, 2015) and avoids annual compliance payments of \$72,000 to the State of Vermont.



SED also partnered with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to complete a network of 10 publicly-available electric vehicle charging locations throughout Stowe. The program was designed to leverage Stowe's reputation for four-season tourism to establish it as prime destination for electric vehicle (EV) drivers. The objective was to promote EV use and install charging stations throughout town so that EV drivers will always be able to find a station when they visit. SED also installed a fast charger at the new Alchemist Brewery. The 50 kW CPE 200 is one of only a very few stations in the state which is capable of charging electric vehicles in 30 minutes or less. Stowe Electric received \$162,000 in funding support for this program from VLITE, a nonprofit dedicated to advancing Vermont's energy goals.



SED hosted an event celebrating the completion of the Nebraska Valley Solar Farm and the EV charging station projects on October 5th. Governor Peter Shumlin joined with state and local leaders to celebrate the two clean energy initiatives and highlight the leadership role that Vermont's municipal utilities can play in advancing the state's clean energy future. "Stowe and Hyde Park Electric Department's leadership in developing these solar projects and Stowe's installation of ten electric vehicle charging stations are a demonstration that all of Vermont's utilities are contributing to our statewide renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals," said Shumlin. "The solar facility shows the potential for municipally-driven renewable energy projects to lower rates and to find great sites. Those coming to stay, shop, recreate, and work in the area can rest easier knowing that some of the energy they use is coming from local renewable sources, and they will have many locations to charge their plug-in vehicles."



On October 14th, Ellen Burt, on behalf of Stowe Electric, received the 2016 Renewable Energy Champion Award from Renewable Energy Vermont, an organization that represents utilities, businesses, and non-profits committed to promoting clean renewable energy. The award was given in recognition of Stowe Electric's achievements (in collaboration with Hyde Park Electric) to bring local-owned, community scale solar projects to their respective communities.

2016 was also a productive year for Stowe Electric's technology services. After implementing InvoiceCloud in early in 2015, an online portal for SED customers to view and pay their bills, SED staff began the process of converting to a new, fully integrated financial/billing system. The financial portion has been operational since October with the billing and customer service portion scheduled to be operational in spring 2017. The new system will provide SED with additional functionality, enhanced customer information and a cost savings of approximately \$25K per year. With a new billing system on the horizon, and seeking to streamline processes, SED enacted several new billing practices. The installation of "smart meters" for almost 100% of our customers in 2013 has allowed SED to shorten the time between the actual meter reading dates and the mailing of the utility bills from 14 to 7 days, thus giving the customer a more current view of their usage.

In an effort to secure a location for a new office and operations building, SED sold the Kirchner Property on August 9th and purchased the Moscow Mills Property on November 14th. Owning rather than leasing administrative offices will result in yearly operational expense savings. SED anticipates construction to begin sometime in late 2017.

Operations projects and equipment improvements in 2016 helped SED in continuing to improve its outage performance ratings and system reliability. SED had one of the best ratings in the State for the average number of outages experienced by its customers, represented by the SAIFI index. SED's SAIFI index for 2016 saw a sound decrease to 0.2 compared to 0.7 in 2015.

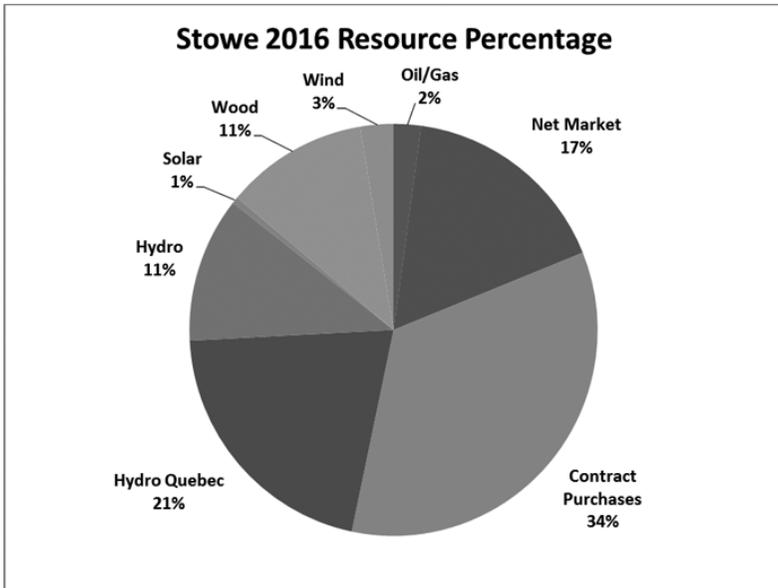
SED strives to maintain high system reliability through planned system upgrades and regular maintenance. A strategic tree trimming program for clearing primary lines over the last five years has helped to achieve a 50% drop in service interruptions caused by trees in 2016 over 2015.

SED has a substantial number of underground primary lines that were installed in the 1970's and 1980's and experienced several cable failures during 2016 which affected SED's CAIDI index, a measure of the average amount of time required to restore service. Locating and accessing an underground cable failure is difficult and it substantially increases the length of an outage. An increase in SED's CAIDI index in 2016 to 2.3 from 0.8 in 2015 was due to these outages that resulted in longer repair times.

SED has taken a proactive approach to finding and responding to these types of outages. SED has purchased new cable locating equipment and trained line personnel on using fault finding equipment to identify problems faster. Additionally, the purchase of a CAT305 excavator and trailer has given SED the ability to mobilize faster and get to work restoring customers rather than spending time tracking down outside resources. SED will continue to analyze the underground sections of its system and prioritize those that need to be replaced. During the second half of 2016, SED installed new conduits and replaced approximately 7,000 feet of underground primary cable on

Notchbrook Road, Bingham Lane, and Weeks Hill Road using the utility’s own resources and eliminated primary cable outages in those locations altogether.

Stowe experienced an increase in construction during the year. As a result, SED received a total of 99 new applications for service to homes or businesses, an increase of 86% compared to last year. Of that total, 24 were for solar systems, compared to 8 the previous year. As of December 31st 2016, there are 58 net-metering systems installed by Stowe Electric customers, a total increase of more than 50% from 2015. The combined electric generation capacity of these systems equals 2.58% of Stowe’s peak load. Furthermore, SED continues to support environmentally sound and economically viable power from local and regional sources. Below is a chart of SED’s actual power resources for 2016, showing that the percentage of renewable power in 2016 was 47%.



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

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen L. Burt, *General Manager*

Richard Marron, Chairman
Larry Lackey, Vice-Chairman
Denise Gutstein, Commissioner
Town of Stowe Electric Department





DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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 when the Town’s Department of EMS was formed and took over the responsibility for providing this care; however, volunteers continue to be the cornerstone of service.

The year of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 (FY2016) has brought with it challenges and change; however, it has still 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 four full-time employees and many Per-Diem employees (working professionally elsewhere in an EMS role but occasionally for the department); in addition, approximately 20 volunteers are actively 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. 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:

Transported by EMS	428
First Response--Intercept	3
Standby Only – No Patient Contact	55
Patient Refused Care	139
No Treatment Required	13
No Patient Found	10
Cancelled	40
Dead at Scene	5
Unknown	1
Total	694

As the numbers in this table demonstrate our call volume has seen a substantial increase over years in the past. This is due in part to the continued swell of visitors year-round to our area, as well as an increase in requests for mutual aid to neighboring towns. EMS services throughout Lamoille County and our state are starting to feel the impact of a declining trend in volunteerism; this can lead to depending more on neighboring services to help when call volume exceeds resources. Stowe EMS added its fourth full-time staff member in FY16 as well as increased the number of Per Diem resources on our roster. The department also looks forward to working to interpret the results of the FY16 Stowe Fire and EMS study to continue improving our capabilities into the future.

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 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 produced another successful financial audit working with our auditors Sullivan & Powers. We worked with Interim Town Clerks to support them during convalescence of Town Clerk. We continue to work on projects to streamline reporting and analysis to improve oversight of budgets and the budget development process. The evolution from paper files to digital paper files continues with an increasing importance on securing and managing our IT assets.

We are looking forward to another year with new challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDY FULLER



STOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year marks 110 years of service to the town of Stowe, answering the call. The Stowe fire department is dispatched through Lamoille county sheriff's office in Hyde Park, using emergency 911.

Some educational notes:

When a building catches on fire, after the first ten minutes of burning, you lose 1/10 of the building for every minute that passes by, it is imperative to call 911 without delay!

We receive many phone messages at the fire house regarding fire alarms, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide. Please do not leave messages, call 911. Carbon monoxide is deadly, you can not see it and you can not smell it. If you have a fire or fire alarm, communicate through 911 dispatchers, they will contact us, do not call fire station.

For the period 1/1/2015 thru 12/31/2015 the department responded to 270 calls, following is a breakdown.

Structure fire	11
Alarm activation, no fire	35
Electrical fire	3
Carbon monoxide incident	10
Carbon monoxide malfunction	18
Chimney fire	4
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	13
Motor vehicle accident without injury	24
Brush fire	6
Smoke detector malfunction	9
Smoke detector unintentional	27
Alarm system malfunction	51
Unintentional alarm	10
Gas leak	5
Sprinkler activation	3
Good intent call	11
Small fire/smoke	12
Call cancelled	8
Mutual aid given	10
We received mutual aid from another fire dept.	8

Engine 3 was newly placed in service, a 1500 gal/min pumper with a four man crew for fire suppression. The fire department would like to thank the people of Stowe for their continued support, and other town departments working together for public safety. Remember, 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

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00-5:00 during exhibits.

Helen Day Art Center's mission is to enhance the human experience through the visual arts. 2016 was defined by continued innovation in exhibitions, and improved quality and quantity 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.

This year we welcomed three changes to our staffing. Chiyomi McKibbin was hired as Operations Manager and Program Assistant and Amanda Marquis was hired as Gallery Manager and Marketing Assistant. Rachel Moore, formerly Assistant Director and Chief Curator at HDAC, was appointed Executive Director. Throughout the year, we mentored interns and volunteers who helped us with exhibits, programming, and graphic design.

The new year kicked off with a group exhibition in the Main and West galleries: *Intimacy+Materiality*, which was named by Seven Days as one of "Our Favorite Art Exhibitions of 2016". *The People's Cloth Trade Show: The t-shirt is the problem*, by artist and activist Carole Frances Lang aka Frau Fiber was on exhibit concurrently. Accompanying her exhibition, Frau Fiber held a free workshop for the public. Over 580 visitors of all ages came to view these exhibitions.

May featured our annual *Student Art Show* featuring works from Stowe Elementary School, Stowe Middle School, Stowe High School plus guest schools Montpelier High School and

U32. July through October celebrated our 25th Annual *Exposed*. outdoor sculpture exhibition. A favorite time of the year for locals and visitors to see local beauty of Stowe elevated with monumental artworks.

This summer we were very pleased to exhibit the drawings of internationally renowned artist Pat Steir. *Pat Steir: Drawings* included "In Context", a talk by Suzy Spence about Steir and her work, a free public event. During the four months of this exhibition, Steir's work was accompanied by three different month-long exhibits in the West Gallery. Molly Davis' three screen video projection, *Beyond the Far Blue Mountains*, played on loop. Davis also showed four documentary films about Steir in our video gallery, for the duration of Steir's exhibition. In August, local artist *Tara Thacker* exhibited ceramic sculptures and photographs.

In the fall, Sally Gill's, *Intergalactic Current*, curated by Sophie Bréchu-West, transformed the gallery with a site-specific installation that accompanied her works on paper and canvas.

Nearly 4,000 students and art viewers came to view the artwork throughout these four months, including participants who attended public interactive talks and activities for school tours.

We closed the year with our annual Members' Art Show and Festival of Trees & Light. Seven elementary school tours visited to view the show and partake in scavenger hunts. In total, 875 visitors came for these exhibits to see our member's artwork and festival decor.

Susan Holliday, Education Director, led the programming to new levels of excellence and increased our outreach and engagement with underserved students - **awarding over \$6,600 in youth scholarships and \$175 in adult scholarships** during the year. We offered 25 classes and camps to youth and teens **and served 234 students** in addition to the 15 adult courses & workshops **and 141 adult students** reached. Other education programs included five annual family events and classes which involved 144 members of our community.

The Art Center Board of Trustees are instrumental to our success. Thanks to the following Board members who served in 2016: Diane Arnold, Adam Blue, Robin Coggins, Ellisa Doiron, Giulia Eliason, Jay Ericson, Scott Griffith, Brian Hamor, Remy Joseph, Diane Looney, Lisbeth Bruce, 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 2016. Don't miss the opportunity to be creative and inspired; visit the Helen Day Art Center in 2017!

Yours,

RACHEL MOORE, *Executive Director*

2016 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 2016, the Commission reviewed 42 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

“When you are growing up, there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you.” – Keith Richards.

Throughout 2016, your library engaged in planning to better serve the community, collaborating with others to bring about cost savings, encouraging literacy in children, and celebrating the history of this great institution.

Early in the year, the board of trustees adopted a new strategic plan to guide the library through the next five years. Priorities include providing programs and services to help young readers to be successful in school, providing opportunities for community members to engage and learn online, and encouraging continued learning by patrons of all ages.

In the spring, the Stowe Free Library joined a new courier system sponsored by the Green Mountain Library Consortium and Vermont’s Department of Libraries. Many of the public libraries throughout the state have joined the system that provides shipment of loaned items from one library to another using a commercial carrier. This new system enables a more cost effective way to provide our community members with a larger pool of resources.

Our “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” Summer Reading Program was a galloping success. 160 children signed up for a reading program, 76 teens and tweens entered our Young Adult book raffle, and 576 people attended our many programs and events, including Storytimes, a Lego Club, a Puppet Show, Nature Programs and Teen Movie Nights.

During the summer and fall, the library celebrated its 150th anniversary by hosting a series of events, free and open to the public. These events included a kickoff event with a review of library history and a presentation by the Stowe High School Jazz Ensemble, an old-fashioned ice cream social complete with a barbershop quartet, an open house with a presentation of community members reading from their favorite books, and a meet the authors event featuring five local authors.

The year was a successful one, full of learning and celebrating. On behalf of the library staff and myself, I would like to 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 Selectboard, the Stowe Free Library Board, the Anniversary Celebration Committee, 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, the Green Mountain Messenger, Keurig Green Mountain, the Stowe Garden Club, the Helen Day Art Center, and the Stowe Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDY WEBER, *Library Director*

2016 Statistics:

Total current collection size: 35,586 physical items

Total circulation of materials for the year: 82,923

Total uses of public computers for the year: 6,154

Total programs / attendees for the year: 212 / 4,662

Total current registered cardholders: 5,859



STOWE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

To Welcome ... To Inspire ... To Enrich the Mind

Last year, the Board was proud to present to the Town of Stowe the product of a community-based, collaborative effort, a printed folio entitled *The Stowe Free Library Strategic Plan 2016-2020*. This year was a time to celebrate, to reflect, and to be a little humbled by the durability of the institution, which we serve.

The Library trustees' tasks include setting library policy, creating and updating by-laws, and contributing to long-range planning and the management of the Library's endowment account, the income from which is used entirely for the benefit of the Library and its ongoing programs.

Sounds a little dry, eh? But hold on! Every 50 years or so the library reaches a milestone date, and this year was the sesquicentennial of the year that a donation of books by summer visitors, housed in a grocery store, became the foundation of what today is the Stowe Free Library.

Such an anniversary could not pass unheralded!

So it was time for cupcakes and a Stowe High School Jazz Ensemble on the front lawn! Ice cream and a barbershop quartet! The parade on July 4th and a booth on Park Street! (Tattoos!) Videos of locals reading from their favorite authors! (Archived) And a well received Meet the Authors event with a quintet of Vermont writers.

The celebration was all done at no cost to the taxpayer, through the trustees' development account, and thanks to the tireless efforts of our sterling 150th anniversary subcommittee: Cindy, Darla, Donna, Charlotte, Kelly, and Jessica. I extend a tip of the hat and a deep bow to you ladies. We can hardly wait for '66!

And long-overdue plaudits to our treasurer, whose name I withhold because he has no interest in the limelight, but must be acknowledged for his peerless handling of our endowment and development funds. A profound salut!

There are always transitions; we bid a farewell to the exuberant Stefi Clymer, and a welcome to Barbara Fox to the Board. We profoundly regret that we are losing the able services of the Library Program and Systems Librarian, Kelly McElligott. Our regret is leavened by the knowledge that she is moving on to a firm, which specializes in software development and training for the library's integrated system. We wish her well.

A time of sadness: Peter Smith, our long-time custodian, passed away in December, leaving a big void, not just in our library family, but also in the community as a whole. We miss him here everyday. His position will be filled, but he cannot be replaced. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

Sincerely,

CHARLES LUSK, *Stowe Free Library Board of Trustees Chair*

STOWE FREE LIBRARY
INCOME SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

Book Sale Share from Friends.....	\$6,000
Copier Fees	1,509
Registration Fees	6,881
Fines.....	2,274
Material Replacement.....	1,428
Bank Account Interest	38
Donations	1,497
Endowment Income-.....	15,635
Other Income	247
Income before Grants/Bequests	\$35,509
 Total Grant Income.....	 \$5,709

STOWE FREE LIBRARY ASSETS
June 30, 2016

CASH

Checking Account	\$15,078
Development Account.....	18,175
Cash Drawer.....	75
Total Cash Accounts	\$33,328

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	\$530,368
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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	\$261,792
Fidelity Short-term Bond Fund.....	15,253
Total	\$277,045

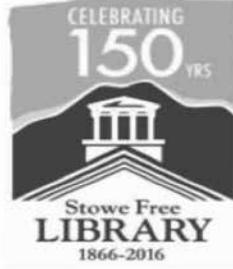
Rogers and Emily Adams Fund

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%	\$17,813
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Doris Houston Fund

Restricted. Income to be used for library expenses. Principal to remain untouched. Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund	\$51,165
Dodge & Cox International Fund	4,510
Total	\$55,675

Total Endowment Funds.....	\$880,901
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STOWE BOARD OF LISTERS

The State of Vermont's equalization study of Stowe's 2016 Grand List determined that the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for Stowe is 96.90%. In simple terms, if your property is currently assessed at \$96,900 the state estimates that it would sell for \$100,000.

The CLA is used to determine education property tax rates. The 2016 study has been reviewed by the Listers and is accurate under the current methodology used by the State. This year's decrease in the CLA from 98.51% to 96.90% shows a slight increase in the average property values in Stowe compared to the 2015 study.

The Town's appeal of the 2012 CLA was settled this past year and the Town received \$150,000 from the State of Vermont in a settlement agreement. Stowe had challenged the State's methodology used to determine the CLA because it did not feel Stowe taxpayers were treated fairly during the declining real estate market from 2008 to 2011.

Last year the Grand List assessments grew by 2.18% (\$45,366,200) and it is estimated to grow by 1.75% (\$37,172,677) this year. This means that Stowe's Grand List is 4th in the state behind Burlington, South Burlington and Colchester.

For the 2016 Grand List, we made equity adjustments to the Mountainside Condominium project because sales showed that these properties were being over assessed compared to other condominium projects in Stowe. Equity adjustments were also made to the Adams Mill 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.

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 V Clark

BREAKDOWN OF GRAND LIST BY PROPERTY CATEGORY

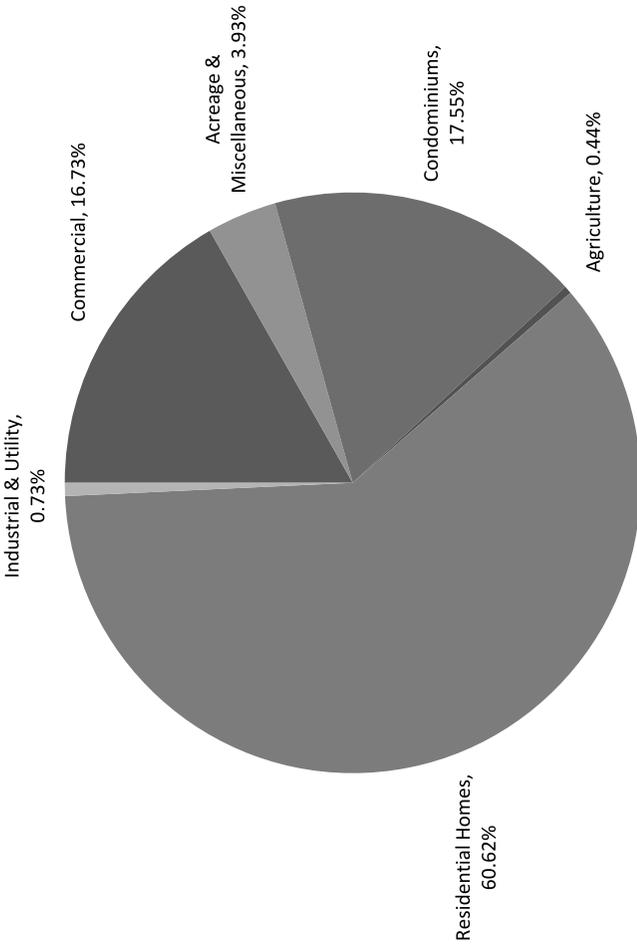
Main District

(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	1,627	732,111,900	324,691,200	407,420,700	732,111,900	
Residential II R2	535	602,292,600	169,570,700	432,721,900	602,292,600	
Mobile Homes-U MHU	3	72,700	0	72,700	72,700	
Mobile Homes-L MHL	8	1,251,000	887,100	363,900	1,251,000	
Seasonal I S1	8	1,458,800	870,200	588,600	1,458,800	
Seasonal II S2	6	3,243,000	0	3,243,000	3,243,000	
Commercial C	244	356,885,800	4,205,400	352,680,400	356,885,800	
Commercial Apts CA	25	12,943,700	1,552,500	11,391,200	12,943,700	
Industrial I	3	1,839,800	0	1,839,800	1,839,800	
Utilities-E UE	4	13,901,000	0	13,901,000	13,901,000	
Utilities-O UO	6	320,500	0	320,500	320,500	
Farm F	8	9,626,000	5,378,800	4,247,200	9,626,000	
Other O	1,059	388,167,500	26,501,000	361,666,500	388,167,500	
Woodland W	18	3,674,900	0	3,674,900	3,674,900	
Miscellaneous M	251	83,245,400	0	83,245,400	83,245,400	
TOTAL LISTED REAL	3,805	2,211,034,600	533,656,900	1,677,377,700	2,211,034,600	
P.P. Cable	1	344,000		344,000	344,000	
P.P. Equipment	0	0			0	
P.P. Inventory	0	0			0	
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	344,000		344,000	344,000	
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		2,211,378,600	533,656,900	1,677,721,700	2,211,378,600	
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10K	11/11	110,000	110,000	0	110,000	
Veterans >10K		330,000			330,000	
Total Veterans		440,000	110,000	0	110,000	
P.P. Contracts	1	344,000			344,000	
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Apprv(voted)	8/8	6,161,400			6,161,400	
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			0	
Total Contracts	9/8	6,505,400	0	0	0	
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			0	
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			0	
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0	
Current Use	118/118	80,190,200	13,696,300	66,493,900	80,190,200	
Special Exemptions	5		0	15,617,300	15,617,300	
Partial Statutory	1/1	90,000	0	90,000	90,000	
Sub-total Exemptions		87,225,600	13,806,300	82,201,200	96,007,500	
Total Exemptions		87,225,600	13,806,300	82,201,200	96,007,500	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		21,241,530.00			21,241,530.00	
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			5,198,506.00	15,955,205.00	21,153,711.00	
NON-TAX		67 NON-TAX PARCELS	ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

Year to Year Comparison of Grand List Totals, Budgets and Tax Rates											
YEAR	GRAND LIST		RATIO TO FMV	TOWN BUDGET		SCHOOL TAX RAISED		SCHOOL TAX RAISED		TAX RATE	
	HOMESTEAD	NON HOMESTEAD		BUDGET	BUDGET	HOMESTEAD	NON HOMESTEAD	Homestead	Non Homestead	Homestead	Non Homestead
1977	132,917,100		100%	630,833	1,288,000			1.44			
1978	138,127,700		95%	676,826	1,256,963			1.40			
1979	143,687,400		88%	787,407	1,339,167			1.48			
1980	150,217,500		83%	941,864	1,446,595			1.59			
1981	157,978,100		78%	1,034,756	1,540,286			1.63			
1982	173,020,100		70%	1,200,892	1,808,990			1.74			
1983	182,434,800		65%	1,311,392	1,842,100			1.73			
1984	327,917,100		100%	1,690,226	2,095,170			1.16			
1985	340,685,500		97%	1,707,190	2,272,500			1.17			
1986	362,297,300		92%	2,006,031	2,387,000			1.22			
1987	383,100,000		80%	2,270,215	2,779,815			1.32			
1988	403,015,000		70%	2,570,285	3,159,634			1.43			
1989	426,135,700		62%	2,850,687	3,508,586			1.50			
1990	437,801,000		64%	2,976,547	3,993,591			1.60			
1991	446,500,300		65%	3,036,078	4,378,404			1.67			
1992	452,171,300		65%	3,079,764	4,603,450			1.70			
1993	461,886,200		64%	3,140,826	4,849,805			1.73			
1994	469,544,100		64%	3,145,945	5,071,076			1.75			
1995	480,519,700		63%	3,073,667	5,110,876			1.704			
1996	743,047,600		100%	3,470,728	5,292,400			1.179			
1997	754,068,800		98%	3,564,544	5,330,900			1.178			
1998	746,664,300		97%	3,403,415	7,893,032			1.513			
1999	763,519,500		96%	3,481,112	8,441,295			1.562			
2000	787,212,900		93%	3,732,303	8,712,858			1.577			
2001	816,277,400		88%	3,860,228	9,286,024			1.611			
2002	842,922,200		82%	4,629,625	10,125,159			1.750			
2003	852,293,300		73%	5,175,631	11,260,846			1.9104			
2004	294,701,666	578,982,773	64%	5,648,150	6,115,942		12,162,692	2.7209	2.7463		
2005	545,798,515	1,215,950,084	100%	5,963,286	6,154,970		14,102,588	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		
2007	540,551,500	1,359,508,800	89%	6,308,143	7,458,530		19,215,269	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		
2009	542,931,100	1,449,557,600	82%	7,008,620	8,577,225		23,777,093	1.9358	1.9963		
2010	542,119,200	1,449,638,100	83%	7,100,615	8,463,023		23,827,701	1.9176	2.0002		
2011	560,926,000	1,424,846,300	94%	7,221,375	7,926,445		20,634,653	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		
2013	525,465,200	1,505,173,600	100%	7,702,577	7,756,917		22,485,788	1.8885	1.8762		
2014	516,537,100	1,524,123,300	100%	8,094,349	7,689,171		23,174,295	1.8885	1.9204		
2015	503,502,400	1,566,303,600	99%	8,392,254	7,542,466		24,052,158	1.9068	1.9444		
2016	519,850,600	1,595,520,500	97%	8,601,551	7,923,563		24,861,400	1.9339	1.9679		

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 2016 Grand List Tax Assessment



Industrial & Utility,
0.73%

Commercial, 16.73%

Acreage &
Miscellaneous, 3.93%

Condominiums,
17.55%

Agriculture, 0.44%

Residential Homes,
60.62%

Commercial 16.73% Industrial & Utility 0.73%

Acreage & Condomini 3.93% Residential 60.62%

Miscellaneous 0.44% Agriculture 0.44%

Residential Homes - 37% are Homestead Property and 63% are Non Residential Property

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Stowe Arena

The Stowe Arena continues to be recognized as one of the best Arena's in New England! Public skating attendance was down this year but the ice rentals continue to increase.

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

Another busy fun-packed year with Recreation and more to come in 2017! Our bi-annual program guides and our social media outreach keep the community 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!

We 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, CPR/AED/First Aid, Red Cross babysitter's course, dog training, soccer camp, tennis and much more. We administered the youth K-6 basketball program this year with more than 65 participants and would like to thank all of the volunteer coaches for a great program. Tots on the Turf was another new program offered which provides the turf space at Stowe Arena for forts, games, and free play during the early spring months. The program was attended by an average of about 60 kids. Some other new programs offered were Teen Fiction Workshops, Young Hacks, and Adult Golf. Look out for many new offerings in 2017!

Some additional noteworthy program updates include information about our summer camp, afterschool program and community garden. Our Summer Camp averaged 76 kids per week, and featured a vast variety of activities, learning, friendships, exploration, field trips and adventures. Robotics was a new addition to the electives for the camps and was well attended. We had great Summer Camp staff this year and hope to have many returning next year. The 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.

Our events were well attended this year. We shifted the location of the fireworks to enhance safety and improve parking and traffic flow. The new location of the fireworks for the Fourth of July which were shot from Mayo C instead of Mayo A, not only improved these things but also generated the best view and show of fireworks to date! The night featured of music, games, fireworks and fun. The 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 Groovy Guy Show Family, Hobbes Goes Home, Darren Young, Taiko Drumming, and Steve Corning. 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. We offered Pumpkin Lobotomy and Turkey Skate new this year. We are currently preparing for our 2nd Annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby at Commodores Pond!



Parks

This past year has been a test in obstacles. Here are a few highlights.

Recreation Path bridges 3, 4, and 5 have been re-decked using in-house labor. More than a dozen trees along the path have been removed for liability reasons, gardens along the 5.5 mile stretch have been redone, benches, sign post, porto-let structures all stained, 13 benches on the Rec. Path and Quiet Path have had foundations replaced and straightened.

The events fields saw more use than ever this past year, which in turn means more maintenance. One area or field on Field A was enlarged to support more athletics. This meant drainage, filling, seeding and mulching all done in-house. All three fields saw aerating, rolling over seeding etc. more than once due to high use on fields B and C. This past fall the Parks Dept. shifted fall middle school soccer from fields B and C to field A, which seemed to work out great. Traffic and pedestrian traffic was not as much of a concern and fans got to see everyone on the same field and there was plenty of parking. This also allowed fields B and C to breathe some and rejuvenate itself. Lacrosse will be using those same areas this spring.

Recreation area grounds received much attention as well, hosting little league tournaments with great reviews for the fields from visiting teams. The bank between the rink and lower parking lot also received attention. Plants that were planted during the rink construction were changed, grass seeded and mulched. A darker bed of mulch was used as well as wild flower seed. Wild flowers were used in two locations, but were not as successful as we had hoped. We will try again this spring, as we still have more changes to make that area more attractive. The basketball court got a new foundation under one of the hoops, cracks sealed and painted.

Cemeteries were maintained to high standards. Gardens were all redone, sign post restained, 25 cedars were reshaped, and 5 big pines cut. When we cut pines or any trees from town properties we try to recycle all that we can, using them for siding or any project we have. Trees were planted at West Branch. This past year the stone restoration was completed in Old Yard Cemetery (behind the Akeley Memorial Building). More work will continue this summer at other cemeteries. The fence along West Branch Cemetery will be replaced this summer.

High School fields received constant care - aeration, over seeding etc... The amount of stress on the varsity fields is high with fall sports and spring sports. There is a short window of rest for both fields, so maintaining both of those can be difficult.

In early August of 2016, the Parks Dept. lost most of its equipment in a fire. Five front line mowers, all walk behind mowers except one, needed to be checked out, all trimmers, blowers and chainsaws as well as most of our small tools were gone. For a period of a week to 2 weeks and more we did not have

much to work with, communications were down, yet we still were able to keep things moving. Garbage was picked up, fields laid out for fall sports and a great attitude from staff. Now in the start of January we have our building back and have started our inside work to finish it. For the past 5 months we have worked out of mini storage boxes. Most of our equipment has been replaced. At this time I would like to extend our thanks to a lot of folks that helped us - The Fire Dept. who made a great save, the police officers who noticed the fire, and staff at the memorial building who helped us. In closing, the Parks Dept. is more than a mowing machine, it also covers a lot of ground to help make Stowe beautiful and has many duties to cover. We appreciate your concerns, comments and suggestions. Many thanks to a dedicated staff, Mike, Rob, Wendy, Deb, Ezra, Jeff, Sam, Eric, Tyler.

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, Trapp Family Lodge, Copley Professional Services Group, Harvest Market, Bourne's Energy, Power Play Sports, Fred's Energy, Breadloaf, Top Notch Resort, Ben & Jerry's, Loomis Property Services, Stowe Motel, McCarthy's, Commodores Inn, Stowe Country Homes, Real Bounce, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, The Country Store on Main, and Stowe Vet.

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 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. Thank you to all those who help support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

MATT FRAZEE

Park & Recreation Director

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.

Having party status in all Public Service Board proceedings involving energy production or distribution projects.

The Commission's main task in 2016 was to conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Stowe Zoning Regulations, which resulted in a package of proposed revisions that have been recommended to the Selectboard. The purpose of the proposed revisions is to implement the recommendations of the 2015 Stowe Town Plan, to clarify issues that have arisen during the development review process and to update the sign regulations to bring them into conformance with U.S. Supreme Court case law.

The Planning Commission consists of the following members:, Chuck Ebel, Chair, Mila Lonetto, Vice Chair, Chuck Baraw, Bob Davison, Arnie Ziegel, Neil 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 Land Trust Board of Directors
Smuggler's Notch Partnership

The Planning Director's work in 2016 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 continue to serve the citizens, business owners and visitors of Stowe by providing professional, compassionate and effective police services.

We continue working with local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies as well as our community partners in an effort to investigate and deter criminal activity, to combat drug related crimes and to provide help to those who need assistance and treatment.

The officers of the Stowe Police Department had 4646 incidents in 2016.

A summary of those incidents included:

257	Motor Vehicle Accidents	508	Alarms
1464	Motor Vehicle Stops	7	Untimely Deaths
116	Animal Complaints	7	Drug/Narcotic
25	Fraud/Embezzlement	13	Assaults
9	Burglary	81	Theft
70	Driving Under Influence	18	Juvenile Incidents
168	Medical/Rescue Calls	198	Motor Vehicle Complaints
9	Missing Persons	188	Fire Department Assists
270	Suspicious Persons/Circumstances	47	Noise Disturbance
52	Traffic Hazards	58	Citizen Disputes
18	Threats/Harassment	5	Trespassing
3	Sex Offense/Sexual Assault	298	Assist Public/Motorists
24	Unlawful mischief/Vandalism	25	Intoxication

Officers issued 110 Civil Tickets, 399 Traffic Citations and 1382 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.

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. I would also like to thank the families of the employees of the Stowe Police Department for your support you have given to your loved ones.

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. I would like to thank the other department heads and their staff for the continued support throughout the year.

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 oversees the Highway, Sewer and Water Departments, provides technical assistance to other departments, and is responsible for the development and implementation of the Town's capital projects. 2016 was an exceptionally busy and productive year for Public Works. Noteworthy projects completed include the West Branch Little River Management Project-streambank stabilization, floodplain creation and the relocation of approximately 1100 LF of Rec Path; Rec Path Reconstruction between Mountain Road and Bridge 6; temporary sidewalk replacements on South Main Street and Depot Street; large diameter culvert rehabilitations under Luce Hill Road and Cape Cod Road; a large culvert replacement under Sanborn Road; bridge railing repairs on the Moscow Road Bridge over Little River; repairs to the granite entry stairs and new heating system controls in the Akeley Memorial Building; emergency streambank stabilizations at Rec Path Bridge 4; two grant-funded erosion control projects on River Road; the long awaited Quite Path Bridge, and reconstruction of the Parks Department garage significantly damaged by fire in August. We were very involved in the design development, permitting and easement acquisitions for the forthcoming South Main Street Sidewalk and River Road Intersection Reconstruction Project. This very challenging project which includes major utility relocations and coordination with the States forthcoming reconstruction of Rte 100 from Stowe Village to Exit 10 in Waterbury, is hopefully coming to fruition in 2017. We also made progress on the Polo Field Shelter and Village Sidewalk and Main Street Utility Relocation studies. The Department was also very active in the public works aspects of a number of significant private development projects, particularly regarding water and sewer utilities.

Stowe's Highway Department continues to be admirably led by Highway Superintendent Steve Bonneau, who thankfully has postponed his retirement for another year, maintaining and repairing approximately 100 miles of roads, 24 bridges, 600+ culverts and our existing and expanding sidewalk network. We were able to take advantage of an excellent paving bid environment in 2016 and a Class 2 Highway grant secured from the State to accomplish major paving reconstruction projects on Randolph Road and lower Stowe Hollow Road and paving overlay projects on lower Luce Hill Road and small sections of Moscow Road and South Main Street. Last year's relatively light winter has been followed up by a challenging early winter this season. Our highway crew continues to deliver often when we are asleep or celebrating holidays. They deserve our continued thanks. We continue to monitor the permit and rules being developed by the

State in response to Act 64 to improve water quality in the State. These will create a new paradigm in the requirements for stormwater management from Town highways in VT. This will require significant new resources, the cooperation of abutting property owners, particularly in regards to the management of stormwater onto and away from Town Highway drainage systems, and the implementation of new stormwater related local ordinances in the near future.

The Sewer Department 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 320,000 gallons/day with flow variations of 200,000-700,000 gallons/day. This introduces unique challenges to the operation of our sewer system. Major challenges were admirably addressed by the department when we had a pump and controls systems failures at the Weeks Hill Road Pump Station during the July 4th weekend and repeated discharges of glycol from geothermal systems into our collections system and treatment works this fall. Updating our sewer ordinance and rate structure are recommended priorities for 2017. Longtime sewer superintendent Greg Lewis has been on leave for most of the year and his retirement is anticipated early in 2017.

The Water Department 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. We have implemented a loading dock and chemical transfer safety improvements at our Edson Hill Treatment works and promptly addressed the loss of our main well supply pump during Christmas break, a period of peak production and 3 days before we made more than 700,000 gallons in 1 day, a record for the Town's water system. We continue to make great progress on addressing many of our operational challenges. We have improved our ability to detected leaks in our distribution system and continue to resolve these. Increasing our permitted water supply capacity and providing emergency power capacity at our treatment and pump station facilities remain a goal. Updating our water rules rate structure are recommended priorities for 2017. Longtime Chief Water System Operator Mike Mandigo has retired and we have welcomed Richard Griffiths as a new Operator-in-Training.

Finally, I would like to share a comment offered one evening when I was walking to my car by a local business owner who tipped his hat and said "you guys are getting things done". We all take pride in doing so and the scope and breathe of tasks we can accomplish together. We have fostered increased inter-departmental teamwork and cooperation. Sewer and Water more regularly working together. Highway is always go-to and willing. Water and Parks are helping Highway with winter season peaks and working with Stowe Electric has been much improved. This has been a long term goal that I believe is bearing fruit for the Town. Thank you from all of us for the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY J SHEPARD III, PE
Public Works Director/Town Engineer



The Public Works Crew were busy in 2016 on a number of projects including (clockwise from top): streambank stabilization, Rec Path reconstruction, Randolph Road reconstruction and paving and Luce Hill Road culvert rehabilitation.



STATUS OF EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Polo Field Shelter: In accordance with the requirements of the Mayo Farm Management Plan, the conceptual design and siting was approved by the voters by Australian ballot at last year's Town Meeting. -At this year's Annual Meeting voters will be asked if they want to fund an open pavilion type shelter with a small storage room. The current Total Project Cost estimate is \$142,000. The original appropriation in 2006 was \$33,000. The additional \$109,000 is required to fund construction. -If approved and pending final permits, construction in 2017 is anticipated.

Lower Village Sidewalk / River Road Intersection: New sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street in the Lower Village from Sylvan Park Road (north) to River Road and the existing River Walk. Project includes the reconstruction of the River Road intersection. This will include pedestrian safety improvements that will incorporate crosswalks thru the intersection and eliminate the existing Y type intersection and center island with a utility pole. This project is partially funded by a \$779,750 federal grant secured in 2007 and administered by VTrans. The grant agreement incorporates significant State and Federal requirements. The project is further challenged by required utility relocations and the state's proposed reconstruction of Route 100 from the old Village limits to Exit 10 in Waterbury. Final design and permitting has proceeded in close coordination with the VTrans. The Town has also secured the necessary easements and commenced with the required utility relocations. Both the Town and State projects were scheduled to be bid this winter and construction commencing this spring however, recent developments may create delay. The current Total Project Cost estimate is \$1,488,000. Total previous Town appropriations (2007 and 2016) = \$309,600. With the federal grant, an additional Town appropriation of \$470,000 is required and recommended as a capital project appropriation this year. The Town is obligated to proceed with the project or refund the federal money spent to date, currently estimated to be \$200,000.

Quite Path Bridge: Substantially Completed in 2016; Minor punch list items to be completed in the spring. Project Budget = \$160,000; Total Project Cost to date = \$155,111

Akeley Building Repairs: Completed in 2016. Work included repairs to the roof and rehabilitation of the granite step at the Main Street entry portico. Project Budget = \$60,000; Total Project Cost = \$59,591

Old Yard Cemetery Restoration: Completed in 2016; Project Budget = \$35,000; Total Project Cost = \$34,112

Luce Hill Road (and Cape Cod Road) Culvert Rehabilitation: (Cape Cod Road Culvert added on an emergency basis-added to the original Luce Hill Road project). Completed in 2016; Total Project Budget = \$90,000; Total Project Costs = 86,699

West Branch River Management Project-Phase 2: Project included streambank stabilization, floodplain creation and approximately 2100 LF of Rec Path relocation below bridge #7. Completed in 2016. This completes the entire project. Phase 1 was completed west of Bridge 7 in 2015. The total project cost was \$968,000 of which the Town received \$434,000 under a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Grant and anticipates reimbursement of \$276,000 under a State of VT Ecosystems Restoration Grant. The Project Budget (Town Funds) was \$400,000. The Total Project Cost (Town Funds) after state reimbursement will be +/- \$258,000.

Fire Dept.-Self Contained Breathing Apparatus: Purchase complete. Budget = \$188,000. Cost = \$139,430

Rec Path Reconstruction: Widening and full depth reconstruction of Rec Path from Mountain Road/Rte108 crosswalk to Bridge 6; Completed in 2016. Project Budget = \$80,000. Total Project Cost = \$78,802

Temporary Sidewalk Replacement: Removal of concrete pavers and installation of temporary bituminous concrete sidewalks on South Main Street and Depot Street; Completed in 2016; Project Budget = \$42,000; Total Project Cost = \$43,013

Moscow Road Bridge Rail Repairs: Damage caused by a vehicular impact completed for total cost to date = \$67,518. Town is pursuing recovery of cost incurred from the driver's insurance company.

Streambank Stabilization-Rec Path Bridge 4: Emergency work completed in 2016. Project Budget = \$15,000. Total Project Cost = \$12,000.

Parks Dept. Reconstruction: Reconstruction of Parks Department garage significantly damaged by fire in August 2016 is substantially complete. Miscellaneous improvements incorporated in the work include electrical and telephone service upgrades, insulation and fire rated ceiling, and removal of an unstable previous addition to original parks garage. Total Cost to date is approximately \$150,000. Insurance company reimbursement, except for deductible and improvements implemented is anticipated.

Luce Hill Road-Rte 108 Intersection: State project with a 10% local match. Design and Bid/Contract Documents complete. State will be bidding project this winter for construction this spring.

Mountain Road Village Sidewalks-Phase II: Final design and permitting in progress for possible future implementation.

Village Center Sidewalks Study: In progress. Consultants retained and engaged in sidewalk replacement study throughout Village. Draft report

currently under staff review. Finalization of report for presentation to Selectboard and Public Hearings anticipated in 2017 for possible action at 2018 Annual Meeting.

Main Street Utility Line Relocation Study: Conceptual Plan for electrical relocations developed by Stowe Electric. Public Works is in progress with furthering this concept development with all other affected utility companies and property owners in conjunction with the Village Center Sidewalks Study. The goal is to have this project report ready for presentation to Selectboard and Public input in 2017 concurrent with the Village Sidewalks Study in 2017 for possible action at the 2018 Annual Meeting.



The Quiet Path Bridge construction was completed in 2016. This bridge over the West Branch River now completes a 1.5 mile loop for the Quiet Path.



STOWE MOUNTAIN RESCUE



Stowe Mountain Rescue responded to 35 requests for assistance in 2016.

The missions are delineated accordingly:

	TYPE OF CALL	TOTAL
I.	SEARCH	12
II.	LITTER CARRY	9
III.	ASSIST SUBJECT	8
IV.	HIGH ANGLE/ROPE	4
V.	STAND BY	0
VI.	SNOWMACHINE	1
VII.	WATER	0
VIII.	RESCUE	1

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 two piece light weight litter and wheel assembly.

Stowe Mountain Rescue (SMR) has had one member retire from service. Marc Couper, our team Paramedic and Medical Officer has retired. Marc brought strong medical skills and outstanding back country patient care. He is a strong climber, skier and will be missed for his sense of humor and skills. Additionally, Marc spent hours preparing for and conducting monthly medical training for the team. Thank you, Marc for your dedication and contributions to the Team.

Please site our team website for further details on missions and other team information and activities – www.stowemountainrescue.org.

Doug Veliko, Chief and Training Officer

Rory Burke
Tracey Elykelhoff
Graham Govoni
Derek Libby
Jason McLean
Ed Miller
Dave Palmer
Dennis Reinhardt

Tom Rogers
Andrew Ruschp
Greg Speer
Ed Stewart
Todd Westervelt
Jonathan Wehse
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 2015 vs. 2016 statistics for some of the services we offer:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Dog Licenses Issued	520	471
Fish & Wildlife Licenses Sold	38	29
Land Records Processed	9,370 pages	10,810 pages
Land Record Office Visits	over 2,000	over 2,000
Liquor Licenses/App. Processed	224	167
Marriage Licenses Issued	136	131
Motor Vehicle Reg. Renewals	80	135
Passports Issued	202	189
Passport Photos Issued	415	366

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.townofstowevt.org for a complete list.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

LISA WALKER & MEGAN GREGORY, *Interim Town Clerk/Treasurers*

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses and tags are available at the Town Clerk's office Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. 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.

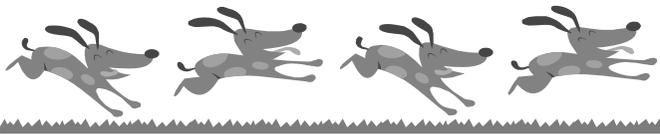
471 dogs were licensed in 2016.

On or Before April 1st.	FEE
Spayed/Neutered	\$11.50
Un-Altered	\$15.50

After April 1st	
Spayed/Neutered	\$13.50
Un-Altered	\$19.50

SPECIAL LICENSES - Issued for **un-altered** 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!

2016 REPORT OF THE ZONING DIRECTOR AND HEALTH OFFICER

In 2016 the Zoning Director issued 193 zoning permits that included construction of 19 new single-family dwellings. In addition, staff assistance to the Development Review Board was provided for 59 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 42 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; 173 permits in 2015; and 193 in 2016.

Permits for new residential houses in 2016 have varied in size from 722 square feet of heated space to 10,000 square feet of heated space. The average new house approved in 2016 had approximately 3,178 square feet of heated area or similar to 3,273 square feet in 2015.

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.townofstowevermont.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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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 adult education and literacy needs of Stowe residents for more than 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.

In recent years, an average of 11 Stowe residents have benefitted annually from CVABE's free programs, and last year 7 residents enrolled. 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.*

CVABE provides free instruction to approximately 500 people annually in its overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. *Nearly all students are low income.* It currently costs CVABE \$3,191 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Over 125 community volunteers, including 5 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 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



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 15,064 people in 8,931 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 and more.

Programs and services accessed by 112 Stowe households representing 170 individuals this past year included:

- 79 individuals in 44 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 4 households with 9 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 13 individuals in 5 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 1 homeless individual with 2 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 3 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 5 additional family members.
- 2 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 2 residents, including 1 senior.
- 4 people found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Capstone Transportation Project, including car purchases.
- 14 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 3 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 24 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS

certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.

- 2 people saved towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security. With savings, homes were purchased; businesses were capitalized and people enrolled in higher education or training.
- 8 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.

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



Head Start's 50th Anniversary Celebration in Lamoille County featured fun family activities including "pumpkin painting." War on Poverty legislation created the national Head Start program in addition to the Office of Economic Opportunity and many other poverty relief and economic development programs that continue today.





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 Help Line - (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.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 84 Stowe residents. Case Managers, Bonnie Hanson, Penny Walker-Reen and Christine Melicharek are designated to work directly with the seniors in Stowe. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 722 hours of service to Stowe seniors.

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 Emergency & 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
- Mindfulness based practices for all ages as well as other grounding, visioning and healing practices
- Community Advocacy Training & Education
- Prevention Education & Bystander Response training
- Awareness raising and engagement through the arts, theater, music, social media and social action
- EVOLVE (Engaging Voices of Lamoille with Empowerment) to support, 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.

2015-16 Statistics:

Points of Contact with those we serve:	8324
Adults and Children Served:	420
Hotline Calls	1110
Emergency & Transitional Housing:	63
Number of nights Emergency/Housing provided	4848
Number unmet Emergency Housing:	83
Trainings/Outreach Events:	86
Hours provided by Volunteers:	7774

LOCAL TALK ON FRONT PORCH FORUM

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>



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.

We are now actively pursuing a piece of property to build our next home on. Soon we will begin the process of selecting another family who will qualify for the next Habitat home in our county. From there we will plan the design of the home and begin work the Summer of 2017.

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.

David Mullin, *Interim President and*
Executive Director, Green Mtn. Habitat for Humanity
Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity
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Morrisville, Vermont 05661
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 supplemental 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 2016, we have seen 186 individuals from Stowe visit our pantry. We have served 68 families including 113 adults and 62 children and 11 senior citizens. 29 of the families had at least one family member who was working but they still could not make ends meet. If we look at 2015 statistics, we served 72 families or 213 individuals during the entire year. 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
Pam Hammel
Karen Loh
Jan Tichansky
Ellen Waldman
Tom Younkman
Part Monaco
Darsey Moon



Lamoille County Conservation District

Conserving Our Natural Resources Since 1945

Support Local Resource Issues in Your Community!

Lamoille County Conservation District works with landowners, municipalities, schools, farmers, and loggers across ten towns in Lamoille County, in addition to neighboring towns in the Lamoille Watershed. LCCD relies on grants, donations, and fundraising opportunities to complete projects in Lamoille County and Lamoille Watershed.

A Summary of Lamoille County Conservation District's 2016 Accomplishments

Hyde Park Reach Restoration Completed!

LCCD completed a major restoration project to mitigate the effects of stormwater runoff into Centerville Brook in Hyde Park. Five different sites were developed within the project and included the restoration of an eroded gully using bioengineering methods, creating a native shrub corridor, and creating a confluence pool area to retain water during floods.



Trees for Streams 2016—Trees for the Birds and Trees for a Town

Working with the Vermont River Conservancy, LCCD installed a four-acre buffer project off River Road on the Fairfax/Cambridge line, part of a 28-acre lot protected from future development along the Lamoille. A VT Forests Parks & Rec grant helped LCCD provide shrubs and trees at Morrisville Park & Ride, Oxbow Park and the new Rail Trail Pocket Park.

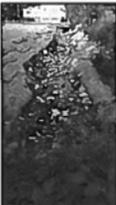


Protecting the Local Waters from Storms and Sediments

Working with VT State partners, LCCD installed two Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) projects with support from the Lake Champlain Basin Program in Hyde Park and Morrisville. In one project, with a lot of help from VTRANS staff, all the sediment from the Morrisville State Garage is now collected and filtered that would otherwise make its way into Lake Lamoille. Thanks VTRANS!!!

The 21st Annual Vermont Envirothon

LCCD coordinated the state-wide annual Vermont Envirothon for 72 high school students on 10 teams. This year's winning team came from Websterville Baptist High School. They represented Vermont at the North American Envirothon held at Trent University in Ontario in July.



Lamoille County Nature Center Educational Programs

LCCD's Education Program included twenty partners from area libraries, schools, preschool centers and community groups as well as offering week-long summer nature camps.

Local Farmers Plan for Nutrient Management

LCCD provided free soil samples and technical assistance to two county "small farm operations", a new farm category that will be regulated by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture's in Lamoille County. With this assistance, these farms will develop Nutrient Management Plans and be ready for the new Required Agricultural Practices that all farms are required to follow.

Streams and Critters Crossing—Connecting the Mid-Lamoille Culvert Project

With LCCD's assistance, two high priority culverts in the towns of Eden and Hyde Park have engineered plans for "shovel ready" construction. Replacing these structures will open up more than 15 miles for Brook trout passage.



Questing within the Waters of the Lamoille

A Lake Champlain Basin Program grant allowed LCCD to work with four classes at Wolcott, Waterville, and Cambridge Elementary Schools to develop watershed quests for their local communities. LCCD is in the process of guiding students through the watershed investigative process and students are diving in to prepare their quests!

Support Local Resource Issues in Your Community!

Our success is based on the number of participants we serve in our local community.

Lamoille County Conservation District is...

A county resource providing information and assistance to farmers and foresters about land-use programs ... A place where kids enjoy nature camps and programs... A technical resource for erosion control programs and equipment for towns and loggers... A valuable service for teachers who benefit from our educational resources... A foundation for hundreds of volunteers to participate in local hands-on opportunities, and much more!



Simply, our mission is to conserve natural resources and the working landscape for future generations through School Programs, River Restoration Projects, Summer Camps, Trout Sales, Teacher Curriculum and Lending Kits, Farmer Outreach, Forestry Techniques, Equipment Shares, Service-Learning Programs, Native Plant Sales, Land Stewardship, and more!

Your Membership and Gifts allow us to continue our efforts and strengthen the success of our programs. Become a member or renew today! The District is a tax exempt organization mandated by the Vermont State Statute since 1945. While we received \$7,435 from the State of Vermont in 2016, a large sum of support for *your community conservation* is made up in grants, partners, foundations and you. Your membership support helps us to write grants, provides education and outreach, and funds special projects based on the needs of the community. Our goal for the 2016 Membership Drive is \$15,000 and is only possible with your donation.

LCCD "By The Numbers"	2016
Program Participants	2,858
Training Hours Provided	78
Schools Partnered With	24
Scholarship/Camperships Offered	8
Sales Customers	99
Envirothon Participants	83

Members Receive:

Reduced fees on all Nature Center Programs and LCCD Workshops, early notification of our annual Tree and Trout Sales, Trout at cost, Newsletters, and the satisfaction of conserving natural resources for future generations!



Levels of Support:

Individual	\$35
Couple/Family	\$60
Supporter	\$125
Sponsor	\$250
Steward	\$500
Conservationist	\$1000

For more information about our programs, contact us:

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www.lcnrcd.com



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. 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 children, families, and individuals as well as 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, 2016, we served sixty-three (63) 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. We are currently working on a police social worker liaison to assist law enforcement divert individuals from the corrections system, when that is possible.

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, represent Lamoille County on Rural Community Transportation and Green Mountain Transportation Authority Boards; coordinate outreach and training through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC); provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans, road foremen network, Municipal Road Permits and the Orange Book workshops, and traffic counts; and coordinate with other entities such as Vermont Youth Conservation Corps for compiling county-wide list of potential projects they consider for implementation.
- ***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. Provide Vermont Clean Water Fund Outreach and Assistance. Assisted in the development of the Lamoille Tactical Basin Plan.
- ***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, eco-

conomic 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. In FY 16, County Directors are: Caleb Magoon, Yvette Mason, Craig Myotte, and Valerie Valcour. For FY 17, County Directors are: Howard Romero, Ralph Monticello, Linda Martin, Valerie Valcour and Caleb Magoon.

2016 Municipal Assistance

STOWE

- Facilitated Green Mountain Byway Steering Committee and provided mapping assistance
- Developed 2015-2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Reviewed Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to incorporate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) comments
- Conducted culvert inventory
- Conducted Town Road Infrastructure Flood Damage Susceptibility Study
- Conducted town-wide road erosion inventory
- Provided assistance in updating the Local Emergency
- Operations Plan
- Provided assistance in identifying funding solutions for Stowe Recreation Path Relocation/ West Branch Restoration Project
- Updated Emergency Telephone Service (E-911) maps
- Assisted Stowe Fire Department in updating hydrant maps
- Conducted traffic and bike/pedestrian counts
- Served as project manager of two intersection safety improvement studies
- Provided information about Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) grant programs and other available funds such as the Transportation Alternatives, Bike-Ped, and Park-n-Ride grant programs. Provided letter of support for Better Back Roads grant program
- Prepared Smugglers Notch Boardwalk and Smugglers Notch Informational Kiosks for construction
- Reviewed Act 250 applications for Bullrock, Stowe Mountain Resort Bike Trails and West Branch Floodplain Restoration, and one Section 248 application for Stowe solar project
- Coordinated outreach for Safe Routes to School Program

Regional Directors

Brian Leven & Graham Mink

Transportation Advisory Committee

Tom Jackman

Chris Jolly (Alt)

O Box 1637 • 52 Portland Street • Morrisville, VT 05661

Phone: (802) 888-4548 • Fax: (802) 888-6938 -Web: www.lcpv.org

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department

Roger M. Marcoux, Jr., Lamoille County Sheriff

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 17998 E911 calls this last year, which is up from the 12,696 in 2015. Our current staff consists of 10.

Fire Agency	Total Calls	Ambulance Agency	Total Calls	Police Agency	Total Calls
Barre	208	Barre	3735	Barre Town	6252
Elmore	43	Hardwick	579		
Hardwick	79	NEMS	797	LCSD	5722
Johnson	105	Cambridge	376	Stowe PD	4652
North Hyde / Eden	15	Morristown	721	Hardwick PD	3584
Wolcott	45	Stowe	747	Morristown PD*	4351
Cambridge	186				
Greensboro	33			FCSO*	6539
Hyde Park	73				
Morristown	203				
Stowe	293				
Total	1283	Total	6955	Total	31100

*Total number of calls dispatched by LCSD & department's own part-time dispatch.

The LCSD Patrol Division responded to 5722 calls for services, up from 5537 calls for service in 2015. 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 174 directed patrols, 66 foot patrols and 32 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.

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 support the region-wide effort to create the Lamoille Valley RailTrail, 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. This fall we were pleased to be able to provide this support in a concrete way by paying the printing cost for the initial run of 3,000 trail maps for the Lamoille County portion. These maps are available at trailhead kiosks as well as other locations. We are also continuing our support of a recreation path between Stowe and Morrisville which would have a direct hook-up with the RailTrail.

Our county-wide initiatives are also of direct benefit to Stowe. These continue to include eight low cost workshops for small businesses which were attended by many Stowe residents and business owners. More than 300 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 continued 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. Co-chair of the Education and Workforce Development Working Group, he also is a member of the Consumer Education and Marketing Working Group.

We continue as the host for the local office of the Vermont Small Business Development Center manned by Charles Ininger. Charley'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.

We now have over \$400,000 in the Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund 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 Lamoille County segment. This year there were seven local entrepreneurs who made “pitches” to an audience made up of over 45 venture capitalists, angel investors and successful business owners. Own of the “pitchers,” Bart Newhouse of Yaship, LLC, is a Stowe resident.

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.

Once again the LEDC thanks the Stowe staff and Selectboard 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 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 celebrating 40 years of service to children, youth and families! Since 1976, 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 2016, our caring and dedicated staff of 32 reached more than 4,000 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley.

Examples of Stowe residents served include:

- Our Children's Integrated Services team made home visits, providing family support and early intervention, for 32 participants.
- 8 families with 21 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
- 12 families with 15 children attended a weekly playgroup
- On any given day approximately 25 families and 35 children receive support in affording child care through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- 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

Countless children are stronger, safer and more confident as a result of their involvement with the Family Center. Together, we strive to help families become healthy, strong and independent.

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

2017 Marks the 46th year of this Agency's service to Lamoille County residents...and also marks its 46th year of support from the ten towns spread across the Lamoille Valley. As we look back, it is town support that has remained the dependable constant. Area residents give us the energy to forge ahead, whatever the circumstances in the health care industry, in federal legislation or in state government.

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.

Our population is aging. Lamoille County is poised to expand its population of people over the age of 65 by as many as 5000 additional seniors by the year 2030.

A snapshot of services provided in Lamoille County this past fiscal year is as follows.

365 Days of LHH&H Statistics

TOTAL VISITS:	HOSPICE CARE	HOURS OF SERVICE
Nursing ~ 10585	Total Days of Care - 4449	PCA/Homemaker ~ 16149
Therapy - 5128	Ave. Daily Census - 12	Hi Tech Nursing ~ 1924
(PT, OT & ST)	Annual Census - 77 clients	Hous.&Suppt. Serv. ~ 800
MSW ~ 601	Ave. Length of Stay -	Senior Housing Wellness ~ 300
LNA ~ 7042	59 days	Case Management ~ 1461
Total visits ~ 23356	On the Road	Volunteers ~ 1781
	Employee -290266	Total Hours Provided ~ 22415
	Volunteer - 14117	
	Total Miles Driven - 304383	

Thank you for your long history of commitment to home care and hospice. Your continued support makes a world of difference to so many in Lamoille County.

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 300 units of affordable housing in our service area. 39 of these units are located in Stowe, VT. We are gratified and proud of our 10+ years of working with the Stowe community.

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

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

PO Box 637 Morrisville, VT 05661 802-888-5714

info@lamoillehousing.org

LAMOILLE RESTORATIVE CENTER (LRC)

Lamoille Restorative Center empowers people to make good choices and connect positively to their community. Our mission is to address unlawful behaviors and support victims of crime, while promoting healthy families and communities within the Lamoille Valley.

Last year, we helped:

- 353 kids attend school.
- 238 people stay out of the justice system with the help of 33 volunteers; meeting each week to repair the harm caused by their crime.
- 55 children and 39 parents and caregivers overcome the negative consequences of incarceration.
- 13 men and women reenter their community from jail, establishing positive relationships and working to avoid re-offense.
- 45 people get drug, alcohol and mental health treatment. They avoided court involvement and many avoided jail.
- 51 young people prepare for the world of work. 8 found and maintained a steady job.

These interventions save tax dollars, reduce recidivism and help people address issues that often lead to crime in the first place - addiction, mental health and poverty.

Community support is critical for us to continue serving more than 1,000 people each year. We rely on financial contributions from individuals and communities – like this town’s appropriation. We are grateful for your town’s continued support.

Sincerely,
Heather Hobart
Executive Director

Lamoille Restorative Center
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Hyde Park, VT 05655
www.lrcvt.org
(802) 888-5871

To learn more about Lamoille Restorative Center and it’s programs, or to find out how to become a volunteer, please contact me at 888-0614 or hhobart@lrcvt.org.



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 outpatient counseling services. 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, 2015 through June 30, 2016, services were provided to 1 residents of Stowe who spent 29 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 Way, 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.

Allison Mitchell, Controller
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(802) 858-7206

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 checks 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 44,000 miles each month delivering meals. This past fiscal year we had 165 community volunteers for our program as delivery drivers, kitchen assistants, event helpers, board members and office assistants. Together they donated over 4,300 hours. We are truly YOUR community Meals on Wheels program!

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, MOWLC provided 43,000 meals throughout Lamoille County. Of this total, 16 were residents of Stowe, and they received a total of 3533.

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 or email meals@mowlc.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Fournier Grisgraber
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE

Thank you so much for the support we receive from the town of Stowe each year. Your support is invaluable in helping us meet our mission.

Mission Statement

North Country Animal League promotes compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals through sheltering of homeless animals, adoptions, education, spay/neuter programs and support of cruelty prevention.

Programs

Sheltering of homeless animals in our Pet Adoption Center with the philosophy of a commitment to providing any animal in the shelter a warm and friendly environment with nutritious food and training to prepare them for their new homes

Adoption of homeless animals with an average of 700 animals per year from 1998 through 2016 finding new homes through the assistance of professional adoption counselors who help families and individuals make the perfect match

Education and outreach through humane education in classrooms, off-site presentations, open houses, READ project, dog bite prevention workshops, high school mentoring programs and children's programs

Spay/neuter of all animals adopted out by NCAL and low cost spay/neuter days throughout the year

Support of cruelty prevention with NCAL serving as lead agency in Lamoille County for the Cruelty Response System, a collaboration between agencies and individuals in the county working to protect animals from cruelty; the general public can report animal cruelty by calling NCAL or entering an online submission at www.reportanimalcruelty.com

Morrisville Town Statistics-January 1-December 1, 2016

10 total strays and surrendered animals from Stowe

\$7,500 average cost for NCAL to care for Stowe animals (\$750/animal for average three-week stay)

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Goldfine, Executive Director

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**LAMOILLE DAY HEALTH SERVICES (AKA OUT AND ABOUT)
11 COURT STREET
MORRISVILLE, VERMONT 05661
(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.

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.



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

RSVP's new initiative engages, inspires, and recognizes volunteers who serve their communities with measurable outcomes in companionship, transportation and home delivered meals. In Stowe we supported 6 volunteers who served 102 hours.

The money requested from Stowe is used to help offset the cost of supporting those 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. However our communities' non-profits need people of all ages, whether retired, senior, working, or young there are many ways to help others and strengthen our community.

Simply put RSVP means an agency dedicated to volunteers and to the nonprofit organizations that serve 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 in hospitals, nursing homes, meal sites, transportation programs, and food banks.

For more information, or to volunteer in Stowe, please contact Robert Pierce at 241-4840 RPierce@cvcoa.org or Program Director Dan Noyes at 888-2190 - 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 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.cvcoa.org/rsvp to learn of other opportunities in your community.

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.

1677 Industrial Parkway
Lyndonville, VT 05851
(802) 748-8170
Fax: (802) 751-8349



RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty 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 229,570 rides last year.

RCT provided 66 Stowe residents with 3,815 trips, accumulating approximately 111,221 miles, a cost of \$79,706.34 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

2016 was a year of numerous firsts and several expanded activities. Stowe Historical Society and Stowe Reporter collaborated with a weekly Trivia question about Stowe from January to the end of May. It was repeated on Stowe Historical Facebook page the following week and generated good responses from both sources.

A new Website and Instagram page were introduced in February. We are working slowly to make them more useful and informative. To that end we are looking for volunteers to help with the Webpages. In the background we are diligently scanning and cataloging photos, news articles and some of our scrapbook collection.

From March until June we worked with an intern from Johnson State College's "Step Up" program. He researched the history of snowmaking as part of our preparation for History Expo 2016, the theme of which was the "Power of Water". With assistance from Scott Reeves of Stowe Mountain Resort, we collaborated with Vermont Ski & Snowboard Museum on "Thanks to Snowmaking There's Always Snow in Stowe". It featured photos of early season snow blowing and late season remainder snow after the natural snow melted, maps of the trails on which snow is made, the newest and oldest nozzles, and a photo loop of compressors, the color coded air and water hoses and the announcement of snow making 49 years ago. After Expo we brought the display back to the museum. The theme of Annual Meeting in September was "Making Snow" as a follow up to the exhibit. Scott Reeves explained the history, and today's process of snowmaking.

We mounted an exhibit of the first 100 years in Stowe, including photos of the celebration and a special edition of the News and Citizen, copies of which are available at the museum.

Beginning in late 2015 with the arrival of the candy case from Lackey's Store we slowly added to our "big item" collection. With the help of the Stowe Public Works Department and muscle from several of our members we brought Bentley's Safe to its new home in our entrance hall. Several months later, Glenn Mink donated the Lackey sign which hangs in a corner of the main floor display space.

As a community service project, a young lady learned to scan images and correct OCR misspelling. With this skill she scanned and corrected the covers and table of contents of about 10 years of Stowe Guides. Because of her efforts, we will be continuing the project in conjunction with the Stowe Reporter.

The popularity of our museum is increasing with genealogists coming to use our collections , tourists and locals discovering new items in the collections and stories about our history. During 2016 we were visited by more than 650 people, including 4th grade classes, a large group from Montreal, folks from Europe, Asia, North and South America. We appreciate being able to spend time with them, to share and to learn from them.

Keeping History Alive,

Barbara Baraw, *President*

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.

Stowe Land Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and has worked with the community and a diverse set of partners to complete 32 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 2016, SLT completed two land protection projects: Kaiser Farm (now called Long Winter Farm), and Hunnewell Meadow. Both properties were listed as priority parcels for protection in our newly updated Strategic Conservation Plan. Our conservation plan highlights the continued need for farmland protection in Stowe, with less than 20% of available agricultural soils protected from development today. This past spring, we brought on a part-time AmeriCorps member who lined up an amazing season of programming. We worked with nearly every Stowe Elementary student -more than 160 kids -covering a wide range of naturalist topics on Stowe Land Trust conserved lands. This summer and fall, we worked with dozens of volunteers to restore native wildlife habitat at DuMont Meadow and Cady Hill Forest by removing invasive Bush honeysuckle and Japanese barberry. We made great progress and plan to continue efforts in 2017.

While SLT has completed 32 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 <http://www.stowelandtrust.org> to learn more and to get involved.

Respectfully,

Caitrin Maloney
Executive Director

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*Photo: Our strong volunteers after clearing invasive Bush honeysuckle at DuMont Meadow.
July, 2016.*



*Photo: Annie Paradee of Long Winter Farm with their organically grown potatoes. Formerly the
Kaiser Farm, Long Winter Farm was conserved by SLT and Vermont Land Trust in spring 2016.*



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 2016, Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. continued its efforts to bring ongoing vitality to the Village of Stowe.

More specifically, 2016 marked an exceptionally active and successful year for Stowe Vibrancy, as we continued its production and co-production of more than 25 community events throughout the spring, summer, fall and early winter!

We kicked things off over Memorial Day weekend with Chowderpalooza and Spring Art on Park, featuring Chad Hollister, where temperatures sweltered to the mid-90s, and hot chowder warmed hearts and bellies of nearly 700 visitors.

Running 11 weeks between June and August, the Village buzzed with Art on Park Thursday evenings featuring 30+ vendors, fabulous music and family-friendly activities, and the newly expanded Friday Night Flix free outdoor film series, with its Sound of Music finale and welcome by the von Trapp family.

Stowe's Fourth of July Celebration was the biggest one ever, the showcase of which was our parade of nearly 50 floats/groups.

The challenging mid-summer rainstorms unfortunately canceled the Antique Car Show Street Dance, but the British Invasion Block Party was an all-out *brilliant* good time!

Fall Foliage Art on Park saw beautiful weather and our first-ever amateur Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest, which was judged by a panel that included Stowe Cider and Town Manager, Charles Safford.

We capped this spectacular year with a two-day Traditional Christmas in Stowe festival, which was named a "Top Ten" winter event by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce and didn't disappoint our many visitors.

We're proud that literally thousands of residents and tourists came to the Village and the wider Town of Stowe this past year to experience our community and to shop, eat, and enjoy these events.

Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. expects to continue virtually all of its 2016 event programs again in 2017. 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 all of the above, Stowe Vibrancy Inc. continues to be a key partner of the Town and supporter of many local businesses by our work on infrastructure improvements, beautification, and economic development tools for the Village.

Early last year, Stowe Vibrancy and the Town of Stowe were awarded a Downtown Designation by the State of Vermont for our historic Village center. This designation offers the Town and businesses within the "Downtown" perimeter the ability to apply for special state and federal funding grants and tax benefits.

We were also exceptionally fortunate last year to add Shari Vermeulen to our team. As our part-time Executive Director, she has been instrumental in leading our all-volunteer Board and action committees to expand our breadth and promotional marketing reach.

Additionally, we are in discussions regarding possible expanded plans for Parsonage Park and to enhance and update the Stowe Vibrancy website. Finally, we continue our discussions regarding the future options for relocating the village utility poles, and are looking into the possibility of offering free Wi-Fi in our core village.

Lastly, throughout the December and early January holiday season, there was a picture-perfect winter scene throughout Stowe village with thousands of twinkling lights and a stunning Christmas tree on the Green. The enhanced Village holiday lighting was a collaborative effort that has brought joy and wonder to everyone in our world-class Village.

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.

2017 Events Schedule

Chowderpalooza and Spring Art on Park
Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 11:00am – 2:00pm
(Rain Date; Sunday, May 28, 2017)

Gardens of Stowe (self-guided tour and reception)*
Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 12 pm – 5pm

An Old Fashioned Fourth of July
Tuesday, July 4, 2017, all day

Art on Park Series
Summer Thursday evenings from 5pm – 8pm + Tuesday, July 4

Friday Night Flix
Summer Friday evenings at dusk

Antique Car Show Street Dance
Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 7:00pm – 10:00pm

British Invasion Block Party
Friday, September 15, 2017 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Stowe Foliage Art on Park & Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest
Saturday, September, 23, 2017 from 11:30am – 3:30pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017)

A Traditional Christmas in Stowe
Friday, December 1 – Saturday, December 2, 2017

*New event for 2017!

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Heidi Scheuermann; Ed Stahl; Trudy Trombley





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 32 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 and would like to ask for your continued support in 2017 of funds in the amount of \$500.

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 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 280 families last year, consisting of 1,971 child visits and 1,378 adult visits. Of those at least 30 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

North Central Vermont Recovery Center (NCVRC) is located at 275 Brooklyn St. Morrisville VT, and is here to support individuals and families with recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. We are open 365 days a year. (Mon. 9am-12pm, Tues-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm) and currently received an average of 1,000 visits per month. All of our services are free of charge.

NCVRC hosts many meetings and support groups during regular hours and in the evenings. Several 12-step and non 12-step meetings and groups include Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Families Anonymous, All Recovery, Refuge Recovery (a Buddhist based meditation group), and Letting Go (a conversation group on Saturdays).

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 (young men-Tuesdays @ 4pm, young women-Wednesdays @ 4pm). A variety of topics including mental and physical health, substance abuse, relationships and community responsibility are examined and discussed using role modeling, group activities, and speakers from local organizations. They are often involved in volunteer opportunities, such as the United Way firewood Project, and the planting of over 100 saplings at Oxbow Park this past summer.

Our Recovery Coaching Program consists of a Recovery Coaching Program Manager and nine trained Recovery Coaches, who work individually with those in recovery from addiction as well as family members. We also have a trained staff member available to help people specifically looking for help with recovery from opiates, through medication assisted treatment and recovery plans.

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 continue to be successful events, and 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, Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Lamoille Sherriff's Department, 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 2016 VABVI served 1,578 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 21 adult clients and 13 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 Berlin, Brattleboro, Rutland, and South Burlington. Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or general@vabvi.org. Learn more about us at www.vabvi.org or “like” us at 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 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 (85% of whom have a disability) 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' 16 (10/2015-9/2016) VCIL responded to over **2,711** 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 **360** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **24** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **95** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **92** individuals with information on assistive technology; **35** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **559** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **23** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, hard of hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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. Also new this year, our Windham county office now houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '16, **6** residents of **Stowe** received services from the following programs:

- AgrAbility Program
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
(resident on waiting list for assistive technology in FY' 17)
- 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:
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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Stowe

Your local health district office is in Morristown at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Healthy Lamoille Valley is your local Coalition with the vision that Lamoille Valley is a safe, supportive and healthy community. Check out their website <http://www.healthylamoillevalley.org/hlv-coalition/>

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2015 we responded to 60 cases of infectious disease in Lamoille County. In 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In July of 2016 we participated in a large-scale exercise in Barre and Burlington to practice our procedures for distributing medicine, to keep people from getting sick in case of a public health emergency. For 2016/17 \$55,163.00 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at Copley Hospital.

The Vermont Department of Health, Morrisville District is proud to report that many activities throughout the Valley demonstrate how we are helping to promote optimum health for all Vermonters. For example, in June of this year Healthy Lamoille Valley and the Morrisville District Office supported Sheriff Roger Marcoux host a well-attended Opiate Summit to discuss opiate addiction and its effects on families in the region. The conversation included ways to address stigma, treatment and recovery options. Other activities this year include increasing the number of local businesses that support breastfeeding-friendly worksites <http://healthvermont.gov/wic/food-feeding/breastfeeding/list.aspx>, supporting optimum oral health for children and families and establishing a response team to support recovery for new mothers and families struggling with opiate addiction.



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Join us on [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VDHMORRISVILLE](https://www.facebook.com/VDHMORRISVILLE) and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2016 OVERVIEW

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization, 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 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services on a daily basis – highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water. These local efforts are led largely by volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to assist them in providing 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 legal responsibilities. Responding to member inquiries about Vermont law and best practices in municipal governance is a key MAC service. Attorneys and staff answer 4,000 member questions each year. In 2016, nearly 1,500 people received training at 30 day-long and on-site workshops covering topics that included Open Meeting Law compliance, financial management, and conducting effective property tax appeal and land use hearings. Consulting services include legal drafting and review of policies and ordinances, governmental accounting, and town manager recruitment. Members who respond to MAC's annual compensation and benefits survey receive a complimentary copy of the research report. MAC also offers in-depth technical assistance through our Water Resources Protection and Human Resources assistance programs. Publications including model documents, technical papers, handbooks, and past newsletter articles are available on VLCT's website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the renewable energy debate, enhancing voter authority in local 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 2017 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue

to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also provides 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, casualty, and workers' compensation insurance coverage for local operations. The **VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust** continued to help towns navigate the complexities of health insurance procurement and to secure group life, disability, dental and vision insurance. When substantial municipal damages result from weather events, or towns suffer from other covered losses and lawsuits, the value of membership in the **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 Trusts are stewards of \$26 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2016. More than \$1 million in ownership dividends was returned to PACIF and VERB members as contribution credits.

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

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 18 years of the program, 1015 grants totaling \$2.2 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past three years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2014 we increased the maximum grant award amount from

\$2,500 to \$4,000 per project, and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is \$190,000 per year, \$110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2018 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received over \$9,000 in town appropriations from almost 100 towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

213 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report of the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case it is required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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YOUTH BASEBALL

Thank you for your continued support of Stowe 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 100 kids ranging from ages 5 years to 16 years old. Baseball is thriving here in Stowe and this last year we launched 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 St. Albans. 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 purchased Turf time this year and also hosted a Multi-Day Clinic at Memorial Park and State Little League Tournament.

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.

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 again for your consideration and support of Stowe Youth Baseball,

Steve Cunningham
President, Stowe Youth Baseball

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2016

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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, 2016, 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-three percent (53%), thirty-one percent (31%) 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, 2016, 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 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.

Town of Stowe, Vermont

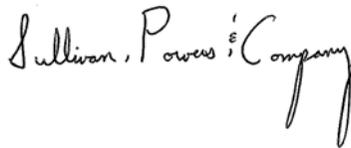
Other Information

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 1, 2017 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 1, 2017
Montpelier, Vermont
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the date and address information.

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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, 2016. The Town of Stowe Electric Fund has been audited separately as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 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. These statements are intended to present the Town's financial reports on the same basis as the private sector. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which begin in 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, 2016 by \$50,991,111 (Total Net Position). Of this amount, \$23,374,331 represents governmental activities and \$27,616,780 represents our water, sewer and electric departments (business-type activities). Of these amounts, \$978,717 of governmental activities funds and \$8,342,353 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 \$1,363,777 in FY 16. The increase is due mainly the capital grant for Town Bridge of \$599,546 \$396,825 lower expenditures, and capital projects by local option taxes. The Business-Type activities increased their net position by \$1,162,784, with contributions by Water \$683,172, Sewer (\$48,076) and Electric \$527,688.

Fund Financial Statements (Exhibits C, D, F, and G)

- The General Fund balance increased \$203,654. The General Fund balance at the end of FY 16 was \$983,427, of which \$471,506 being either non spendable, restricted, committed or assigned.
- The Capital Fund balance decreased by \$520,952 in FY 16. The total amount in this fund at year-end was \$450,363 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 \$4,476,667 an increase of \$683,172.

- The Sewer Fund ended the fiscal year with a net position balance of \$14,549,910, a decrease of \$48,076.
- The Electric Fund ended the fiscal year with a net position balance of \$8,590,203 an increase of \$527,688.

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, deferred outflows of resources, 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 a 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 expense 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**

Assets	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2015
Current & Other Assets	4,413,155	4,587,572	35,092,909	34,131,382	39,506,064	38,718,954
Capital Assets	32,242,527	31,487,541	34,859,722	32,960,731	67,102,249	64,448,272
Total Assets	36,655,682	36,075,113	69,952,631	67,092,113	106,608,313	103,167,226
Deferred Outflows of Resources	612,603	182,761	49,794	16,849	662,397	199,610
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities	770,724	801,915	1,599,003	1,375,696	2,369,727	2,177,611
Long Term Liabilities	13,033,961	13,057,290	40,416,040	38,763,656	53,450,001	51,820,946
Total Liabilities	13,804,685	13,859,205	42,015,043	40,139,352	55,819,728	53,998,557
Deferred Inflows of Resources	89,269	388,115	370,602	515,614	459,871	903,729
Net Position						
Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt	20,939,027	19,368,291	19,274,427	17,662,638	40,213,454	37,030,929
Restricted	1,456,587	1,363,911	-	-	1,456,587	1,363,911
Unrestricted	978,717	1,278,352	8,342,353	8,791,358	9,321,070	10,069,710
Total Net assets	23,374,331	22,010,554	27,616,780	26,453,996	50,991,111	48,464,550

As stated above, total net position was \$50,991,111 at the end of fiscal year 2016. 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 \$40,213,454 (78.9%). 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 2016, 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 \$434,254.

**Town of Stowe, Vermont
Statement of Activities**

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2015
Revenues						
<u>Program Revenues</u>						
Charges for Services	1,226,598	1,261,574	15,418,998	15,352,064	16,645,596	16,613,638
Operating Grants & Contributions	1,041,660	334,191			1,041,660	334,191
Capital Grants & Contributions	625,553	2,599,089	3,088	91,266	628,641	2,690,355
<u>General Revenues</u>						
Property Taxes	8,407,738	8,078,377			8,407,738	8,078,377
Penalties & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	149,197	180,942			149,197	180,942
Local Options Tax	789,519	798,245			789,519	798,245
General State Grants	386,181	355,866			386,181	355,866
Investment Earnings	120,691	57,121	567,505	542,990	688,196	600,111
LCP Equity Dividends	-	-	1,080,704	1,080,704	1,080,704	1,080,704
Gain on Sale of Land/Equipment	-	-	12,900	-	12,900	-
Other Revenue	17,341	13,635			17,341	13,635
Total Revenues	12,764,478	13,679,040	17,083,195	17,067,024	29,847,673	30,746,064
Expenditures						
<u>Governmental Activities</u>						
General Government	2,342,033	2,335,587			2,342,033	2,335,587
Public Safety	2,867,272	2,747,448			2,867,272	2,747,448
Public Works	3,333,777	2,458,448			3,333,777	2,458,448
Culture & Recreation	2,414,564	2,493,896			2,414,564	2,493,896
Cemeteries	32,167	56,640			32,167	56,640
Interest	443,888	458,915			443,888	458,915
<u>Business Type Activities</u>						
Water			989,298	1,008,727	989,298	1,008,727
Sewer			1,729,411	1,815,582	1,729,411	1,815,582
Electric			13,168,702	13,362,097	13,168,702	13,362,097
Total Expenditures	11,433,701	10,550,934	15,887,411	16,186,406	27,321,112	26,737,340
Transfers In/(Out)	33,000	33,000	(33,000)	(33,000)	-	-
Changes in Net Position	1,363,777	3,161,106	1,162,784	847,618	2,526,561	4,008,724
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	22,010,554	18,849,448	26,453,996	25,606,378	48,464,550	44,455,826
Net Assets - End of Year	23,374,331	22,010,554	27,616,780	26,453,996	50,991,111	48,464,550

Governmental activities: Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$1,363,777 in FY16. The Town added \$754,986 to its inventory of capital assets net of current year depreciation (funded with \$625,553 of capital contributions and grants). Major additions included the streambank stabilization projects and various other public works infrastructure projects, and the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

Business-type activities: Business-type activities increased the Town's net position by \$1,162,784 in FY16, with contributions by Water \$683,172, Sewer (\$48,076), and Electric \$527,688.

Financial Analysis of Major Funds

General Fund

The General Fund fund balance increased by \$203,654 during the year. The total fund balance at year-end was \$983,427. Of this amount, \$168,251 is nonspendable inventory and prepaid expenses and \$17,049 is restricted for library development expenses. There is \$40,205 committed for annual leave reserves. There is \$227,674 assigned to reduce property taxes in fiscal year 2017, \$3,964 for recreation scholarship expenses, and \$14,363 for library operations, leaving \$511,921 available for future expenses.

Actual Revenues were lower by \$18,486 compared to budgets. Revenues coming in over budget included: Administration, \$58,639, because of increased State Land use reimbursement and Delinquent tax interest, Parks \$17,146 for Field Rentals, Police \$11,272 for Special Events, Fire \$10,391 Worker's Comp Insurance audit refund, Planning \$4,500 for Mayo Field Rental, Highway \$3,995 for increased Block grant, and Library \$3,123 reimbursements by Friends of Library. Revenues coming in under budget included: Arena (\$65,768) due to missed budget on turf and ice rentals and arena banner advertisements, Recreation (\$29,854) due to declining attendance of Summer Camp and After School programs, Property Taxes (\$23,216) lower than expected Grand List and an increase in delinquent taxes, and EMS (\$3,045) missed budget on billing.

Expenditures were \$396,825 under budget. Expenditures coming in under budget were due to the following departments: Accounting \$16,998 due to benefits; Akeley Building, \$11,942 for savings on fuel price; Arena \$8,512 for savings on electricity and heating fuel cost; Fire \$21,816 for lower volunteer call outs and savings on vehicle fuel price; Highway \$170,231 for lower use of winter sand and salt and vehicle fuel prices; Insurance \$29,665 due to error in forecasting insurance in general fund and first time billing Stowe Electric for share of EPL & PO liability; Library \$19,423 for savings on network support, benefits and fuel & electricity costs; Parks, \$36,766 due to inability to hire full seasonal staffing; Planning \$3,794 saving on professional services; Police \$23,992 savings on vehicle fuel prices and health benefits; Public Works \$16,475 reduced class code of employee from worker's comp audit; Recreation \$60,624 for reduced summer camp hiring and services due to lower attendance, and savings on benefits and professional services; Street Lights \$12,006 reduced cost of LED street light fixed charge. Expenditures coming in over budget were, Cultural Campus (\$5,455) for heating system repairs; EMS (\$12,658) due to staff overtime and increased worker's comp costs; Public Safety Bldg. (\$5,052) higher building maintenance and janitorial supplies; Town Clerk (\$14,678) additional pay for interim clerks and cost of clearing backlog of land records; Zoning (\$2,219) for legal services.

Capital Fund

The Capital fund ended with a balance of \$450,363 in FY 16. This Fund balance decreased \$520,952 and was funded with \$789,519 of local option taxes, \$516,306 of grants, General Fund Transfer of \$40,000 and \$1,121 of interest. The decrease in the fund is due to FY16 vs FY17 timing of projects with the sidewalk repairs on Depot and Main St. \$43,013, Rec Path Reconstruction \$78,802, and Riverbank Stabilization Phase 2 \$363,332. A grant for \$250,000 on Riverbank Stabilization Phase 2 is expected in FY 17. In addition, the Moscow road bridge rail replacement incurred unbudgeted \$67,518.

Water Fund

The Water Fund had operating income of \$750,905, non-operating revenue connection fees of \$154,291, and expenses including the loss on disposal of waterline under the Gables Bridge \$97,545 and interest expense of \$120,681, resulting in an increase in net position of \$683,172.

Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund had an operating loss of (\$259,831) which when added to Non-Operating revenues of connection fees \$207,131 plus investment income of \$4,624, resulted in a decrease to Net position of \$48,076.

Electric Fund

The Electric Fund had operating income of \$27,882. Operating revenues were up \$108,503 and expenditures were down \$209,166 between FY16 and FY15, which improved operating income by \$317,669. Non-operating revenues and expenses increased the net position by \$532,806 less a transfer of \$33,000 between Electric Fund and General Fund, to an overall increase in net position of \$527,688.

Other Non-Major Governmental Funds

Recreation Path Fund	\$	872
Police DEA Fund		23,314
Appraisal Fund		109,025
Records Preservation Fund		52,315
Grant Fund		(7,399)
Stowe Rescue Fund		3,000
Equipment Fund		143,055
Rink Renovation Fund		18,104
Cemetery Fund		454,585
Library Endowment Fund		880,902
	\$	<u>1,677,773</u>

Capital Asset Administration

The Town of Stowe's investment in capital assets (net of depreciation) for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2016 totaled \$32,242,527 and \$34,859,722 for the business-type activities. These assets include land, buildings and building improvements, roads and bridges, vehicles, machinery, equipment, antiques and furniture, and utility distribution and collection systems.

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

Bridge – Bridge Street Reconstruction Phase II
 Bridge – Heyer Bridge Reconstruction
 Bridge – Moscow Road Bridge Rail Replacement
 Building – Akeley Building Repairs
 Cemetery – Old Yard Cemetery Restoration
 Culvert – Luce Hill Road Culvert Rehabilitation
 Rec Path – Quiet Path Bridge
 Rec Path – Reconstruction
 Rec Path – Staircase from Village
 Riverbank Stabilization Phase I & II
 Sidewalk – Repairs Depot Street, South Main Street, Village

General Fund capital assets disposed of during the year included the following deletions:

Sold or Traded:

1987 4x4 Truck with Pump
 1999 Sterling Dump Truck
 2004 Ford F-350 Pickup truck
 2006 Bobcat 5600 Turbo Work Machine
 2006 Ford F350 Pickup truck
 2006 GMC Yukon
 2007 Exmark 72" Lazer Zero Turn Mower
 2007 Ford Expedition
 2008 Ford Edge Crossover
 2009 Chevy Tahoe
 2010 Chevy Tahoe

The Water fund had \$228,295 of capital asset additions, which includes water lines on Dewey Bridge and Gables Bridge, a new pickup truck and various equipment. The Water fund disposed of some land and the old waterlines under Dewey and Gables bridges along with a vehicle.

The Sewer fund had \$185,479 of capital asset additions, which includes an F-350 pickup truck, a generator for lower village pump station, and a new SCADA software as well as various equipment.

The Electric fund had capital asset additions of \$2,684,510, which was primarily the work in progress of the Nebraska Valley solar farm.

Debt Administration

As of June 30, 2016, long-term debt of governmental activities of the Town of Stowe was \$11,303,500. As of June 30, 2015, the governmental activities debt was \$12,119,250. During the year, the Town paid \$815,750 on older bonds and notes, and issued no new bonds in FY 2016.

The Business type activities had bonds and notes outstanding with a total principal debt of \$40,087,106. At the beginning of the fiscal year there was \$38,478,208 in outstanding debt. During the year the Town paid \$1,568,102 on older bonds and notes and a new bond was issued in the amount of \$3,177,000 for Nebraska Valley Solar Farm construction.

Economic Factors and FY 17 Budgets and Rates

- The Town of Stowe growth for the Grand List has averaged 1.27% over the last 5 years. With several residential construction projects underway, we are estimating a growth rate of 1.75% for the 2017 Grand List, which is higher than the 5 year average.
- Employees who fall under the Personnel Regulations, Police Association Contract, and the IBEW Agreement are scheduled to receive a 1.5% pay increase, plus and step increase they may be eligible for in FY 17.
- Health insurance rates have been budgeted to increase between 3.3% to 3.7% based on plan type and average three year premium changes for FY 2017. All employees pay a portion of the health care premiums, 10% for Blue Cross Blue Shield VHP plan or 5% for VFP plan.
- Dental insurance and Short Term/Long Term disability insurance is not expected to increase from FY16 rates. All employees contribute 5% toward 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 0.00% 3 year average CPI-U for Northeast Region and have thus been budgeted to decrease anywhere from 6% to 14% versus FY16 budget.
- The electricity rates reflect a decrease of 2.9% due to rate restructuring by Stowe Electric in October 2015.

These factors were taken into consideration in preparing the fiscal year 2017 budgets. The General Fund expense for FY 17 is \$11,351,193, an increase of 2.05%. Non-Tax Revenues have been budgeted at \$2,542,983, a 1.59% increase, leaving an amount to be raised by taxation of \$8,580,836. In addition, The Town reduced the amount raised by taxation by \$227,674 of surplus carry forward of the General Fund.

The Town of Stowe continues to see growth and revitalization of new and existing properties along the Mountain Road and within the Village. We have seen the renovation of the Lackey Variety Store into The Country Store on Main and Stowe Public House, and renovation of the Old Stowe Hardware property into a group of stores including Northwood Gallery.

Under construction there is the Mountain House with 36 unit apartments, and Spruce Peak triplexes with 6 unit condominiums.

Requests for Information

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, 2016

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 2,330,354	\$ 1,538,965	\$ 3,869,319
Investments	2,239,964	0	2,239,964
Deposits with Insurance Company	3,600	0	3,600
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	900,486	2,347,844	3,248,330
Loans Receivable	0	3,972,005	3,972,005
Internal Balances	(1,229,500)	1,229,500	0
Prepaid Expenses	5,138	4,053	9,191
Inventory	163,113	229,738	392,851
Restricted Cash	0	2,595,952	2,595,952
Investment in Associated Companies	0	23,171,202	23,171,202
Deferred Charges	0	3,650	3,650
Capital Assets:			
Land and Easements	6,283,294	52,525	6,335,819
Construction in Progress	185,528	2,229,429	2,414,957
Antiques	80,000	0	80,000
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	25,693,705	32,577,768	58,271,473
Total Assets	<u>36,655,682</u>	<u>69,952,631</u>	<u>106,608,313</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	612,603	49,794	662,397
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>612,603</u>	<u>49,794</u>	<u>662,397</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	508,601	1,112,418	1,621,019
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	155,534	61,722	217,256
Other Accrued Expenses	0	137,164	137,164
Unearned Revenue	47,321	162,134	209,455
Accrued Interest Payable	59,268	125,565	184,833
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	785,750	1,705,684	2,491,434
Due in More than One Year	12,248,211	38,710,356	50,958,567
Total Liabilities	<u>13,804,685</u>	<u>42,015,043</u>	<u>55,819,728</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid Property Taxes	81,808	0	81,808
Deferred Contribution for Capital Assets	0	295,000	295,000
Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale	0	74,995	74,995
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	7,461	607	8,068
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>89,269</u>	<u>370,602</u>	<u>459,871</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	20,939,027	19,274,427	40,213,454
Restricted:			
Culture and Recreation	898,823	0	898,823
Cemetery	454,585	0	454,585
Other	103,179	0	103,179
Unrestricted	978,717	8,342,353	9,321,070
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 23,374,331</u>	<u>\$ 27,616,780</u>	<u>\$ 50,991,111</u>

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

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	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
Functions/Programs:							
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 2,342,033	\$ 282,322	\$ 102,255	\$ 0	\$ (1,957,456)	\$ 0	\$ (1,957,456)
Public Safety	2,867,272	336,059	90,394	0	(2,440,819)	0	(2,440,819)
Public Works	3,333,777	12,087	833,617	625,553	(1,862,520)	0	(1,862,520)
Culture and Recreation	2,414,564	577,837	15,394	0	(1,821,333)	0	(1,821,333)
Cemetery	32,167	18,293	0	0	(13,874)	0	(13,874)
Interest on Long-term Debt	443,888	0	0	0	(443,888)	0	(443,888)
Total Governmental Activities	11,433,701	1,226,598	1,041,660	625,553	(8,539,890)	0	(8,539,890)
Business-type Activities:							
Water	989,298	1,669,382	0	3,088	0	683,172	683,172
Sewer	1,729,411	1,676,711	0	0	0	(52,700)	(52,700)
Electric	13,166,702	12,072,905	0	0	0	(1,093,797)	(1,093,797)
Total Business-type Activities	15,885,411	15,418,998	0	3,088	0	(465,325)	(465,325)
Total Primary Government	\$ 27,321,112	\$ 16,645,596	\$ 1,041,660	\$ 628,641	(8,539,890)	(465,325)	(9,005,215)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					8,407,738	0	8,407,738
Interest on Delinquent Taxes					149,197	0	149,197
Local Option Sales Tax					789,519	0	789,519
General State Grants					386,181	0	386,181
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					120,691	567,505	688,196
LCP Equity Dividends					0	1,080,704	1,080,704
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets					0	12,900	12,900
Other Revenues					17,341	0	17,341
Transfers:					33,000	(33,000)	0
Total General Revenues and Transfers					9,903,667	1,628,109	11,531,776
Change in Net Position					1,363,777	1,162,784	2,526,561
Net Position - July 1, 2015					22,010,554	26,453,996	48,464,550
Net Position - June 30, 2016					\$ 23,374,331	\$ 27,616,780	\$ 50,991,111

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

Exhibit C

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 2,280,120	\$ 0	\$ 50,234	\$ 2,330,354
Investments	947,265	0	1,292,699	2,239,964
Deposits with Insurance Company	3,600	0	0	3,600
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	544,256	348,831	7,399	900,486
Due from Other Funds	0	469,078	417,021	886,099
Prepaid Expenses	5,138	0	0	5,138
Inventory	163,113	0	0	163,113
Total Assets	\$ 3,943,492	\$ 817,909	\$ 1,767,353	\$ 6,528,754
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 287,140	\$ 153,968	\$ 67,493	\$ 508,601
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	155,534	0	0	155,534
Due to Other Funds	2,100,911	0	14,688	2,115,599
Unearned Revenue	47,321	0	0	47,321
Total Liabilities	2,590,906	153,968	82,181	2,827,055
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid Property Taxes	81,808	0	0	81,808
Unavailable Property Taxes and Interest	265,200	0	0	265,200
Unavailable Ambulance Fees	20,300	0	0	20,300
Unavailable Grants	0	213,578	7,399	220,977
Unavailable Fees	1,851	0	0	1,851
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	369,159	213,578	7,399	590,136
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	168,251	0	250,295	418,546
Restricted	17,049	24,550	1,164,693	1,206,292
Committed	40,205	393,253	143,055	576,513
Assigned	246,001	32,560	127,129	405,690
Unassigned/(Deficit)	511,921	0	(7,399)	504,522
Total Fund Balances	983,427	450,363	1,677,773	3,111,563
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 3,943,492	\$ 817,909	\$ 1,767,353	
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.				32,242,527
Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures, and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.				508,328
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.				(13,093,229)
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.				605,142
Net Position of Governmental Activities				\$ 23,374,331

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, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 8,369,038	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,369,038
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	149,197	0	0	149,197
Local Option Sales Tax	0	789,519	0	789,519
Intergovernmental	631,242	530,940	78,526	1,240,708
Charges for Services	743,329	0	17,457	760,786
Permits, Licenses and Fees	513,379	0	11,742	525,121
Fines and Forfeits	11,318	0	0	11,318
Investment Income	14,522	1,181	104,988	120,691
Donations	9,665	0	43,000	52,665
Other	33,232	0	0	33,232
Total Revenues	10,474,922	1,321,640	255,713	12,052,275
Expenditures:				
General Government	2,327,863	7,723	3,784	2,339,370
Public Safety	2,420,339	0	69,892	2,490,231
Public Works	1,874,077	976,251	74	2,850,402
Culture and Recreation	2,044,922	60	10,159	2,055,141
Cemetery	15,468	9,750	5,514	30,732
Capital Outlay:				
Public Safety	46,370	0	324,250	370,620
Public Works	244,659	436,342	258,917	939,918
Culture and Recreation	5,894	102,466	34,910	143,270
Debt Service:				
Principal	815,750	0	0	815,750
Interest	439,732	0	0	439,732
Total Expenditures	10,235,074	1,532,592	707,500	12,475,166
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	239,848	(210,952)	(451,787)	(422,891)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Vehicles	0	0	2,820	2,820
Transfers In	403,806	40,000	400,000	843,806
Transfers Out	(440,000)	(350,000)	(20,806)	(810,806)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(36,194)	(310,000)	382,014	35,820
Net Change in Fund Balances	203,654	(520,952)	(69,773)	(387,071)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	779,773	971,315	1,747,546	3,498,634
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	\$ 983,427	\$ 450,363	\$ 1,677,773	\$ 3,111,563

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

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, 2016

Exhibit E

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)	\$ (387,071)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$1,453,808) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$1,197,850). This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	255,958
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.	(100,518)
The effect of a capital grant for the construction of a Town bridge by the State of Vermont is to increase net position.	599,546
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 (\$815,750) 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.	815,750
Governmental funds report employer pension contributions as expenditures (\$189,659). However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions (\$281,338) is reported as pension expense. This amount is the net effect of the differences in the treatment of pension expense.	(91,679)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	198,157
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>73,634</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 1,363,777</u>

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Exhibit F

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,538,965	\$ 1,538,965
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	107,492	110,909	838,164	1,056,565
Unbilled Receivables	131,082	125,056	906,040	1,162,178
Loans Receivable - Current Portion	27,079	570,497	0	597,576
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	0	129,101	129,101
Due from Other Funds	0	1,854,412	0	1,854,412
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	4,053	4,053
Inventory	56,000	13,491	160,247	229,738
Total Current Assets	321,653	2,674,365	3,576,570	6,572,588
Noncurrent Assets:				
Restricted Cash	0	0	2,595,952	2,595,952
Loans Receivable - Noncurrent Portion	105,364	3,269,065	0	3,374,429
Investment in Associated Companies	0	0	23,171,202	23,171,202
Deferred Charges	0	0	3,650	3,650
Capital Assets:				
Land	8,647	43,878	0	52,525
Construction in Progress	13,699	0	2,215,730	2,229,429
Land Improvements	0	7,787	0	7,787
Buildings and Building Improvements	0	15,584,232	273,429	15,857,661
Machinery and Equipment	210,666	851,589	1,749,287	2,811,542
Distribution and Collection Systems	11,596,850	10,882,065	10,646,863	33,125,778
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,818,166)	(9,717,444)	(6,689,390)	(19,225,000)
Total Noncurrent Assets	9,117,060	20,921,172	33,966,723	64,004,955
Total Assets	9,438,713	23,595,537	37,543,293	70,577,543
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to				
Town's Participation in VMERS	38,078	11,716	0	49,794
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	38,078	11,716	0	49,794
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	76,847	39,757	995,814	1,112,418
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	5,723	9,603	46,396	61,722
Other Accrued Expenses	0	0	137,164	137,164
Due to Other Funds	624,912	0	0	624,912
Unearned Revenue	0	0	162,134	162,134
Accrued Interest Payable	73,983	0	51,582	125,565
Notes Payable - Current Portion	0	0	86,583	86,583
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Current Portion	510,459	846,562	262,080	1,619,101
Total Current Liabilities	1,291,924	895,922	1,741,753	3,929,599
Noncurrent Liabilities:				
Compensated Absences Payable	56,133	68,372	124,276	248,781
Net Pension Liability	61,287	18,866	0	80,153
Notes Payable - Noncurrent Portion	0	0	20,612,146	20,612,146
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion	3,590,316	8,074,040	6,104,920	17,769,276
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	3,707,736	8,161,278	26,841,342	38,710,356
Total Liabilities	4,999,660	9,057,200	28,583,095	42,639,955
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred Contribution for Capital Assets				
Deferred Contribution for Capital Assets	0	0	295,000	295,000
Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale				
Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale	0	0	74,995	74,995
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the				
Town's Participation in VMERS	464	143	0	607
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	464	143	369,995	370,602
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,910,921	8,731,505	5,632,001	19,274,427
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(434,254)	5,818,405	2,958,202	8,342,353
Total Net Position	\$ 4,476,667	\$ 14,549,910	\$ 8,590,203	\$ 27,616,780

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, 2016

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,515,091	\$ 1,469,580	\$ 11,829,465	\$ 14,814,136
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,515,091</u>	<u>1,469,580</u>	<u>11,829,465</u>	<u>14,814,136</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Administrative	75,024	94,787	1,318,473	1,488,284
Power	0	0	8,631,412	8,631,412
Distribution and Collection	495,026	1,118,965	1,349,444	2,963,435
Taxes	0	0	117,027	117,027
Depreciation and Amortization	194,136	515,659	385,227	1,095,022
Total Operating Expenses	<u>764,186</u>	<u>1,729,411</u>	<u>11,801,583</u>	<u>14,295,180</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>750,905</u>	<u>(259,831)</u>	<u>27,882</u>	<u>518,956</u>
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses):				
Connection Fees and Related Interest	154,291	207,131	0	361,422
LCP Equity Dividends	0	0	1,080,704	1,080,704
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	12,900	12,900
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(104,431)	0	0	(104,431)
Other Income	0	0	243,440	243,440
Investment Income	0	4,624	562,881	567,505
Interest Expense	(120,681)	0	(1,367,119)	(1,487,800)
Total Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses)	<u>(70,821)</u>	<u>211,755</u>	<u>532,806</u>	<u>673,740</u>
Net Income Before Capital Contributions and Transfers	<u>680,084</u>	<u>(48,076)</u>	<u>560,688</u>	<u>1,192,696</u>
Capital Contributions and Transfers:				
Capital Contributions	3,088	0	0	3,088
Transfers Out	0	0	(33,000)	(33,000)
Total Capital Contributions and Transfers	<u>3,088</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>(29,912)</u>
Change in Net Position	683,172	(48,076)	527,688	1,162,784
Net Position - July 1, 2015	<u>3,793,495</u>	<u>14,597,986</u>	<u>8,062,515</u>	<u>26,453,996</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 4,476,667</u>	<u>\$ 14,549,910</u>	<u>\$ 8,590,203</u>	<u>\$ 27,616,780</u>

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Exhibit H

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 1,524,960	\$ 1,451,302	\$ 11,761,118	\$ 14,737,380
Payments for Purchased Power	0	0	(8,644,317)	(8,644,317)
Payments for Goods and Services	(273,813)	(647,959)	(1,273,908)	(2,195,680)
Payments for Interfund Services	(50,250)	(51,250)	0	(101,500)
Payments for Wages and Benefits	<u>(310,234)</u>	<u>(556,147)</u>	<u>(1,220,650)</u>	<u>(2,087,031)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>890,663</u>	<u>195,946</u>	<u>622,243</u>	<u>1,708,852</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Other Receipts	0	0	138,364	138,364
Decrease/(Increase) in Deposits	272,530	103,550	0	376,080
Decrease/(Increase) in Due from Other Funds	0	(71,227)	0	(71,227)
(Decrease)/Increase in Due to Other Funds	(493,658)	0	0	(493,658)
Transfers Paid to Other Funds	0	0	(33,000)	(33,000)
LCP Equity Dividends	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,080,704</u>	<u>1,080,704</u>
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>(221,128)</u>	<u>32,323</u>	<u>1,186,068</u>	<u>997,263</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:				
Payments Received on Loans Receivable	185,798	799,146	0	984,944
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	0	0	3,177,000	3,177,000
Proceeds of Capital Grants	3,088	0	0	3,088
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	12,900	12,900
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(228,295)	(185,479)	(2,684,510)	(3,098,284)
Principal Paid on General Obligation Bonds Payable	(504,448)	(846,560)	(135,000)	(1,486,008)
Principal Paid on Notes Payable	0	0	(82,094)	(82,094)
Interest Paid on General Obligation Bonds Payable	(125,678)	0	(148,022)	(273,700)
Interest Paid on Notes Payable	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,207,288)</u>	<u>(1,207,288)</u>
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(669,535)</u>	<u>(232,893)</u>	<u>(1,067,014)</u>	<u>(1,969,442)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Receipt of Interest and Dividends	<u>0</u>	<u>4,624</u>	<u>562,825</u>	<u>567,449</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>0</u>	<u>4,624</u>	<u>562,825</u>	<u>567,449</u>
Net Increase in Cash	0	0	1,304,122	1,304,122
Cash - July 1, 2015	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,830,795</u>	<u>2,830,795</u>
Cash - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 4,134,917</u>	<u>\$ 4,134,917</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/(Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:				
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 750,905	\$ (259,831)	\$ 27,882	\$ 518,956
Depreciation and Amortization	194,136	515,659	385,227	1,095,022
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	9,869	(18,278)	(68,347)	(76,756)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	0	0	14,878	14,878
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(43,670)	(3,073)	16,395	(30,348)
(Increase)/Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	(24,938)	(8,007)	0	(32,945)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	2,671	(11,950)	186,337	177,058
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	(3,260)	(7,042)	10,585	283
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Accrued Expenses	0	0	39,154	39,154
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	(14,932)	(18,721)	10,132	(23,521)
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	51,035	15,972	0	67,007
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>(31,153)</u>	<u>(8,783)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(39,936)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 890,663</u>	<u>\$ 195,946</u>	<u>\$ 622,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,708,852</u>

The Water Fund disposed of capital assets with a cost and accumulated depreciation of \$163,154 and \$58,723, respectively.

The Sewer Fund disposed of capital assets with a cost and accumulated depreciation of \$9,416 and \$5,916, respectively.

The Electric Fund disposed of capital assets with a cost and accumulated depreciation of \$139,107.

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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. 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.

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.

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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 15th. 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.

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.

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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 Municipal 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 Municipal 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 Municipal 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.

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.

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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	25-50 Years
Buildings and Building Improvements	5,000	40-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5,000	4-30 Years
Infrastructure	15,000	15-50 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.

11. Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave up to eight hundred (800) hours and up to forty (40) hours of comp time for hourly employees. These amounts are pro-rated for part-time employees. Police officers can accumulate up to one thousand two hundred eighteen (1,218) 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.

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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:

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.

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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 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 \$227,674 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.

IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

The Town's cash and investments as of June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Restricted Cash:	
Deposits with Financial Institutions	<u>\$2,595,952</u>
Unrestricted Cash:	
Deposits with Financial Institutions	3,850,178
Deposits with Investment Company	15,527
Cash on Hand	<u>3,614</u>
Total Unrestricted Cash	<u>3,869,319</u>
Total Cash	<u>6,465,271</u>

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Investments:	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 947,265
Municipal Bonds	46,844
Corporate Bonds	75,268
Mutual Funds – Equities	750,750
Common Stock	<u>419,837</u>
Total Investments	<u>2,239,964</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$8,705,235</u>

The Town has one (1) certificate of deposit with Union Bank in the amount of \$947,265 with an interest rate of 0.5%. The Town's certificate of deposit will mature during fiscal year 2017.

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 cash and certificate of deposit.

	Book <u>Balance</u>	Bank <u>Balance</u>
FDIC/SIPC Insured	\$1,495,039	\$1,495,039
Uninsured, Uncollateralized, Secured by Mortgage Loans Held in the Bank's Name	2,779,266	2,961,187
Uninsured, Collateralized - Electric Department	1,877,275	2,725,981
Uninsured, Uncollateralized	<u>1,257,342</u>	<u>1,257,342</u>
Total	<u>\$7,408,922</u>	<u>\$8,439,549</u>

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

\$1,257,342 of uninsured, uncollateralized cash could be offset by debt at the respective bank.

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The book balance is comprised of the following:

Restricted Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$2,595,952
Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	3,850,178
Cash – Deposits with Investment Company	15,527
Investments – Certificate of Deposit	<u>947,265</u>
Total	<u>\$7,408,922</u>

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. Municipal bonds and corporate bonds are shown at their actual maturity.

Investment Type	Remaining Maturity		Total
	1 to 5 Years	5 to 10 Years	
Municipal Bonds	\$ 0	\$ 46,844	\$ 46,844
Corporate Bonds	<u>54,903</u>	<u>20,365</u>	<u>75,268</u>
Total	<u>\$ 54,903</u>	<u>\$ 67,209</u>	<u>\$ 122,112</u>

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, 2016					Total
	BBB+	BBB	BBB-	BB	B+	
Municipal Bonds	\$ 29,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,844	\$ 46,844
Corporate Bonds	<u>0</u>	<u>10,486</u>	<u>19,110</u>	<u>45,672</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,268</u>
Total	<u>\$ 29,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,486</u>	<u>\$ 19,110</u>	<u>\$ 45,672</u>	<u>\$ 17,844</u>	<u>\$ 122,112</u>

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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 is 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 Town has \$261,792, (62%), of their common stock invested in Union Bankshares, Inc. The investments in associated companies held by the Electric Department are described in Note IV.D. There are no other investments in any one issuer that represent more than 5% of total investments.

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, 2016 is \$300,000.

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, 2016 is \$794,747.

In February, 2016, the Electric Department received a \$3,177,000 bond from the Vermont Economic Development Authority for the purpose of funding the Nebraska Solar Farm project. Unspent bond proceeds will be returned. The interest earned can be used to cover interest expense. The amount restricted as of June 30, 2016 is \$1,501,205.

Total restricted cash in the Electric Fund as of June 30, 2016 is \$2,595,952.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 2016, as reported in the statement of net position, net of applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 420,057	\$ 0	\$ 420,057
Interest Receivable	31,647	0	31,647
Tax Sale Receivable	42,490	0	42,490
Local Option Sales Tax Receivable	133,512	0	133,512
Ambulance Receivable	53,697	0	53,697
Grants Receivable	222,718	0	222,718
Accounts Receivable	17,365	16,014	33,379
Billed Services	0	1,044,551	1,044,551
Unbilled Services	0	1,162,178	1,162,178
Accrued Interest Receivable	0	129,101	129,101
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(21,000)	(4,000)	(25,000)
	<u>\$ 900,486</u>	<u>\$ 2,347,844</u>	<u>\$ 3,248,330</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>117,600</u>
Total	852,600
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans/Interest	<u>(852,600)</u>
Reported Value at June 30, 2016	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>

Business-type Activities

The Town has ten (10) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$14,065 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 eighty-seven (87) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$3,825,497 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-one (21) outstanding loans totaling \$132,443 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, 2016 is \$3,972,005. The Town estimates that \$597,576 will be collected during fiscal year 2016 and the remainder of \$3,374,429 in future years.

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

Balance July 1, 2015	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2016
\$ 4,595,527	\$ 0	\$ 623,522	\$ 3,972,005

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, 2016.

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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>\$3,650</u>

F. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land and Easements	\$ 6,283,294	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,283,294
Construction in Progress	2,979,939	85,766	2,880,177	185,528
Antiques	80,000	0	0	80,000
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>9,343,233</u>	<u>85,766</u>	<u>2,880,177</u>	<u>6,548,822</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	516,349	118,901	0	635,250
Buildings and Building Improvements	18,003,854	0	0	18,003,854
Machinery and Equipment	6,881,068	695,162	774,162	6,802,068
Infrastructure	5,370,710	4,058,522	209,003	9,220,229
Totals	<u>30,771,981</u>	<u>4,872,585</u>	<u>983,165</u>	<u>34,661,401</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	230,637	12,960	0	243,597
Buildings and Building Improvements	2,802,766	486,239	0	3,289,005
Machinery and Equipment	3,704,400	351,031	690,463	3,364,968
Infrastructure	1,889,870	347,620	167,364	2,070,126
Totals	<u>8,627,673</u>	<u>1,197,850</u>	<u>857,827</u>	<u>8,967,696</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>22,144,308</u>	<u>3,674,735</u>	<u>125,338</u>	<u>25,693,705</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 31,487,541</u>	<u>\$ 3,760,501</u>	<u>\$ 3,005,515</u>	<u>\$ 32,242,527</u>

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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 52,525	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 52,525
Construction in Progress	<u>1,229,050</u>	<u>2,293,513</u>	<u>1,293,134</u>	<u>2,229,429</u>
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>1,281,575</u>	<u>2,293,513</u>	<u>1,293,134</u>	<u>2,281,954</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	0	7,787	0	7,787
Buildings and Building Improvements	15,854,099	3,562	0	15,857,661
Machinery and Equipment	2,376,686	607,292	172,436	2,811,542
Distribution and Collection Systems	<u>31,782,255</u>	<u>1,482,764</u>	<u>139,241</u>	<u>33,125,778</u>
Totals	<u>50,013,040</u>	<u>2,101,405</u>	<u>311,677</u>	<u>51,802,768</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	0	742	0	742
Buildings and Building Improvements	5,178,392	271,316	0	5,449,708
Machinery and Equipment	2,029,745	158,396	168,936	2,019,205
Distribution and Collection Systems	<u>11,125,747</u>	<u>664,408</u>	<u>34,810</u>	<u>11,755,345</u>
Totals	<u>18,333,884</u>	<u>1,094,862</u>	<u>203,746</u>	<u>19,225,000</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>31,679,156</u>	<u>1,006,543</u>	<u>107,931</u>	<u>32,577,768</u>
Business-type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 32,960,731</u>	<u>\$ 3,300,056</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,065</u>	<u>\$ 34,859,722</u>

Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:		Business-type Activities:	
General Government	\$ 29,276	Water	\$ 194,136
Public Safety	322,179	Sewer	515,659
Public Works	484,541	Electric	<u>385,067</u>
Culture and Recreation	360,419		
Cemetery	<u>1,435</u>		
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,197,850</u>	Total Depreciation Expense - Business-type Activities	<u>\$ 1,094,862</u>

G. Interfund Balances and Activity

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Fund	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 2,100,911
Capital Fund	469,078	0
Non-Major Governmental Funds	417,021	14,688
Water Fund	0	624,912
Sewer Fund	<u>1,854,412</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,740,511</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,511</u>

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Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2016 were as follows:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Annual Leave Fund	\$ 120,000	* Annual Contribution
General Fund	Recreation Scholarship Fund	1,000	* Annual Contribution
General Fund	Capital Fund	40,000	Annual Contribution
General Fund	Equipment Fund	400,000	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	7,806	* Transfer Earnings
Electric Fund	General Fund	33,000	PILOT
Total		\$ <u>993,306</u>	

* The transfers from the General Fund to the Annual Leave Fund and the Recreation Scholarship Fund and the transfer from the Library Operations Fund to the General 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 \$31,159 from the difference between the expected and actual experience, \$196,302 from changes in assumptions, \$190,433 from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings, \$5,050 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 \$189,659 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date, as further described in Note V.A. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Governmental Activities is \$612,603.

Deferred outflows of resources in the Business-type Activities consists of \$2,533 from the difference between the expected and actual experience, \$15,962 from changes in assumptions, \$15,485 from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings, \$411 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 \$15,403 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date, as further described in Note V.A. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Business-type Activities is \$49,794.

Deferred outflows of resources in the Water Fund consists of \$1,937 from the difference between the expected and actual experience, \$12,205 from changes in assumptions, \$11,840 from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings, \$314 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 \$11,782 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date, as further described in Note V.A. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Water Fund is \$38,078.

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Deferred outflows of resources in the Sewer Fund consists of \$596 from the difference between the expected and actual experience, \$3,757 from changes in assumptions, \$3,645 from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings, \$97 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 \$3,621 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date, as further described in Note V.A. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Sewer Fund is \$11,716.

I. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue in the General Fund consists of \$18,631 of advertising fees and \$28,690 of recreation fees received in advance. Total unearned revenue in the General Fund is \$47,321.

J. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources in the Governmental Activities consists of \$81,808 of prepaid property taxes and \$7,461 resulting 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), as further described in Note V.A. Total deferred inflows of resources in the Governmental Activities is \$89,269.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Business-type Activities consists of \$607 resulting 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), as further described in Note V.A., \$295,000 from the contribution from Spruce Peak Realty, LLC for the construction of a 115kV line, as described as follows, and \$74,995 from the refinancing of a capital improvement note, as described as follows. Total deferred inflows of resources in the Business-type Activities is \$370,602.

Deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund consists of \$265,200 of delinquent property taxes and interest on those taxes, \$20,300 of ambulance fees and \$1,851 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 \$81,808 of prepaid property taxes. Total deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund is \$369,159.

Deferred inflows of resources in the Capital Fund consists of \$213,578 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 Non-Major Governmental Funds consists of \$7,399 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 \$464 resulting 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), as further described in Note V.A.

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Deferred inflows of resources in the Sewer Fund consists of \$143 resulting 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), as further described in Note V.A.

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, 2016 is \$295,000.

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, 2016 is \$74,995.

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.

It is the policy of the Town to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused benefits. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements.

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Long-term liabilities outstanding as of June 30, 2016 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	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 0
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	75,000	0	15,000	60,000
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	175,000	0	25,000	150,000
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	200,000	0	20,000	180,000
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	325,000	0	25,000	300,000

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, 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	\$ 5,040,000	\$ 0	\$360,000	\$ 4,680,000
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	3,600,000	0	200,000	3,400,000
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>2,674,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140,750</u>	<u>2,533,500</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$12,119,250</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$815,750</u>	<u>\$11,303,500</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 \$125,819 Payable on December 15 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2021	\$ 754,918	\$ 0	\$ 125,819	\$ 629,099
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	1,838,840	0	160,403	1,678,437

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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, Water Improvements, Principal Payments of \$18,275 Payable on April 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due April, 2024	\$ 164,463	\$ 0	\$ 18,275	\$ 146,188
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	1,280,000	0	160,000	1,120,000
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	567,002	0	39,951	527,051
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer Improvements, Principal Payments of \$51,330 Payable on December 15 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2017	153,989	0	51,330	102,659
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	621,300	0	103,550	517,750
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer Improvements, Principal Payments of \$691,680 Payable on April 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due April, 2028	8,991,873	0	691,680	8,300,193

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
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	\$ 3,325,000	\$ 0	\$ 135,000	\$ 3,190,000
Bond Payable, Vermont Economic Development Authority, Annual Principal Payments of \$127,080, Interest at 4.2% with a 3.3% Subsidy to offset Interest, Due February, 2041	0	3,177,000	0	3,177,000
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
Note Payable, Union Bank, Electric Investment Purchases, Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$20,525, Interest at 6.5%, Due February, 2020	801,545	0	30,996	770,549
Note Payable, Union Bank, Electric Investment Purchases, Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$23,267, Interest at 6.5%, Due February, 2020	881,170	0	37,358	843,812
Note Payable, Union Bank, Electric Investment Purchases, Quarterly Principal and Interest Payments of \$7,439, Interest at 4.1%, Due November, 2024	<u>398,108</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,740</u>	<u>384,368</u>
Total Business-type Activities	<u>\$38,478,208</u>	<u>\$3,177,000</u>	<u>\$1,568,102</u>	<u>\$40,087,106</u>

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 12,119,250	\$ 0	\$ 815,750	\$ 11,303,500	\$ 785,750
Compensated Absences Payable	822,540	0	77,790	744,750	0
Net Pension Liability	<u>115,500</u>	<u>870,211</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>985,711</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 13,057,290</u>	<u>\$ 870,211</u>	<u>\$ 893,540</u>	<u>\$ 13,033,961</u>	<u>\$ 785,750</u>
Business-type Activities					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 17,697,385	\$ 3,177,000	\$ 1,486,008	\$ 19,388,377	\$ 1,619,101
Notes Payable	20,780,823	0	82,094	20,698,729	86,583
Compensated Absences Payable	272,302	0	23,521	248,781	0
Net Pension Liability	<u>13,146</u>	<u>67,007</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,153</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Business-type Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 38,763,656</u>	<u>\$ 3,244,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,591,623</u>	<u>\$ 40,416,040</u>	<u>\$ 1,705,684</u>

Compensated absences and required contributions to the pension plans are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

The change in the net pension liability is allocated to the function where the employee is charged.

Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 785,750	\$ 402,378	\$ 1,705,684	\$ 1,359,934
2018	785,750	378,989	1,717,088	1,441,509
2019	785,750	353,781	20,377,881	1,152,489
2020	785,750	310,603	2,359,806	315,765
2021	770,750	285,616	2,236,426	247,732
2022-2026	3,733,750	1,009,815	6,505,354	975,417
2027-2031	2,833,750	375,550	2,749,067	458,107
2032-2036	822,250	149,758	1,310,400	269,188
2037-2041	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,125,400</u>	<u>67,803</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,303,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,266,490</u>	<u>\$ 40,087,106</u>	<u>\$ 6,287,944</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.

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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.

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	\$ 5,138
Nonspendable Inventory	<u>163,113</u>
Total General Fund	<u>168,251</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>\$418,546</u>

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

Major Funds

General Fund:

Restricted for Library Development by Donations	\$ <u>17,049</u>
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Capital Fund:		
Restricted for Quiet Path Bridge by Donations		\$ <u>24,550</u>

Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Recreation Path Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)		872
Restricted for Police Expenses by Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)		23,314
Restricted for Records Preservation Expenses by Statute (Source of Revenue is Recording Fees)		52,315
Restricted for Stowe Rescue Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)		<u>3,000</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds		<u>79,501</u>

Permanent Funds:

Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements – Expendable Portion		239,585
Restricted for Library Endowment Fund by Trust Agreements – Expendable Portion		<u>845,607</u>

Total Permanent Funds		<u>1,085,192</u>
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Total Non-Major Funds		<u>1,164,693</u>
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Total Restricted Fund Balances		<u>\$1,206,292</u>
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The fund balances in the following funds are committed as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Committed for Annual Leave by the Voters		\$ <u>40,205</u>
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Capital Projects Funds:

Committed for Capital Projects by the Voters		<u>393,253</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Equipment Fund:

Committed for Equipment Expenditures by the Voters		<u>143,055</u>
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Total Committed Fund Balances		<u>\$576,513</u>
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The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Assigned to Reduce Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2017	\$227,674
Assigned for Library Operations Expenses	14,363
Assigned for Recreation Scholarship Expenses	<u>3,964</u>

Total General Fund 246,001

Capital Fund:

Assigned for Capital Project Expenditures	<u>32,560</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Assigned for Appraisal Expenses	<u>109,025</u>
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Capital Projects Funds:

Assigned for Rink Renovation Expenditures	<u>18,104</u>
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Total Non-Major Funds 127,129

Total Assigned Fund Balances \$405,690

The unassigned deficit of \$7,399 in the Grant Fund will be funded with the collection of grant receivables.

M. Restricted and Designated Net Position

The restricted net position of the Town as of June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Restricted for Library Development by Donations	\$ 17,049
Restricted for Quiet Path Bridge by Donations	24,550
Restricted for Recreation Path Expenses by Donations	872
Restricted for Police Expenses by Agreement	23,314
Restricted for Records Preservation Expenses by Statute	52,315
Restricted for Stowe Rescue Expenses by Donations	3,000
Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements	
– Non-Expendable Portion – Estimated	215,000
Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements	
– Expendable Portion	239,585
Restricted for Library Endowment Fund by Trust	
Agreements – Non-Expendable Portion	35,295
Restricted for Library Endowment Fund by Trust	
Agreements – Expendable Portion	<u>845,607</u>

Total Governmental Activities \$1,456,587

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The designated net position of the Town as of June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Business-type Activities:

Water Fund:

Designated for Investment in Long-term Loans Receivable	\$ 132,443
Designated for Water Capital	427,519
Designations in Excess of Unrestricted Net Position	<u>(559,962)</u>

Total Water Fund	<u>0</u>
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Sewer Fund:

Designated for Investment in Long-term Loans Receivable	3,839,562
Designated for Sewer Capital	<u>250,796</u>

Total Sewer Fund	<u>4,090,358</u>
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Total Business-type Activities	<u>\$4,090,358</u>
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The unrestricted deficit in the Water Fund of \$434,254 will be funded in future years with additional revenues.

V. OTHER INFORMATION

A. PENSION PLANS

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, 2016, the retirement system consisted of 436 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.

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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, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

As of June 30, 2015, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, VMERS was funded at 87.42% and had a plan fiduciary net position of \$535,903,742 and a total pension liability of \$612,999,552 resulting in a net pension liability of \$77,095,810. As of June 30, 2016, the Town's proportionate share of this was 1.3825% resulting in a liability of \$1,065,864. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, 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, 2015, the Town's proportion of 1.3825% was a decrease of 0.0271% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Town recognized pension expense of \$399,800 which was comprised of \$291,789 determined by the State of Vermont's actuary and \$108,011 of employer contributions made by the Town in excess of the amount required. The total employer contribution made by the Town was \$313,073. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Town funded the employer contribution for Group B at 10.375% resulting in no contribution for the employee, the employer contribution for Group C at 10.6% resulting in a lower contribution for members (6.4% effective July 1, 2015 and 6.65% effective January 1, 2016) and the employer contribution for Group D at 10.6% resulting in a lower contribution for members (10.6% effective July 1, 2015).

As of June 30, 2016, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 33,692	\$ 0
Changes in assumptions	212,264	0
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	205,918	0
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,461	8,068
Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>205,062</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 662,397</u>	<u>\$ 8,068</u>

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The deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$205,062 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>	
2017	\$ 88,455
2018	88,455
2019	88,455
2020	<u>183,902</u>
Total	<u>\$449,267</u>

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.

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.

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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.

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 – 4.875% effective July 1, 2015 (increased from 4.75%). Group C – 9.875% from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (changed from 9.75% and then 10.0% effective January 1, 2016). Group D – 11.35% effective July 1, 2015 (increased from 11.25%).

Employer Contributions: Group B – 5.50% effective July 1, 2015 (increased from 5.375%). Group C – 7.125% from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (changed from 7.0% and then 7.25% effective January 1, 2016). Group D – 9.85% effective July 1, 2015 (increased from 9.75%).

Retirement Stipend: \$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Trustees.

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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.

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 Groups 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.

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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.

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	8.61%
Fixed Income	1.91%
Alternatives	6.93%
Multi-strategy	4.88%

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 7.95%, a decrease from 8.23% in the prior year. 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 7.95 percent, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.95%) or one percent higher (8.95%):

<u>1% Decrease (6.95%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (7.95%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.95%)</u>
\$2,128,992	\$1,065,864	\$174,858

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.

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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 \$4,537,866 while covered payroll was \$1,006,689. Pension expense was \$106,709. 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 \$9,553.

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 Electric 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, 2016 was \$1,220,650. The Electric Department's pension contributions for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$111,054, \$110,731 and \$93,573, respectively. The total fees relating to the pension plan for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$450, \$300 and \$400, respectively.

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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.

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 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
Education	1.4980	1.5356
Farmers Contracts	0.0048	0.0048
Town	<u>0.4040</u>	<u>0.4040</u>
Total	<u>1.9068</u>	<u>1.9444</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.

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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, however, have renewal options. Future guaranteed lease payments for the next five years are estimated to be as follows:

2017	\$71,556
2018	73,488
2019	75,924
2020	78,192
2021	80,544

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.

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 26.8% of operating revenue and 9.6% 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.

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A brief summary of the major power supply contracts as of June 30, 2016 held by SED is as follows:

Hydro Quebec:

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.

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Final Delivery Date</u>	<u>Stowe Entitlement (MW)</u>
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 18 VEPPI units. As of December 31, 2015, five 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. The VEPPI contracts have varying maturities; the last VEPPI contract is scheduled to end in 2020. SED's current pro rata share of the VEPPI production is 1.3364%, which started November 1, 2015 and will run through October 31, 2016. The prior percent which ran from November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 was 1.3105%. 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, 2014 through October 31, 2015 was 1.3105% and increased to 1.3364% for November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016) 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.

On September 9, 2009, SED has signed a purchase power agreement for 2.613% of the Miller Hydro Project. Miller Hydro is a run of river unit. 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. On May 31, 2016, SED signed the second amendment to the original contract extending the purchase through May 31, 2021. It amends the contract products to "Unit Contingent Energy, Ancillary Services and Renewable Energy Certificates" excluding installed capacity from the product offering. The Miller Hydro (Brown Bear) resource should equate to 2.685% of SED's energy.

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, 2016 was as follows:

Resource	FCM	Description	(MWH)	kWh's	% of Total Resources	Fuel	Location	Termination Date
Niagara	0.490	Block	3,412	3,412,464	4.3%	Hydro	Roseton	09/1/2025
St. Lawrence		Block	73	73,434	0.1%	Hydro	Roseton	4/30/2017
HQ Schedule B	2.326	Dispatchable	4,363	4,362,673	5.5%	Hydro	HQ Highgate 120	10/31/2015
HQ Schedule C-3		Dispatchable	72	72,480	0.1%	Hydro	HQ Highgate 120	10/31/2015
HQ Contract		ISO Bilateral	13,244	13,243,968	16.8%	Hydro	HQ Highgate 120	10/31/2038
VEPPI	0.328	PURPA	4,179	4,179,382	5.3%	Wood/Hydro	VT Nodes	Exp. Varies
McNeil	1.560	Wood Unit	9,506	9,505,562	12.0%	Wood	Essex	Life of Unit
Stony 1A/1B/1C	4.916	Dispatchable	2,356	2,355,977	3.0%	Natural	Stonybrk 115	Life of Unit
Market Contracts - ENE		ISO Bilateral	2,504	2,504,000	3.2%			
Seabrook (Offtake)		ISO Bilateral	14,921	14,920,680	18.9%			
Miller Hydro Purchase		Run of River	2,266	2,266,273	2.9%	Hydro	TopSham Milr	05/31/2016
Saddleback Purchase		Wind	1,869	1,869,155	2.4%	Wind	Carthage, ME	09/15/2035
Market Contracts - ENE Snow		ISO Bilateral	10,022	10,021,851	12.7%		Mass hub	04/30/2014
ISO Energy Net Interchange		ISO Bilateral	<u>10,166</u>	<u>10,165,898</u>	<u>12.9%</u>			
Totals			<u>78,953</u>	<u>78,953,797</u>	<u>100.0%</u>			

Future Projects and State Renewable Energy Standard

Nebraska Valley Solar Project:

The solar project is a 1 MW solar farm within Stowe. The generation will be behind the meter, therefore reducing SED's load and peaks for certain months. The load reduction is not represented in SED's forecasted load within this report. This project will have other benefits to SED besides the load reduction (LMP, Transmission and Capacity savings); it will satisfy a portion of SED's RES requirement too.

Renewable Portfolio and Upcoming Renewable Energy Standard (RES):

Beginning in 2017, there was a bill proposed to replace the renewable energy standard and energy transformation program. The new elements in this bill will create target amounts of renewable energy credits (RECs) for utilities. The bill will require specified amount of RECs from different categorized projects within Vermont and New England (including NYPA). Lastly, the bill will establish an energy transformation requirement that utilities will meet through distributed renewable generation and/or reduction in fossil fuel consumption.

J. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 9, 2016, SED sold property located at 1333 Stowe Waterbury Road for \$325,000.

In October, 2016, SED obtained a \$1,000,000 line of credit with Union Bank. The line of credit matures October 31, 2017 with interest at .85%.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 8,392,254	\$ 8,369,038	\$ (23,216)
Administration	689,023	747,662	58,639
Town Clerk	172,916	167,923	(4,993)
Accounting/Finance	20,000	20,000	0
Fire	750	11,141	10,391
Highway Department	182,500	186,495	3,995
Listers' Office	1,500	1,641	141
Library	0	3,123	3,123
Rescue/EMS	201,505	198,460	(3,045)
Mountain Rescue	500	636	136
Cultural Campus	1,496	2,451	955
Planning Department	2,500	7,000	4,500
Zoning	52,253	52,509	256
Police Department	112,000	123,272	11,272
Cemetery	1,200	836	(364)
Public Works Administration	47,000	45,200	(1,800)
Parks and Grounds	35,743	52,889	17,146
Recreation	172,205	142,351	(29,854)
Stowe Arena	425,556	359,788	(65,768)
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
Total Revenues	10,895,401	10,876,915	(18,486)
Expenditures:			
Administration	408,465	408,547	(82)
Elections	3,387	2,484	903
Town Clerk	312,996	327,674	(14,678)
Health/Zoning	133,830	136,049	(2,219)
Listers' Office	105,542	107,272	(1,730)
Treasurer/Finance	260,725	243,727	16,998
Planning	139,066	135,272	3,794
Public Safety Building	135,227	140,279	(5,052)
Police Department	1,657,310	1,633,318	23,992
Fire Department	220,847	199,031	21,816
Emergency Medical Service	447,341	459,999	(12,658)
Mountain Rescue	19,689	18,534	1,155
Emergency Management	2,406	1,421	985
Highway	1,967,045	1,796,814	170,231
Public Works	327,561	311,086	16,475
Akeley Memorial Building	130,541	118,599	11,942

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Expenditures/(Cont'd):			
Cultural Campus	\$ 35,937	\$ 41,392	\$ (5,455)
Street Lights	28,252	16,246	12,006
Solid Waste	550	569	(19)
Cemeteries	16,008	15,468	540
Community Affairs	79,522	79,497	25
General Government	574,992	573,061	1,931
Parks and Grounds	504,833	468,067	36,766
Recreation	487,366	426,742	60,624
Arena	535,354	526,842	8,512
Library	561,995	542,572	19,423
Debt Management	1,256,417	1,255,482	935
Insurances	209,871	180,206	29,665
Transfer to Annual Leave Fund	120,000	120,000	0
Transfer to Capital Fund	40,000	40,000	0
Transfer to Equipment Fund	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>11,123,075</u>	<u>10,726,250</u>	<u>396,825</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ <u>(227,674)</u>	150,665	\$ <u>378,339</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting:			
Annual Leave Fund Income		188	
Annual Leave Fund Transfer In		120,000	
Annual Leave Fund Expenses		(68,928)	
Library Operations Fund Income		30,755	
Library Operations Fund Expenses		(9,195)	
Library Operations Fund Transfer In		7,806	
Library Operations Fund Transfer Out		(28,500)	
Recreation Scholarship Fund Income		3,306	
Recreation Scholarship Fund Expenses		(3,443)	
Recreation Scholarship Fund Transfer In		<u>1,000</u>	
Net Change in Fund Balance		203,654	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2015		<u>779,773</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2016		<u>\$ 983,427</u>	

The reconciling items are due to combining three (3) funds, the Annual Leave 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, 2016

	2016	2015
Total Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 77,095,810	\$ 9,126,613
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	1.3825%	1.4096%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,065,864	\$ 128,646
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 2,997,269	\$ 2,842,541
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	35.5612%	4.5257%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	87.42%	98.32%

Notes to Schedule

Benefit Changes: None.

Changes in Assumptions: The discount rate used to measure the net pension liability was lowered from 8.23% to 7.95%, due to the adoption by the Board of Trustees of a 7.95% expected future rate of return on assets for funding purposes.

Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore, only two years are 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, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution (Actuarially Determined)	\$ 205,062	\$ 192,329
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	<u>205,062</u>	<u>192,329</u>
Contribution Excess/(Deficiency)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 2,997,269	\$ 2,842,541
Contributions as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	6.842%	6.766%

Notes to Schedule

Valuation Date: June 30, 2015

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50,234	\$ 50,234
Investments	0	0	1,292,699	1,292,699
Receivables	7,399	0	0	7,399
Due from Other Funds	<u>195,976</u>	<u>221,045</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>417,021</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 203,375</u>	<u>\$ 221,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,933</u>	<u>\$ 1,767,353</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,607	\$ 59,886	\$ 0	\$ 67,493
Due to Other Funds	<u>7,242</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,446</u>	<u>14,688</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>14,849</u>	<u>59,886</u>	<u>7,446</u>	<u>82,181</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unavailable Grants	<u>7,399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,399</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,399</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Nonspendable	0	0	250,295	250,295
Restricted	79,501	0	1,085,192	1,164,693
Committed	0	143,055	0	143,055
Assigned	109,025	18,104	0	127,129
Unassigned/(Deficit)	<u>(7,399)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(7,399)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>181,127</u>	<u>161,159</u>	<u>1,335,487</u>	<u>1,677,773</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 203,375</u>	<u>\$ 221,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,933</u>	<u>\$ 1,767,353</u>

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Schedule 5

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 78,526	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 78,526
Charges for Services	0	0	17,457	17,457
Permits, Licenses and Fees	11,742	0	0	11,742
Investment Income	425	1,469	103,094	104,988
Donations	<u>43,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>133,693</u>	<u>1,469</u>	<u>120,551</u>	<u>255,713</u>
Expenditures:				
General Government	3,784	0	0	3,784
Public Safety	69,892	0	0	69,892
Public Works	0	74	0	74
Culture and Recreation	10,159	0	0	10,159
Cemetery	0	0	5,514	5,514
Capital Outlay:				
Public Safety	0	324,250	0	324,250
Public Works	0	258,917	0	258,917
Culture and Recreation	<u>0</u>	<u>34,910</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,910</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>83,835</u>	<u>618,151</u>	<u>5,514</u>	<u>707,500</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>49,858</u>	<u>(616,682)</u>	<u>115,037</u>	<u>(451,787)</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Proceeds from Sale of Vehicles	0	2,820	0	2,820
Transfers In	0	400,000	0	400,000
Transfers Out	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(14,806)</u>	<u>(20,806)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>402,820</u>	<u>(14,806)</u>	<u>382,014</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	43,858	(213,862)	100,231	(69,773)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	<u>137,269</u>	<u>375,021</u>	<u>1,235,256</u>	<u>1,747,546</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 181,127</u>	<u>\$ 161,159</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,487</u>	<u>\$ 1,677,773</u>

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2016

	Recreation Path Fund	Police DEA Fund	Appraisal Fund	Records Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Stowe Rescue Fund	Total
ASSETS							
Receivables	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,399	\$ 0	\$ 7,399
Due from Other Funds	8,322	23,314	109,025	52,315	0	3,000	195,976
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,322</u>	<u>\$ 23,314</u>	<u>\$ 109,025</u>	<u>\$ 52,315</u>	<u>\$ 7,399</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 203,375</u>
LIABILITIES							
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,450	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 157	\$ 0	\$ 7,607
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	0	7,242	0	7,242
Total Liabilities	<u>7,450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,849</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable Grants	0	0	0	0	7,399	0	7,399
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,399</u>
FUND BALANCES							
Restricted	872	23,314	0	52,315	0	3,000	79,501
Assigned	0	0	109,025	0	0	0	109,025
Unassigned/(Deficit)	0	0	0	0	(7,399)	0	(7,399)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	<u>872</u>	<u>23,314</u>	<u>109,025</u>	<u>52,315</u>	<u>(7,399)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>181,127</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,322</u>	<u>\$ 23,314</u>	<u>\$ 109,025</u>	<u>\$ 52,315</u>	<u>\$ 7,399</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 203,375</u>

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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, 2016

	Recreation Path Fund	Police DEA Fund	Appraisal Fund	Records Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Stowe Rescue Fund	Total
Revenues:							
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 37,127	\$ 36,322	\$ 0	\$ 5,077	\$ 0	\$ 78,526
Permits, Licenses and Fees	0	0	0	11,742	0	0	11,742
Investment Income	21	62	211	131	0	0	425
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	43,000	43,000
Total Revenues	21	37,189	36,533	11,873	5,077	43,000	133,693
Expenditures:							
General Government	0	0	0	3,784	0	0	3,784
Public Safety	0	20,125	0	0	9,767	40,000	69,892
Culture and Recreation	7,450	0	0	0	2,709	0	10,159
Total Expenditures	7,450	20,125	0	3,784	12,476	40,000	83,835
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(7,429)	17,064	36,533	8,089	(7,399)	3,000	49,858
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):							
Transfers Out	0	0	(6,000)	0	0	0	(6,000)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	0	0	(6,000)	0	0	0	(6,000)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(7,429)	17,064	30,533	8,089	(7,399)	3,000	43,858
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	8,301	6,250	78,492	44,226	0	0	137,269
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2016	\$ 872	\$ 23,314	\$ 109,025	\$ 52,315	\$ (7,399)	\$ 3,000	\$ 181,127

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Schedule 8

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>Equipment Fund</u>	<u>Rink Renovation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Due from Other Funds	\$ <u>182,941</u>	\$ <u>38,104</u>	\$ <u>221,045</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>182,941</u></u>	\$ <u><u>38,104</u></u>	\$ <u><u>221,045</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ <u>39,886</u>	\$ <u>20,000</u>	\$ <u>59,886</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>39,886</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>59,886</u>
Fund Balances:			
Committed	143,055	0	143,055
Assigned	<u>0</u>	<u>18,104</u>	<u>18,104</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>143,055</u>	<u>18,104</u>	<u>161,159</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u><u>182,941</u></u>	\$ <u><u>38,104</u></u>	\$ <u><u>221,045</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, 2016

	Equipment Fund	Rink Renovation Fund	Total
Revenues:			
Investment Income	\$ 1,374	\$ 95	\$ 1,469
Total Revenues	<u>1,374</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1,469</u>
Expenditures:			
Public Works	74	0	74
Capital Outlay:			
Public Safety	324,250	0	324,250
Public Works	258,917	0	258,917
Culture and Recreation	<u>34,910</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,910</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>618,151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>618,151</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(616,777)</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>(616,682)</u>
Other Financing Sources:			
Proceeds from Sale of Vehicles	2,820	0	2,820
Transfers In	<u>400,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>400,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>402,820</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>402,820</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(213,957)	95	(213,862)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	<u>357,012</u>	<u>18,009</u>	<u>375,021</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 143,055</u>	<u>\$ 18,104</u>	<u>\$ 161,159</u>

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Schedule 10

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2016

	Cemetery Fund	Library Endowment Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 50,234	\$ 0	\$ 50,234
Investments	411,797	880,902	1,292,699
Total Assets	\$ 462,031	\$ 880,902	\$ 1,342,933
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Due to Other Funds	\$ 7,446	\$ 0	\$ 7,446
Total Liabilities	7,446	0	7,446
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	215,000	35,295	250,295
Restricted	239,585	845,607	1,085,192
Total Fund Balances	454,585	880,902	1,335,487
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 462,031	\$ 880,902	\$ 1,342,933

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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, 2016

	Cemetery Fund	Library Endowment Fund	Total
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 17,457	\$ 0	\$ 17,457
Investment Income	<u>16,854</u>	<u>86,240</u>	<u>103,094</u>
Total Revenues	<u>34,311</u>	<u>86,240</u>	<u>120,551</u>
Expenditures:			
Cemetery	<u>5,514</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,514</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,514</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,514</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>28,797</u>	<u>86,240</u>	<u>115,037</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers Out	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(7,806)</u>	<u>(14,806)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(7,806)</u>	<u>(14,806)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	21,797	78,434	100,231
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	<u>432,788</u>	<u>802,468</u>	<u>1,235,256</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 454,585</u>	<u>\$ 880,902</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,487</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
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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, 2016, 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 1, 2017. 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

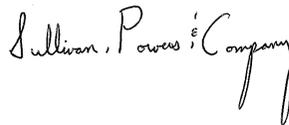
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct 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 1, 2017.

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 1, 2017
Montpelier, Vermont
VT Lic. #92-000180



TOWN OF STOWE SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS AT 6/30/16

Type	Bonds, Bond Anticipation, Notes Payable:	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 7/1/2015	Deletions	Additions	Balance 6/30/2016
G	Tri Centennial:	8/4/1995	12/1/2015	Variable	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
G	Fire Truck/Sunset/Rink Imp	7/22/1999	12/1/2019	Variable	75,000	(15,000)	-	60,000
G	Bingham, Garage, Water Bld	12/1/2001	12/1/2021	Variable	175,000	(25,000)	-	150,000
G	Ladder Trk/Nichols Ease	12/1/2004	12/1/2024	Variable	200,000	(20,000)	-	180,000
G	Adams Camp Mem Eng Bond	7/26/2007	12/1/2027	Variable	325,000	(25,000)	-	300,000
G	Public Safety Building Bond	7/22/2008	11/15/2028	Variable	5,040,000	(360,000)	-	4,680,000
G	Ice Rink #1	8/1/2012	11/15/2032	3.62%	3,600,000	(200,000)	-	3,400,000
G	Ice Rink #2/Sledding Hill	7/30/2013	11/15/2033	Variable	2,674,250	(140,750)	-	2,533,500
	General Fund Totals				12,119,250	(815,750)	-	11,303,500
BW	Water Bond	4/1/2005	4/1/2024	0.00%	164,463	(18,273)	-	146,189
BW	Water-Sunset Hill	11/1/2006	11/1/2025	3.00%	567,003	(39,952)	-	527,051
BW	Water Expansion	12/15/1998	12/15/2021	0.00%	754,918	(125,820)	-	629,098
BW	Water Upgrade Bond	12/1/2003	12/1/2022	Variable	1,280,000	(160,000)	-	1,120,000
BW	Water Improvements	6/27/2001	7/1/2005	3.00%	1,838,840	(160,403)	-	1,678,437
	Water Totals				4,605,224	(504,448)	-	4,100,776
BS	Sewer Improvements	12/1/1998	12/15/2017	0.00%	153,988	(51,328)	-	102,660
BS	Sewer Improvements	7/15/1996	1/1/2020	0.00%	621,300	(103,550)	-	517,750
BS	Sewer Note	4/1/2002	4/1/2014	0%	8,991,875	(691,683)	-	8,300,192
	Sewer Totals				9,767,163	(846,561)	-	8,920,602
BE	Electric Investment Purch	12/29/2010	2/1/2020	6.50%	801,546	(30,997)	-	770,549
BE	Electric Investment Purch	12/29/2009	2/1/2020	6.50%	881,170	(37,358)	-	843,812
BE	Electric Improvements Bond	7/21/2009	11/15/2039	4.66%	3,325,000	(135,000)	-	3,190,000
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	4.10%	398,108	(13,740)	-	384,368
BE	Electric Improvements Bond	2/1/2016	2/1/2036	0.97%	-	-	3,177,000	3,177,000
	Grand Totals				24,105,824	(217,095)	3,177,000	27,065,729
					50,597,461	(2,383,855)	3,177,000	51,390,606

**2015-2016
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED**

Grand List:		
Municipal Grand List		\$20,787,868
	Total Municipal Grand List	\$20,787,868

Education Grand List:		
Real Estate-Non Residential Homestead		15,663,036
Real Estate-Homestead Education		5,035,024
	Total Education Grand List	20,698,060

Taxes Billed:			
General Property:	<u>Grand List Value</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Assessed</u>
Real Estate	20,787,868	\$ 0.4040	\$8,398,241.23
Education-Non Residential	15,663,036	\$ 1.5356	\$24,052,158.37
Education-Residential	5,035,024	\$ 1.4980	\$7,542,465.98
Exempted Education-Non Residential	(27,444)	\$ 1.5356	(42,143.01)
Exempted Education-Residential	(37,470)	\$ 1.4980	(56,130.06)
Local Agreements-Farmers	20,787,868	\$ 0.0048	\$99,781.77
	Sub-Total.....		\$39,994,374.28
VT State Lands - 1% of Value			\$68,188.31
	Total Taxes Raised		<u>\$40,062,562.59</u>

Taxes Accounted For as Follows:		
General Property		\$37,057,070.28
Taxes to Delinquent Collector		<u>\$2,937,304.00</u>
Property Taxes Billed		\$39,994,374.28
VT State Lands - 1% of Value		<u>\$68,188.31</u>
	Sub-Total.....	\$39,994,374.28
		\$68,188.31
	Total Taxes Accounted For	<u>\$40,062,562.59</u>

DIVISION OF TAXES	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Assessed</u>
Town Assessment	\$ 0.4040	\$ 8,398,241.23
School Assessment-Homestead	\$ 1.4980	7,486,335.92
School Assessment-Non Homestead	\$ 1.5356	24,010,015.36
Local Agreements-Farmers Contracts	\$ 0.0048	99,781.77
VT State Lands - 1% of Value		68,188.31
		<u>\$ 40,062,562.59</u>



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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 **\$21,241,675** and Town General Fund Tax Rate to be \$.4049 to raise **\$8,601,551** 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (FY 17) to be as follows:

Homestead Tax Rate:

\$0.4049 Town General Fund Tax
\$1.5242 State and Local Education Taxes
\$0.0048 Voter Approved Tax Exemptions

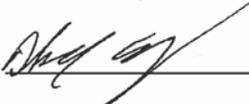
\$1.9339 Total Tax Rate

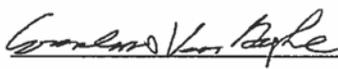
Non-Residential Tax Rate:

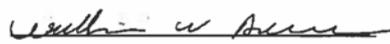
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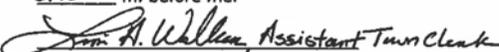
Given under our hands in Stowe, Vermont this 1st of July 2016 by Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. ATTEST:







UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN, received, filed and recorded this 11th day of July, 2016 at 8:40 A m. before me.


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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 continued support of Stowe's schools. The combined dedication by all stakeholders provides outstanding public education for our students. The Stowe School District's excellent reputation continues to attract families from within Vermont, the USA and the World to relocate to the Stowe community. Our "equalized student enrollment" increased again this year, by 30 students, an increase of 4%. This is in sharp contrast to most Vermont communities whose student enrollment continues to decline on a consistent basis.

One of the major tasks we are addressing, both last and this year, is Act 46. Act 46 is a law, passed in 2015, that relates primarily to governance consolidation of school districts. The Stowe School Board is pursuing a "side by side" alternative structure with our other district partner, the Elmore-Morristown Unified Union School District (EMUU). Act 46 recognizes the need in some regions to create or continue sustainable "alternative structures," which are supervisory unions with multiple member districts.

Act 46 states in Section 5 that a supervisory union composed of multiple member districts, each with its separate school board, can meet the State's [education] goals, particularly if:

1. The member districts consider themselves to be collectively responsible for the education of all pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students residing in the supervisory union;
2. The supervisory union operates in a manner that maximizes efficiencies through economies of scale and the flexible management, transfer and sharing of non-financial resources among the member districts;
3. The supervisory union has the smallest number of member school districts practicable, achieved wherever possible by the merger of districts with similar operating and tuitioning patterns;
4. The combined average daily membership of all member districts is not less than 1,100.

The Stowe School District, along with EMUU, believes we meet both the education goals and the qualifications for a "side by side alternative structure." Some of the rationale for our belief is from the Agency of Education itself. In 2016 they conducted an "**Integrated Field Review Report**" of Lamoille South Supervisory Union and the School Districts. The report was facilitated by seven review teams from the Agency Of Education. They focused on; Academic Achievement, Personalized Learning Plans, Quality Staffing, Safe School Climate and Financial Efficiencies. The report was strongly supportive and complimentary of the performance of the Lamoille South Supervisory Union and the Stowe/EMUU Districts.

Both the Stowe and EMUU Boards are currently studying together in a self-evaluation process, which is required by law under Act 46. These meetings are held in public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Meeting timelines and draft outlines can be found at <https://sites.google.com/a/lssuvt.org/lssu2/lssu-board>.

Together we must submit our proposal for the “alternate structure” to the State Board of Education by November 30, 2017.

The State Board, when evaluating an alternative structure, must consider whether the proposal is the best means of meeting the goals of quality and equity in the region and whether it ensures fiscal transparency and accountability.

Act 46 currently requires the State Board to render a decision by November 30, 2018, for all Vermont school governance structures. Implementation of the new governance structures will take place July 1, 2019. It should be noted that the Legislature is currently considering possible revisions of some of Act 46’s specific rules and timelines. Stay tuned!

We continue to provide a high quality education on a cost effective basis. According to the Agency of Education’s latest data from 2016, our spending on an “equalized student basis” is \$14,306.00 versus a statewide spending rate of \$14,421.00. We are also pleased that, with some very hard work by our administrative team, the budget is projected to actually increase the local homestead tax by only 1.3 cents.

Stowe schools continue the shift toward Proficiency Based Learning standards, which state that graduation requirements must be rooted in demonstration of student proficiency beginning with the graduating class of 2020. This shift, which is happening nationwide, aligns our education system with the expectations of 21st Century learning and provides students with rigorous, relevant and personalized learning experiences. The supervisory union’s new webpage, “The Road to Proficiency,” offers additional information at www.stoweschoolsvt.com.

The Board values community feedback and participation at our meetings. One of the areas that feedback has been useful is in the investment spending and restructuring of our middle and high school math instruction. The budget reflects our addition of a 1.0 FTE math position and a 1.0 FTE math coach. Prior to this budget, our middle level students did not have access to algebra 1 in 8th grade, despite the fact that this course is offered to most 8th grade students around the country. We can now offer algebra 1 in 8th grade. In addition, we wanted to further support the middle/high math program by providing more opportunities for small group instruction so that all of our students are appropriately challenged and engaged in math.

Stowe students continue to lead in learning and academics:

- *US News and World Report* gave us their **Gold Award** for “Best High Schools” in the country in 2015 and again in 2016. There are only two high schools in Vermont to receive the **Gold Award** in 2016.
- Below are 2016’s Smarter Balanced Assessment results for language arts and math for grades 5, 8 & 11. Scores are as follows:

	Stowe	VT Average	Best Score in State
Grade 5	2567	2515	2608
Grade 8	2622	2580	2661
Grade 11	2669	2597	2676

▪ Math			
	Stowe	VT Average	Best Score in State
Grade 5	2540	2508	2598
Grade 8	2594	2563	2666
Grade 11	2644	2594	2646

(Note: the schools that had the best scores spent, in 2016, approximately \$15,000 per equalized student. Schools with the lowest scores spent approximately \$13,000 per equalized student. Stowe spent, in 2016, \$14,306 per equalized student. Source: VT Digger, 10/16/16, and VT Agency of Education)

The Stowe School Board attributes the success and increasing popularity of the Stowe School District to a committed/talented administration team, an experienced/dedicated faculty and, perhaps most importantly, a concerned and passionately involved group of parents who want what the Board wants – a superior education for every child in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Page, Chair
 Emily Bradbury, Clerk
 Jim Brochhausen
 Drew Clymer
 Cara Zimmerman

Tracy Wrend
Superintendent of Schools



*Cara Zimmerman, Jim Brochhausen, Emily Bradbury,
 Cameron Page, Drew Clymer*

Stowe School District
2017-2018 Proposed School Budget
FAST FACTS

Overview: The proposed Stowe school budget includes investments in math and literacy to ensure that we are providing rigorous curriculum and differentiated learning opportunities in these core academic areas. While it appears that the total budget is less than last year, the decrease represents a shift in transportation and special education costs to the Supervisory Union. This year's budget represents an increase in spending of 5.6%, with a projected local homesteaded tax rate of 1.3 cents (\$0.013), or \$13.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Net FY18 Budget: The total proposed Stowe School budget is \$11,932,700. This is \$430,900 less than the current budget and represents a 3.5% decrease. The overall decrease is due to the reassignment of revenues and expenditures for transportation and special education to LSSU. A comparison of expenditures, without the required reallocations, reflects an increase of \$698,000 or 5.6% and an increase in spending per pupil of \$445.02, to \$15,011. This is an increase of 3.06% on a per pupil basis. Stowe's education spending per equalized pupil continues to be below statewide averages.

Tax Rates: The projected increase in the Local Homestead Tax Rate is 1.3 cents (\$0.013), or 0.9%, to \$1.537. This is an increase of \$13.00 per \$100,000 of assessed homestead value.

Individuals eligible for Income Sensitivity will see a *decrease* in the maximum amount of Homestead Property Tax of -0.152% to 2.528 or, assuming a household income of \$50,000, a *decrease* of \$76.00 for the household. Income sensitivity rates are not directly affected by our local school budget.

The Non-Homestead Tax Rate is projected to increase by 4.2 cents (\$0.042) to \$1.60. This translates to \$42.00 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.

Fund Balance: As of June 30, 2016, the fund balance was \$1,807,555. The voters approved \$400,000 as revenue to offset the FY17 expenditures and a \$300,000 transfer to the Capital Fund. For FY18, the board recommends applying \$300,000 as revenue to offset the proposed FY18 budget expenditures and \$500,000 to the Capital Fund. This leaves \$307,555 of unassigned fund balance for future expenses with approval of the electorate.

Programs and Personnel: The proposed FY18 Stowe School District budget maintains current levels of programming and staffing, and includes increases of a 1.0 FTE Math Teacher and a 1.0 FTE Literacy Coach for Stowe Middle and High Schools and a 1.0 FTE Literacy Intervention Teacher for Stowe Elementary School. Additional program improvements for the accounting system, student progress monitoring and support for curriculum and technology are included in the proposed budget.

Compensation and Benefits: The budget includes a 0% increase in health insurance premiums. Pending the conclusion of negotiations, compensation increases are expected to be within parameters established by the board and the capacity of the proposed budget.

Capital Fund: As of October 31, 2016, there is a balance of \$277,229 in the Capital Fund after completion of the fire alarm system at Stowe Elementary School. The Board proposes the transfer of \$500,000 to the fund for future capital needs. In addition to ongoing maintenance needs, the district needs to begin planning for facilities expansion in order to accommodate the increased number of pupils enrolled in Stowe schools. Stowe's K-12 enrollment has increased by 115 pupils, or 17.4%, since 2007.

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENTS
2016-2017**

Grade	# Students
K	41
1	61
2	55
3	59
4	60
5	52
6	67
7	59
8	63
9	75
10	61
11	63
12	60
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**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET RECAP
2017-2018**

	15-16		16-17	17-18
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
INSTRUCTION				
Regular Education	\$6,165,900	\$5,895,941	\$6,435,275	\$6,704,425
Special Education	1,962,525	1,836,196	1,811,275	985,275
Vocational Education	71,900	73,693	83,000	81,800
Student Activities	270,675	260,688	266,500	279,175
Total Instruction	\$8,471,000	\$8,066,519	\$8,596,050	\$8,050,675
SUPPORT SERVICES				
Guidance Services	\$423,150	\$424,355	\$427,850	\$443,125
Health Services	160,825	171,408	173,250	179,350
Curriculum & Instruction Services	45,375	45,375	47,475	53,325
Library Services	165,700	168,055	192,800	210,575
School Board	63,075	39,494	62,950	64,000
Exec. Admin. Services	115,275	115,275	117,600	161,700
School Administration	771,575	735,393	776,850	828,250
Fiscal Services	169,425	164,721	176,300	233,225
Building & Grounds Operations	1,204,350	1,025,955	1,195,300	1,208,500
Transportation	297,275	290,165	302,200	188,400
Information Services	65,100	65,100	66,300	74,475
Food Service Health Insurance	73,525	37,654	41,025	53,875
Total Support Services	\$3,554,650	\$3,282,950	\$3,579,900	\$3,698,800
Long Term Debt	\$191,925	\$191,885	\$187,650	\$183,225
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$12,217,575	\$11,541,353	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETED REVENUES
2017-2018**

	FY17 Budget	FY18 Budget
LOCAL SOURCES		
Carry Forward	\$400,000	\$300,000
Tuition - Regular Education	475,000	431,325
Earned Interest	12,000	10,000
Rentals	3,300	3,300
Other	0	0
Sub-total Local Sources	\$890,300	\$744,625
STATE SOURCES		
Transportation Aid *	\$139,600	\$0
Driver Education	1,500	1,000
SPED - Block Grant *	256,275	0
SPED - State Reimbursement *	598,900	0
SPED - Essential Early Ed Grant *	53,050	0
Sub-total State Sources	\$1,049,325	\$1,000
Budgeted Available Revenues	\$1,939,625	\$745,625
OTHER STATE SOURCES		
General State Support Grant	\$10,380,075	\$11,143,975
Vocational Education Support Grant	43,900	43,100
Sub-total Other State Sources	\$10,423,975	\$11,187,075
TOTAL REVENUES	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700

* Revenue included in FY18 LSSU budget

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES
2017-2018**

	15-16		16-17	17-18 Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Regular Instruction				
Salaries	\$4,216,100	\$4,063,110	\$4,246,400	\$4,514,050
Employee Benefits	1,299,800	1,243,602	1,416,025	1,432,475
Prof & Tech Services	268,650	234,476	347,050	339,800
Property Services	71,250	70,295	86,525	38,075
Other Services	42,000	20,072	37,000	33,900
Supplies & Materials	142,000	123,631	167,525	194,300
Property	113,725	130,912	121,125	135,250
Other	12,375	9,843	13,625	16,575
Total Expenses	\$6,165,900	\$5,895,941	\$6,435,275	\$6,704,425
Special Education				
Assessments	1,962,525	1,836,196	1,811,275	985,275
Total Expenses	\$1,962,525	\$1,836,196	\$1,811,275	\$985,275
Vocational Education				
Other Services	\$71,900	\$73,693	\$83,000	\$81,800
Total Expenses	\$71,900	\$73,693	\$83,000	\$81,800
Student Activities				
Salaries	\$124,850	\$127,375	\$128,075	\$135,550
Employee Benefits	24,175	14,741	8,375	8,875
Prof & Tech Services	31,700	24,903	31,700	32,200
Property Services	0	0	0	0
Other Services	49,975	53,609	53,375	57,575
Supplies & Materials	10,500	8,628	14,000	14,000
Property	12,850	12,878	13,850	13,850
Other	16,625	18,554	17,125	17,125
Total Expenses	\$270,675	\$260,688	\$266,500	\$279,175
Guidance Services				
Salaries	\$310,250	\$314,848	\$315,725	\$296,225
Employee Benefits	82,450	81,735	81,100	89,975
Prof & Tech Services	25,875	25,875	26,250	52,200
Property Services	300	0	300	300
Other Services	2,100	89	2,000	2,000
Supplies & Materials	550	344	1,000	800
Property	0	0	0	0
Other	1,625	1,464	1,475	1,625
Total Expenses	\$423,150	\$424,355	\$427,850	\$443,125

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES
2017-2018**

	15-16		16-17	17-18 Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Health Services				
Salaries	\$72,325	\$81,338	\$84,750	\$87,975
Employee Benefits	41,625	41,940	40,575	37,675
Prof & Tech Services	45,375	46,425	43,050	48,825
Property Services	375	280	800	800
Other Services	0	0	75	75
Supplies & Materials	1,125	1,424	3,200	3,200
Property	0	0	600	600
Other	0	0	200	200
Total Expenses	\$160,825	\$171,407	\$173,250	\$179,350
Curriculum & Instruction Services				
Prof & Tech Services	\$45,375	\$45,375	\$47,475	\$53,325
Total Expenses	\$45,375	\$45,375	\$47,475	\$53,325
Library Services				
Salaries	\$117,350	\$115,654	\$130,225	\$139,825
Employee Benefits	29,175	35,090	43,975	45,250
Prof & Tech Services	225	175	225	225
Property Services	150	135	150	150
Other Services	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Materials	18,500	14,701	17,425	13,975
Property	225	2,300	225	11,050
Other	75	0	575	100
Total Expenses	\$165,700	\$168,055	\$192,800	\$210,575
School Board				
Salaries	\$5,025	\$5,000	\$5,025	\$5,025
Employee Benefits	450	383	450	450
Prof & Tech Services	32,025	18,723	33,000	33,825
Property Services	0	0	0	0
Other Services	16,100	10,495	15,500	15,650
Supplies & Materials	0	0	0	0
Property	0	0	0	0
Other	9,475	4,893	8,975	9,050
Total Expenses	\$63,075	\$39,494	\$62,950	\$64,000
Executive Admin. Services				
Prof & Tech Services	\$115,275	\$115,275	\$117,600	\$161,700
Total Expenses	\$115,275	\$115,275	\$117,600	\$161,700

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET EXPENDITURES
2017-2018**

	15-16		16-17	17-18 Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
School Administration				
Salaries	\$485,550	\$492,118	\$491,425	\$509,925
Employee Benefits	149,275	139,143	145,875	162,675
Prof & Tech Services	11,500	3,757	11,500	11,500
Property Services	47,000	56,563	60,000	62,000
Other Services	35,350	15,840	26,850	21,600
Supplies & Materials	16,400	6,996	14,400	15,400
Property	4,500	6,047	4,500	4,500
Other	22,000	14,928	22,300	40,650
Total Expenses	\$771,575	\$735,392	\$776,850	\$828,250
Fiscal Services				
Salaries	\$925	\$825	\$925	\$925
Employee Benefits	100	63	75	75
Prof & Tech Services	160,100	155,100	167,000	224,375
Property Services	0	0	0	0
Other Services	4,800	4,543	4,800	4,350
Supplies & Materials	1,000	1,419	1,000	1,000
Other	0	0	0	0
Current Interest	2,500	2,771	2,500	2,500
Total Expenses	\$169,425	\$164,721	\$176,300	\$233,225
Buildings & Grounds Operations				
Salaries	\$263,150	\$256,524	\$268,250	\$280,000
Employee Benefits	159,125	132,922	142,250	132,250
Prof. & Tech. Services	3,000	0	3,000	3,500
Property Services	345,950	300,455	344,300	352,400
Other Services	38,375	33,913	34,800	34,350
Supplies & Materials	389,000	279,611	394,800	403,600
Property	5,750	22,531	7,400	2,400
Other	0	0	500	0
Total Expenses	\$1,204,350	\$1,025,956	\$1,195,300	\$1,208,500
Transportation				
Other Services	\$297,275	\$290,165	\$302,200	\$188,400
Total Expenses	\$297,275	\$290,165	\$302,200	\$188,400
Information Services				
Prof & Tech Services	\$65,100	\$65,100	\$66,300	\$74,475
Total Expenses	\$65,100	\$65,100	\$66,300	\$74,475
Debt Service				
Interest on Debt	\$71,925	\$71,885	\$67,650	\$63,225
Principal on Debt	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Total Expenses	\$191,925	\$191,885	\$187,650	\$183,225
Food Service Health Insurance				
	\$73,525	\$ 37,655	\$41,025	\$53,875
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$12,217,575	\$11,541,353	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700

Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate

	FY17	FY18
Budgeted Expenditures	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700*
Budgeted Available Revenues	\$1,939,625	\$745,625*
Education Spending	\$10,423,975	\$11,187,075
Equalized Pupils	715.63	745.25
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,566	\$15,011
Property Yield	\$9,701	\$10,076
Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate	1.502	1.490

* Revenue shift from district to LSSU, which lowers assessments and revenues (net result is neutral impact on tax rate)

Estimated Homestead Tax Rate

	FY17	FY18
Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate	1.502	1.490
Common Level of Appraisal	98.51%	96.90%
Estimated Local Tax Rate	\$1.524	\$1.537

Estimated Income Sensitivity Information

	FY17	FY18
Ed Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,566	\$15,011
Income Yield	10,870	11,875
Statewide Income Sensitivity % (fixed)	2.00%	2.00%
Local Income Sensitivity %	2.680%	2.528%

Estimated Non-Homestead Tax Rate

	FY17	FY18
Statewide Non-Homestead Rate	\$1.535	\$1.550
<i>Common Level of Appraisal</i>	<i>98.51%</i>	<i>96.90%</i>
Estimated Local Non-Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.558	\$1.600

Fund Balance – General Fund

• Total Fund Balance, June 30, 2015	\$1,721,608
• Committed Fund Balance, June 30, 2015	\$ (580,000)
• Approved Transfer to Cap. Projects Fund	\$ (100,000)
• FY 15-16 Surplus	<u>\$ 765,947</u>
• Total Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$1,807,555
• Committed Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$ (400,000)
• Approved Transfer to Cap. Projects Fund	<u>\$ (300,000)</u>
• Unassigned Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$1,107,555
• Proposed Funds Committed to FY 18 Budget	\$ (300,000)
• Proposed Transfer to Cap. Projects Fund	<u>\$ (500,000)</u>
• Proposed Unassigned Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$ 307,555

Fund Balance – Capital Projects Fund

• Fund Balance, June 30, 2014	\$ 224,748
• Net Change FY 2015-2016	<u>\$(166,593)</u>
• Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$ 58,155
• Approved Transfer from Gen Fund in FY17	\$ 300,000
• FY 2016-2017 – Net Change as of Oct 31, 2016	<u>\$ (80,926)</u>
• Fund Balance, Oct 31, 2016	\$ 277,229
• Proposed Transfer from Gen Fund in FY18	\$ 500,000

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Stowe County: Lamoille		T198 Lamoille South				Present dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil
					10,076	1.00	
					11,875	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018		
1.	Budget (total budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$11,834,650	\$12,217,575	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700		
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.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$11,834,650	\$12,217,575	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700		
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-		
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-		
7.	Total Budget	\$11,834,650	\$12,217,575	\$12,363,600	\$11,932,700		
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$1,077,475	\$2,945,975	\$2,870,700	\$2,029,600		
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
Revenues							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$2,233,100	\$2,158,150	\$1,939,625	\$745,625		
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.	Offsetting revenues	\$2,233,100	\$2,158,150	\$1,939,625	\$745,625		
14.	Education Spending	\$9,601,550	\$10,059,425	\$10,423,975	\$11,187,075		
15.	Equalized Pupils	683.24	703.13	715.63	745.25		
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$14,052.97	\$14,306.64	\$14,566.15	\$15,011.17		
16.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$273.99	\$260.87	\$250.62	\$236		
17.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equip)	\$13.94	\$5.38	-	-		
18.	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 equip)	-	-	-	-		
19.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equip)	-	-	-	-		
20.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equip)	-	-	-	-		
21.	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equip)	-	-	-	-		
22.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equip)	-	-	-	-		
23.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equip)	NA	-	-	-		
24.	Threshold = \$16,166.00	\$16,166.00	\$17,103.00	\$14,590.26	\$17,386.00		
25.	Excess spending threshold	\$16,166.00	\$17,103.00	\$14,590.26	\$17,386.00		
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-		
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,053	\$14,307	\$14,566	\$15,011.17		
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	151.351% based on \$9,285	151.249% based on \$9,285	150.151% based on yield \$9,701	148.979% based on yield \$10,076		
Prorating the local tax rate							
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(15,011.17 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000))]	\$1,4832 based on \$9.99	\$1,4974 based on \$9.99	\$1,5015 based on \$1.00	\$1,4898 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 \$1.49)	\$1,4832	\$1,4974	\$1,5015	\$1,4898		
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	99.64%	99.96%	98.51%	96.90%		
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,4898 / 96.90%)	\$1,4886 based on \$9.98	\$1,4980 based on \$9.99	\$1,5242 based on \$1.00	\$1,5375 based on \$1.00		
<p>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.</p>							
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(15,011.17 + \$11,875) x 2.00%]	2.72% based on 1.80%	2.72% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 2.00%	2.53% based on 2.00%		
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.53%)	2.72% based on 1.80%	2.72% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 2.00%	2.53% based on 2.00%		
36.		-	-	-	-		
37.		-	-	-	-		

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1,550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

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

School: Stowe Elementary School
S.U.: Lamoille South S.U.

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

FY2016 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 300
(31 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
15 out of 31

	School level data		Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)			
	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Tchrr / Admin Ratio
J J Flynn School	PK - 5	376	30.00	1.00	12.53	376.00 30.00
Morristown Elementary Schools	PK - 4	378	26.60	1.00	14.21	378.00 26.60
Founders Memorial School	3 - 5	379	29.80	1.00	12.72	379.00 29.80
Stowe Elementary School	PK - 5	386	24.95	1.00	15.47	386.00 24.95
Academy School	K - 6	386	33.00	2.00	11.70	193.00 16.50
Nashobe School	PK - 6	386	26.30	1.00	14.68	386.00 26.30
Derby Elementary School	PK - 6	390	39.50	2.00	10.13	195.00 19.25
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		424.65	30.90	1.40	13.74	302.69 22.02

School District: Stowe
LEA ID: T198

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FY2015 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 12 school district
(35 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)	Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
				11 out of 35
Windsor	PK-12	550.07	\$11,493	
Enosburgh	PK-12	630.84	\$12,015	
Winooski ID	PK-12	774.31	\$14,589	
Stowe	PK-12	783.81	\$12,102	
Fairfax	PK-12	860.07	\$11,153	
Montpelier	PK-12	1,009.97	\$12,819	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data		783.66	\$13,592	

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

FY2017 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchIDist Equalized Pupil	SchIDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchIDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Ed tax rate	MUN Common of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
T068	Enosburgh	PK-12	511.75	11,941.67	1.2310	1.2310	101.59%	1.2117
T243	Willfamstown	PK-12	520.66	13,889.19	1.4317	1.4317	89.65%	1.5970
T142	Northfield	PK-12	585.58	14,631.33	1.5082	1.5082	100.49%	1.5008
T198	Stowe	PK-12	715.63	14,566.15	1.5015	1.5015	98.51%	1.5242
T071	Fairfax	PK-12	775.89	12,733.82	1.3126	1.3126	95.94%	1.3681
U052	Mill River USD #40	PK-12	824.70	15,614.95	1.5286	-	-	-
T249	Winooski ID	PK-12	951.02	13,358.83	1.3771	1.3771	93.65%	1.4705

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Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report
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School: Stowe Middle/High School
S.U.: Lamoille South S.U.

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FY2016 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Junior/Senior high school (23 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
9 out of 23

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Hazen UHS #26	7 - 12	349	30.70	2.00	11.37	174.50	15.35
	Leland And Gray UHS #34	7 - 12	351	33.10	1.75	10.60	200.57	18.91
	Oxbow UHS #30	7 - 12	369	35.60	3.00	10.37	123.00	11.87
	Stowe Middle/High School	6 - 12	409	35.95	2.00	11.38	204.50	17.98
<- Larger	Enosburg Middle-High School	6 - 12	447	34.10	3.00	13.11	149.00	11.37
	Randolph UHS #2	7 - 12	454	36.25	2.00	12.52	227.00	18.13
	Vergennes UHS #5	7 - 12	486	33.24	2.00	14.62	243.00	16.62
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			379.17	35.32	1.99	10.73	190.83	17.78

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FY2015 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 12 school district (35 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District
Student FTE enrolled in school district
Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)
11 out of 35

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

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Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			783.66	\$13,692	

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FY2017 School District Data

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Lamoille South Supervisory Union Revenues

<u>Assessments:</u>	<u>FY 16 Actual</u>	<u>FY 17 Budget</u>	<u>FY 18 Budget</u>
Health Services			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 49,200	\$ 54,375
Elmore	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 46,200	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 45,375	\$ 41,550	\$ 47,325
	<u>\$ 91,575</u>	<u>\$ 90,750</u>	<u>\$ 101,700</u>
Psychological Services			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 55,800	\$ 44,925
Elmore	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 52,500	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 25,875	\$ 26,250	\$ 40,425
	<u>\$ 80,775</u>	<u>\$ 82,050</u>	<u>\$ 85,350</u>
Curriculum & Instruction			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 54,725	\$ 59,100
Elmore	\$ 8,050	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 46,200	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 45,375	\$ 47,475	\$ 53,325
	<u>\$ 99,625</u>	<u>\$ 102,200</u>	<u>\$ 112,425</u>
Audit Services			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 16,200	\$ 14,875
Elmore	\$ 3,400	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 11,175	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 9,525	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,325
	<u>\$ 24,100</u>	<u>\$ 26,700</u>	<u>\$ 26,200</u>
Administrative Services			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 139,375	\$ 186,050
Elmore	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 138,750	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 115,275	\$ 117,600	\$ 161,700
	<u>\$ 255,625</u>	<u>\$ 256,975</u>	<u>\$ 347,750</u>
Fiscal Services			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 192,025	\$ 200,550
Elmore	\$ 2,125	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 186,675	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 155,100	\$ 162,000	\$ 174,375
	<u>\$ 343,900</u>	<u>\$ 354,025</u>	<u>\$ 374,925</u>
Information Services			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 76,400	\$ 82,600
Elmore	\$ 11,675	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 66,300	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 65,100	\$ 66,300	\$ 74,475
	<u>\$ 143,075</u>	<u>\$ 142,700</u>	<u>\$ 157,075</u>
Pre-School Program			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 250,100	\$ 268,950
Elmore	\$ 35,250	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 159,600	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 180,075	\$ 237,675	\$ 250,500
	<u>\$ 374,925</u>	<u>\$ 487,775</u>	<u>\$ 519,450</u>

Lamoille South Supervisory Union Revenues

Assessments:	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Budget
Instruction-SPED			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 3,175,125	\$ 997,575
Elmore	\$ 272,299	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 2,196,652	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 1,324,834	\$ 1,346,875	\$ 482,325
	<u>\$ 3,793,785</u>	<u>\$ 4,522,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,479,900</u>
Psych. Services-SPED			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 62,925	\$ 70,275
Elmore	\$ 2,650	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 60,750	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 71,550	\$ 70,950	\$ 63,375
	<u>\$ 134,950</u>	<u>\$ 133,875</u>	<u>\$ 133,650</u>
Speech & Audiology-SPED			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 262,650	\$ 264,800
Elmore	\$ 36,325	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 206,475	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 202,725	\$ 228,075	\$ 238,650
	<u>\$ 445,525</u>	<u>\$ 490,725</u>	<u>\$ 503,450</u>
OT/PT-SPED			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 105,400	\$ 117,550
Elmore	\$ 17,150	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 97,200	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 95,475	\$ 91,575	\$ 105,900
	<u>\$ 209,825</u>	<u>\$ 196,975</u>	<u>\$ 223,450</u>
Admin. Services-SPED			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 78,800	\$ 75,625
Elmore	\$ 11,950	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 68,175	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 66,975	\$ 68,475	\$ 68,175
	<u>\$ 147,100</u>	<u>\$ 147,275</u>	<u>\$ 143,800</u>
Essential Early Education			
EMUU	N/A	\$ -	\$ 14,700
Elmore	\$ 14,575	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 65,775	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 74,250	\$ -	\$ 13,650
	<u>\$ 154,600</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,350</u>
Transportation-SPED			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 10,775	\$ 26,725
Elmore	\$ 6,532	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 12,676	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 387	\$ 5,325	\$ 13,200
	<u>\$ 19,595</u>	<u>\$ 16,100</u>	<u>\$ 39,925</u>
Transportation			
EMUU	N/A	\$ 369,225	\$ 211,850
Elmore	\$ 76,479	\$ -	\$ -
Morristown	\$ 264,646	\$ -	\$ -
Stowe	\$ 342,634	\$ 350,075	\$ 231,075
	<u>\$ 683,760</u>	<u>\$ 719,300</u>	<u>\$ 442,925</u>
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	<u>\$ 7,002,740</u>	<u>\$ 7,769,425</u>	<u>\$ 4,720,325</u>
Revenue shift from districts to LSSU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,274,150
Assessments prior to revenue shift	<u>\$ 7,002,740</u>	<u>\$ 7,769,425</u>	<u>\$ 7,994,475</u>

Lamoille South Supervisory Union Revenues

	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Budget
<u>OTHER REVENUES</u>			
Fund Balance Carryforward	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
Interest Income	\$ 6,520	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Service Fees	\$ 41,382	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
State Transportation Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280,000
IDEA-B	\$ 257,370	\$ 234,000	\$ 234,000
IDEA-B - EEE	\$ 9,039	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Title I	\$ 16,377	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,833	\$ -	\$ -
SPED Mainstream Block Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 560,000
SPED Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,244,900
SPED Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,250
EEE Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,000
Services to other LEA's	\$ 31,900	\$ 20,000	\$ 24,000
Vocational Transportation	\$ 30,807	\$ -	\$ -
State-Placed Student	\$ 259,816	\$ -	\$ -
Food Service (Pass-through)	\$ 316,771	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$ 1,133,815	\$ 470,000	\$ 3,750,650
Revenue shift from districts to LSSU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,274,150)
Other revenues prior to revenue shift	\$ 1,133,815	\$ 470,000	\$ 476,500
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 8,136,555	\$ 8,239,425	\$ 8,470,975

Lamoille South Supervisory Union Expenditures

Description	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
<u>Health Services</u>			
Salaries	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,650	\$ 67,900
Employee Benefits	26,614	25,350	30,250
Other	779	750	3,550
Total	\$ 91,393	\$ 90,750	\$ 101,700
<u>Psychological Services</u>			
Salaries	\$ 59,475	\$ 60,075	\$ 63,100
Employee Benefits	20,313	21,825	22,100
Other Services	-	150	150
Total	\$ 79,788	\$ 82,050	\$ 85,350
<u>Curriculum & Instruction</u>			
Salaries	\$ 112,035	\$ 113,175	\$ 118,875
Employee Benefits	35,622	38,025	41,050
Prof & Tech Services	-	-	-
Other Services	1,498	2,000	2,000
Supplies & Materials	2,288	4,000	4,000
Property	-	-	-
Other	5,090	1,000	5,000
Total	\$ 156,533	\$ 158,200	\$ 170,925
<u>Audit Services</u>			
Prof & Tech Services	\$ 25,400	\$ 26,700	\$ 26,200
Total	\$ 25,400	\$ 26,700	\$ 26,200
<u>Administrative Services</u>			
Salaries	\$ 158,539	\$ 160,125	\$ 218,225
Employee Benefits	53,126	53,275	81,425
Prof & Tech Services	6,646	20,250	20,250
Property Services	32,621	33,000	33,500
Other Services	14,126	14,725	15,000
Supplies & Materials	5,683	7,750	7,750
Property	1,816	1,750	2,250
Other	11,930	8,600	11,850
Total	\$ 284,486	\$ 299,475	\$ 390,250
<u>Fiscal Services</u>			
Salaries	\$ 280,135	\$ 282,975	\$ 297,250
Employee Benefits	101,448	109,150	115,525
Prof & Tech Services	758	2,500	2,500
Property Services	3,272	3,500	3,750
Other Services	1,475	2,000	2,000
Supplies & Materials	2,149	3,000	3,000
Property	2,100	3,750	3,750
Other	1,633	2,150	2,150
Total	\$ 392,971	\$ 409,025	\$ 429,925

Lamoille South Supervisory Union Expenditures

Description	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
<u>Information Services</u>			
Salaries	\$ 129,478	\$ 130,275	\$ 141,850
Employee Benefits	34,710	37,425	39,025
Prof & Tech Services	1,193	1,000	1,000
Property Services	3,272	3,000	3,250
Other Services	885	1,000	1,000
Supplies & Materials	1,349	1,500	1,450
Property	6,568	5,000	6,000
Other	4,462	3,500	3,500
Total	\$ 181,917	\$ 182,700	\$ 197,075
<u>Pre-School Program</u>			
Salaries	\$ 117,635	\$ 155,125	\$ 118,850
Employee Benefits	69,402	80,050	73,100
Prof & Tech Services	16,800	-	-
Other Services	258,309	250,850	325,750
Supplies & Materials	238	1,250	1,250
Property	-	500	500
Total	\$ 462,385	\$ 487,775	\$ 519,450
<u>Instruction-SPED</u>			
Salaries	\$ 1,760,997	\$ 1,869,500	\$ 1,905,250
Employee Benefits	860,474	975,850	957,675
Prof & Tech Services	1,110,405	1,343,875	1,276,550
Property Services	6,376	24,000	24,000
Other Services	261,303	327,200	202,875
Supplies & Materials	16,975	14,125	11,100
Property	4,126	7,450	5,600
Other	93	-	-
Total	\$ 4,020,750	\$ 4,562,000	\$ 4,383,050
<u>Psychological Services - SPED</u>			
Salaries	\$ 88,990	\$ 89,950	\$ 94,500
Employee Benefits	30,055	32,575	32,950
Prof & Tech Services	3,000	8,750	1,000
Other Services	-	100	-
Supplies & Materials	1,763	2,500	5,200
Total	\$ 123,808	\$ 133,875	\$ 133,650
<u>Speech & Audiology - SPED</u>			
Salaries	\$ 282,297	\$ 290,550	\$ 298,100
Employee Benefits	131,414	152,400	153,150
Prof & Tech Services	32,582	30,400	39,700
Property Services	-	4,425	-
Other Services	549	850	500
Supplies & Materials	2,245	3,800	4,900
Property	113	8,300	7,100
Total	\$ 449,199	\$ 490,725	\$ 503,450

Lamoille South Supervisory Union Expenditures

Description	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
<u>OT/PT-SPED</u>			
Salaries	144,879.22	142,525	149,650
Employee Benefits	27,881.53	42,300	42,200
Prof & Tech Services	14,574	10,000	26,600
Other Services	2,529	-	1,000
Supplies & Materials	2,357	2,150	4,000
Property	46	-	-
Total	\$ 192,267	\$ 196,975	\$ 223,450
<u>Administrative Services - SPED</u>			
Salaries	\$ 106,637	\$ 106,625	\$ 106,100
Employee Benefits	30,391	35,100	35,200
Prof & Tech Services	4,557	6,500	6,500
Property Services	3,272	4,500	4,500
Other Services	932	3,500	3,500
Supplies & Materials	621	2,950	1,000
Property	579	1,600	-
Other	1,571	1,500	2,000
Total	\$ 148,559	\$ 162,275	\$ 158,800
<u>Essential Early Education</u>			
Salaries	\$ 185,554	\$ 153,050	\$ 236,275
Employee Benefits	72,891	57,350	106,725
Prof & Tech Services	12,297	-	19,250
Property Services	7,000	7,250	7,250
Other Services	8,022	3,350	4,350
Supplies & Materials	7,822	500	11,000
Property	64	-	-
Other	235	-	-
Total	\$ 293,884	\$ 221,500	\$ 384,850
<u>Transportation Services-SPED</u>			
Other Services	32,402	16,100	39,925
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<u>Transportation Services</u>			
Other Services	683,760	719,300	722,925
Total	\$ 683,760	\$ 719,300	\$ 722,925
Food Service Pmts (Pass-through)	316,771	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,936,271	\$ 8,239,425	\$ 8,470,975

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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, each major fund, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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, each major fund, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Stowe School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2016, 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 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 December 22, 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.

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December 22, 2016

STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For Year Ended June 30, 2016

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, 2016.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's actual spending was \$676,222 less than the general fund budget.
- Regular Education expenses were \$541,700 less than budget primarily due to lower actual employee salary and benefit costs, lower instructional materials costs, and reduced plant operations expenditures.
- Special Education expenses were \$126,329 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 \$1,794 more than budget.
- Co-curricular Activities costs were \$9,987 less than budget.
- The District received \$89,724 more than anticipated in revenues. This was primarily due to higher than anticipated tuition revenue.
- The general fund balance at June 30, 2016 was \$1,807,554 compared to \$1,721,609 at June 30, 2015. Committed funds include \$400,000 authorized by the voters to be used to reduce taxes in the 2016-2017 fiscal year and \$300,000 approved to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. The remaining \$1,107,554 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, 2016

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 50-59. The Special Revenue Fund and Capital Project Fund financial information (shown as Non-Major Fund) can be found on pages 9 and 11.

Proprietary Funds – The District has 1 proprietary 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 19-49.

Other Information – As of June 30, 2016, 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, 2016

Analysis of the District's Operations –

Governmental Activities: Governmental activities increased net assets by \$17,688 from \$6,521,030 at June 30, 2015 to \$6,538,718 at June 30, 2016 (see page 8).

Business-type Activities: Business-type activities decreased net assets by \$6,669 from \$34,330 at June 30, 2015 to \$27,661 at June 30, 2016 (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, 2016, the District's General Fund had an ending fund balance of \$1,807,554. \$1,107,554 of this total amount constitutes unassigned funds. The remainder of the fund balance is committed to offset taxes in FY2017 (\$400,000), and a transfer to the Capital Projects Fund (\$300,000).

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 \$27,661 at June 30, 2016.

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, 2016 amounts to \$6,818,070 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, building, equipment, improvements and infrastructure.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2016, the District had a total bonded debt of \$1,620,000 compared to \$1,740,000 at June 30, 2015. 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, 2016

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,641,791	\$ 20,757	\$ 2,662,548
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	42,685	17,332	60,017
Accounts Receivable - Other	126,472		126,472
Prepaid Expenses	5,773		5,773
Inventory		924	924
Capital Assets, net	<u>6,818,070</u>	-	<u>6,818,070</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 9,634,791</u>	<u>\$ 39,013</u>	<u>\$ 9,673,804</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Vermont Municipal Pension	\$ 135,567	-	\$ 135,567
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 135,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 135,567</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable - State	\$ 139,805		\$ 139,805
Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union	48,421		48,421
Accounts Payable - Other	88,349	\$ 1,515	89,864
Accrued Expenses	674,437		674,437
Net Pension Liability	244,423		244,423
Retirement Incentive Payable	11,000		11,000
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within 1 Year	213,280		213,280
Due in More Than 1 Year	<u>1,810,692</u>	-	<u>1,810,692</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,230,407</u>	<u>\$ 1,515</u>	<u>\$ 3,231,922</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unearned Revenues		\$ 9,837	\$ 9,837
Vermont Municipal Pension	\$ 1,233	-	1,233
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 1,233</u>	<u>\$ 9,837</u>	<u>\$ 11,070</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 4,794,098		\$ 4,794,098
Restricted For:			
Capital Projects	58,155		58,155
Other Purposes	-		-
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>1,686,465</u>	<u>\$ 27,661</u>	<u>1,714,126</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 6,538,718</u>	<u>\$ 27,661</u>	<u>\$ 6,566,379</u>

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, 2016

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:						
Direct Services	\$ 8,601,627	\$ 860,069	-	\$ (7,741,558)	\$ (7,741,558)	
Support Services:						
Student Services	986,215	-	-	(986,215)	(986,215)	
Instructional Staff Services	208,200	-	-	(208,200)	(208,200)	
General Administrative Services	154,768	-	-	(154,768)	(154,768)	
Area Administrative Services	845,028	-	-	(845,028)	(845,028)	
Fiscal Services	164,721	-	-	(164,721)	(164,721)	
Building Operations and Maintenance	1,161,439	136,374	-	(1,161,439)	(1,161,439)	
Transportation	343,602	-	-	(207,228)	(207,228)	
Other Support Services	104,519	-	-	(104,519)	(104,519)	
Total Governmental Activities	12,570,119	996,443	-	(11,573,676)	(11,573,676)	
Business-Type Activities:						
Food Service	272,523	265,854	-	\$ (6,669)	(6,669)	
Total Business-Type Activities	272,523	265,854	-	(6,669)	(6,669)	
General Revenues:						
Tuition				523,136	523,136	
State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs				11,026,556	11,026,556	
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Specific Programs						
Investment Earnings				8,354	8,354	
Rentals				3,164	3,164	
Refunds and Reimbursements				12,589	12,589	
Miscellaneous				17,565	17,565	
Total General Revenues				11,591,364	11,591,364	
Change in Net Position				17,688	(6,669)	11,019
Net Position - Beginning of Year				6,521,030	34,330	6,555,360
Prior Period Adjustment				-	-	-
Net Position - Ending of Year				\$ 6,538,718	\$ 27,661	\$ 6,566,379

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District
 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Governmental Fund Types - Fund Base
 June 30, 2016

EXHIBIT III

	<u>Major Fund</u>		
	General	Non-Major	Totals
	Fund	Fund	
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 2,581,931	\$ 59,860	\$ 2,641,791
Due From Other Funds	1,705	(1,705)	-
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	42,685		42,685
Accounts Receivable - Other	126,472		126,472
Prepaid Expenses	<u>5,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,773</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,758,566</u>	<u>58,155</u>	<u>2,816,721</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,758,566</u>	<u>\$ 58,155</u>	<u>\$ 2,816,721</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:			
Liabilities:			
Uncashed Checks	\$ 1,413		\$ 1,413
Accounts Payable - State	139,805		139,805
Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union	48,421		48,421
Accounts Payable - Other	86,936		86,936
Accrued Expenses	<u>674,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>674,437</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>951,012</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>951,012</u>
Fund Equity:			
Fund Balances:			
Committed		58,155	58,155
Unassigned	<u>1,807,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,807,554</u>
Total Fund Equities	<u>1,807,554</u>	<u>58,155</u>	<u>1,865,709</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	<u>\$ 2,758,566</u>	<u>\$ 58,155</u>	<u>\$ 2,816,721</u>

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, 2016

Fund Balances – total governmental funds	\$1,865,710
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	13,501,660
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,683,590)
Other assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Deferred Outflows – VMERS	135,567
Bonds payable and contractual obligations have not been included in the governmental fund financial statements.	
Bonds Payable	(1,620,000)
Capital Lease Obligations	(403,973)
Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental fund financial statements:	
Net Pension Liability	(244,423)
Retirement Incentive Payable	(11,000)
Deferred Inflows – VMERS	<u>(1,233)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$6,538,718</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, 2016

EXHIBIT IV

	<u>Major Fund</u>		
	General	Non-Major	Totals
	Fund	Fund	
REVENUES:			
Tuition	\$ 523,136		\$ 523,136
Investment Income	7,217	\$ 1,137	8,354
Rentals	3,164		3,164
Services to Other LEAs	9,000		9,000
Refunds and Reimbursements	12,589		12,589
Miscellaneous	8,565		8,565
State	<u>11,163,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,163,628</u>
 TOTAL REVENUES	 <u>11,727,299</u>	 <u>1,137</u>	 <u>11,728,436</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Direct Services	7,520,313		7,520,313
Support Services:			
Students	984,149		984,149
Instructional Staff	200,871		200,871
General Administration	154,768		154,768
Area Administration	802,369		802,369
Fiscal Services	164,721		164,721
Operation and Maintenance of Building	1,025,954		1,025,954
Transportation	343,602		343,602
Information Services	65,100		65,100
Food Services	37,654		37,654
Construction Services		267,730	267,730
Debt Services:			
Interest Charges	71,886		71,886
Principal Retirement	120,000		120,000
Other Outlays	944		944
Asset Acquisitions:			
Direct Services	24,163		24,163
Support Services - Instructional Staff	12,559		12,559
Other Outlays	<u>12,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,300</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 <u>11,541,353</u>	 <u>267,730</u>	 <u>11,809,083</u>
 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 185,946	 (266,593)	 (80,647)

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, 2016

EXHIBIT IV

	<u>Major Fund</u>		
	General Fund	Non-Major Fund	Totals
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Transfers Out	<u>\$ (100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	85,946	(166,593)	(80,647)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2015	<u>1,721,609</u>	<u>224,748</u>	<u>1,946,357</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2016	<u>\$ 1,807,555</u>	<u>\$ 58,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,865,710</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, 2016

Net Changes in fund Balances – total governmental funds	\$(80,647)
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	316,752
Less current year depreciation	(294,595)
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.	
Proceeds from capital lease obligation	(139,960)
Repayment of bonds	120,000
Repayment of capital lease obligations	124,849
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	91,069
Net Pension Liability Change	(216,698)
Deferred Inflows – VMERS Change	85,918
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>\$ 17,688</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District
Balance Sheet
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund
Food Program
June 30, 2016

EXHIBIT V

ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 20,757	
Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union	17,332	
Inventory	<u>924</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 39,013
Other Assets:		
Fixed Assets - net	<u>-</u>	
Total Other Assets		<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 39,013</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable - Other	\$ 1,515	
Unearned Revenue	<u>9,837</u>	
Total Liabilities		\$ 11,352
Fund Equity:		
Net Position	<u>27,661</u>	
Total Fund Equities		<u>27,661</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES		<u>\$ 39,013</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, 2016

EXHIBIT VI

Operating Revenues:		
Sales	\$ 194,590	
Other	<u>2,660</u>	
Total Operating Revenues		\$ 197,250
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Benefits	110,275	
Professional Services	40,605	
Property Services	7,166	
Food and Supplies	102,039	
Property	9,467	
Other	2,737	
Depreciation	<u>234</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>272,523</u>
Operating Income (Loss)		(75,273)
Non-Operating Revenue:		
Investment Income	54	
State Sources:		
Lunch Match	1,675	
Child Nutrition Breakfast	304	
Child Nutrition Other	490	
Reduced Lunch Initiative	1,054	
Federal Sources:		
Restricted Grants:		
School Breakfast Program	14,054	
School Lunch Program	<u>50,973</u>	
Total Non-Operating Revenue		<u>68,604</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position		(6,669)
Net Position, July 1, 2015		<u>34,330</u>
Net Position, June 30, 2016		<u>\$ 27,661</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, 2016

EXHIBIT VII

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Received From Customers	\$ 200,857
Payments To Employees and Fringe Benefits	(110,275)
Payments To Vendors and Supplies	<u>(159,665)</u>
Net Cash Used By Operating Activities	\$ (69,083)
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:	
State Aid Received	65,973
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
None	-
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Investment Income	<u>54</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(3,056)
Cash, July 1, 2015	<u>23,813</u>
Cash, June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 20,757</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Used By Operating Activities:	
Cash Provided From Operating Activities:	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (75,273)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	\$ 234
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	935
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable - Other	1,414
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	<u>3,607</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>6,190</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities	<u>\$ (69,083)</u>

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Stowe School District
Balance Sheet
Fiduciary Fund Types
June 30, 2016

EXHIBIT VIII

	Agency Fund	Private Purpose Trust	Totals
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 160,596	\$ 23,802	\$ 184,398
Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>2,408,009</u>	<u>2,408,009</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>160,596</u>	<u>2,431,811</u>	<u>2,592,407</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 160,596</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,592,407</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:			
Liabilities:			
Scholarship Payable		\$ 381,900	\$ 381,900
Amount Held for Agency Fund	<u>\$ 160,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,596</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>160,596</u>	<u>381,900</u>	<u>542,496</u>
Fund Equity:			
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>2,049,911</u>	<u>2,049,911</u>
Total Fund Equities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,049,911</u>	<u>2,049,911</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	<u>\$ 160,596</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,592,407</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 Trust
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

EXHIBIT IX

	CV Starr Scholarship	Charitable	Totals
REVENUES:			
Investment Income	\$ 93,683	\$ 41	\$ 93,724
Donations		47	47
Realized Gain (Loss)	(114,848)		(114,848)
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	<u>177,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,661</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>156,496</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>156,584</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Scholarships/Gifts	252,332	1,392	253,724
Fees/Interest	<u>13,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,943</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>266,275</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>267,667</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(109,779)	(1,304)	(111,083)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2015	<u>2,135,888</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>2,160,994</u>
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2016	<u>\$ 2,026,109</u>	<u>\$ 23,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,911</u>

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Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

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. Unless otherwise noted in the auditors report, 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) Codification Section 2100, 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 Codification Section 2100. 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
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

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 Codification Section 2200 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.
- Capital Project Fund – The capital projects fund is required when the acquisition or construction of capital assets is financed with general obligation debt. Capital project fund is 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.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 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.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 Investment s:

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.

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.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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. It also includes the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System (VMERS) change in proportional share.

Deferred Outflows of Resources:

The School District recognizes its contributions into the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System (VMERS) made after the measurement date as a deferred outflow.

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 3-15years). 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 Teachers Retirement System (VSTRS), information about VSTRS' fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from VSTRS' fiduciary net position have been determined

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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's 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 principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 – 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
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

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 Agency of Education. The Vermont Agency 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.

NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Cash and cash equivalent deposits with financial institutions at June 30th amounted to \$2,846,946. 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.

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

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

**NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

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:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Insured (FDIC) and/or (SIPC)	\$ 338,961	\$ 463,833
- Category 1	0	0
- Category 2	2,507,985	2,574,874
- Category 3	0	0

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

**NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Category 4	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total deposits	<u>\$2,846,946</u>	<u>\$3,038,707</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 \$2,574,874 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.

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

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

at cost plus applicable accrued interest. Market values include applicable accrued interest. The investments consist 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	67,893	67,893
Municipal Bonds	229,530	231,527
Corporate Stocks	906,639	1,003,831
Corporate Bonds	417,176	432,685
Mutual Funds	529,702	475,654
Unit Investment Trust	178,171	196,419
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	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,329,111</u>	<u>\$2,408,009</u>

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES

In compliance with GASB 1300.109 School District does not maintain separate bank accounts for each fund, unless it is required by law, or grant agreement. The composition of amounts due to and from other funds as of June 30, 2016 is as follows:

Fund Financial Statements:		
Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Capital Project Funds	<u>\$1,705</u>

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital activity for the School District for the year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Primary Government</u>			
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land Improvements	\$ 225,728	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 225,728
Buildings	3,174,619	0	0	3,174,619
Building Improvements	8,328,204	0	0	8,328,204
Infrastructure	118,000	258,382	0	376,382
Furniture and Equipment	<u>1,338,357</u>	<u>58,370</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,396,727</u>
Total other capital assets at historical costs	<u>13,184,908</u>	<u>316,752</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,501,660</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land Improvements	11,099	11,099	0	22,198
Buildings	2,866,746	51,313	0	2,918,059
Building Improvements	2,278,260	181,515	0	2,459,775
Infrastructure	20,625	23,125	0	43,750
Furniture and Equipment	<u>1,212,265</u>	<u>27,543</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,239,808</u>
Total accum. Depr.	<u>6,388,995</u>	<u>294,595</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,683,590</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 6,795,913</u>	<u>\$ (27,750)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,818,070</u>
Business-type activities:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 57,129	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 57,129
Less accum. Depr.	<u>56,895</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57,129</u>
Business-type activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ (234)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Direct Services	\$209,522
Support Services:	
Students	1,563
Instructional Staff	6,323
General Administration	0
Area Administration	2,446

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Fiscal Services	\$ 0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	73,921
Transportation	0
Other Support Services	<u>820</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$294,595</u>

NOTE 6 - 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 7 – OPEB AND TERMINATION BENEFITS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P50 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 Codification P50.

Voluntary termination benefits are governed by GASB Codification Section T25 and are recognized in the District Wide Activities 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 30th 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

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
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NOTE 7 – OPEB AND TERMINATION BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

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 5th 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 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 FY16; therefore, no new teachers elected this incentive in FY16. Since the incentive is offered at board discretion every year and the board hasn't decided yet for FY 17, 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, 2017	\$11,000
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$11,000</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 8 - 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 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

	Balance July 1, 2015	Borrowings	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2016
BONDS:				
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bond Payable, interest at 4.34%, interest paid semi-annually, principle of 2014 \$30,000 due on November 15 th of each year until 2030; originally borrowed \$600,000 in July of 2010.	\$ 480,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 450,000
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bond Payable, interest at 4.22%, interest paid semi-annually, principle of \$90,000 due on December 1 st of each year until 2028; originally borrowed \$1,800,000 on July 22, 2008.	<u>1,260,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>1,170,000</u>
TOTAL BONDS:	<u>\$1,740,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$1,620,000</u>

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, 2017	\$ 120,000	\$ 67,650	\$ 187,650
2018	120,000	63,195	183,195
2019	120,000	58,559	178,559
2020	120,000	53,773	173,773
2021	120,000	48,841	168,841
2022-2026	600,000	166,287	766,287
2027-2031	<u>420,000</u>	<u>37,379</u>	<u>457,379</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,620,000</u>	<u>\$495,684</u>	<u>\$2,115,684</u>

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of other long term obligation:

	Balance July 1, 2015	Increases	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2016
OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS:				
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 27,730</u>	<u>\$217,693</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$245,423</u>
Current Portion \$21,083				
Obligations Under Capital Lease	<u>\$388,859</u>	<u>\$139,960</u>	<u>\$124,849</u>	<u>\$403,970</u>
OPEB and Termination Benefits	<u>\$ 22,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>

NOTE 9 - 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, 2017	\$ 93,280
2018	93,280
2019	93,280
2020	93,281
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total minimum lease payments	373,121
Less amount representing interest	<u>15,783</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$357,338</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 2.157% percent.

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

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 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, 2017	\$48,852
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total minimum lease payments	48,852
Less amount representing interest	<u>2,220</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$46,632</u>

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 4.76% percent

NOTE 10 – 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 Balance Restrictions, Committed and Assigned Components:

Committed for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget	\$ 400,000
Committed for Construction	<u>300,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 700,000</u>

Capital Projects Fund Balance Committed Components:

Building Maintenance & Improvement	<u>\$ 58,155</u>
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Private Purpose Trust Fund:

Scholarships and Awards	<u>\$2,049,911</u>
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NOTE 11 – 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	\$ <u>58,155</u>
Net Resources Restricted For Other Purposes:	
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget	\$ 400,000
Construction	<u>300,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 700,000</u>

NOTE 12 – 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 \$100,000 were transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Project Fund – Building Maintenance & Improvements as per article passed by voters.

NOTE 13 - 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.

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 13 – 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 who were Group B members are now Group C members.

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, 2016 was 13.07 percent of annual school district payroll of which 0 percent of payroll was required from the school districts and 13.07 percent of payroll was required from the State. State contributions to the pension plan were \$570,270 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Pension Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension

At June 30, 2015 the State reported a liability of \$ for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, 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, 2015 the State's proportion was 100 percent.

As a result of its requirement to contribute to VSTRS, the State recognized expense of \$8,936,346 for the year ended June 30, 2015. At June 30, 2015, the State reported deferred

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NOTE 13 – 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	\$ 112,991	\$ 0
Changes in assumptions	324,738	0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	332,564	0
Change in proportional share	<u>262,095</u>	<u>(188,406)</u>
Total	<u>\$1,032,389</u>	<u>\$(188,406)</u>

\$843,983 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, 2017. 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:	
2017	\$253,207
2018	253,207
2019	122,159
2020	215,410
2021	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 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2010. Expectations of life after disability were 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	35.0%	1.91%
Equity	32.0	8.61
Alternative	17.0	6.93
Multi-Strategy	16.0	4.88

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.95 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 13 – 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 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 7.95 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 (6.95 percentage) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.95 percentage) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(6.95%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(7.95%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.95%)</u>
School District’s proportionate share of The net pension liability	\$11,347,549	\$8,936,346	\$6,913,563

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued VSTRS financial report.

Schedule of the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (Dollar amounts in thousands).

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
State’s proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	.75%	.78%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$8,936	\$7,447	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	58%	64%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Schedule of District contributions (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Statutorily required contribution	\$570	\$536	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contributions in relation to the statutorily Required contribution	<u>570</u>	<u>536</u>								
Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>									

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NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT 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.

Benefits provided. VMERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Details of benefits can be obtained at www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-group-plans and 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 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%	4.875%	9.875%	11.35%
The School District's contributions (% of gross wages)	4.0%	5.5%	7.125%	9.85%

Further information on contributions can be obtained at www.vermonttreasurer.gov/retirement/muni-group-comparisons.

The School District 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 \$27,195 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions.

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NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

At June 30, 2016 the School District reported a liability of \$245,423 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, 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 0.31834 percent, which was an increase of 0.01451 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the School District recognized pension expense of \$67,902. At June 30, 2016 the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows Of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 7,758	\$ 0
Changes in assumptions	48,876	0
Net difference between projected and actual		
Earnings on pension plan investments	47,414	0
Changes in proportion and differences between		
School District contributions and		
Proportionate share of contributions	<u>4,324</u>	<u>(1,233)</u>
Total	<u>\$108,372</u>	<u>\$(1,233)</u>

\$107,140 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/increase 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	\$21,083
2017	21,083
2018	21,083
2019	43,891
2020	0
Thereafter	0

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NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

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.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2010. Expectations of life after disability were 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:

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NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	35.0%	1.91%
Equity	32.0	8.61
Alternative	17.0	6.93
Multi-Strategy	16.0	4.88

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.98 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. 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 7.95 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 (6.95 percentage) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.95 percentage) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(6.95%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(7.95%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.95%)</u>
School District's proportionate share of The net pension liability	\$490,217	\$245,423	\$40,216

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued VMERS financial report.

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NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Cost sharing pension plan) (CONTINUED)

Schedule of the School District's/Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
School District's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	.32%	.30%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$245	\$28	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
School District's covered-employee payroll	\$680	\$1,112	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	36%	2.5%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87%	98%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Schedule of District contributions (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Contractually required contribution	\$ 27	\$ 44	39	\$ 37	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contributions in relation to the contractually Required contribution	<u>27</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>37</u>						
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>									
School District's/Town's covered-employee payroll	\$680	\$1,112	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contributions as a percentage of Covered-employee payroll	4%	4%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

NOTE 14 - 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.

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NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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 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

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NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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 the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 15 - 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, 2017	\$7,763
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$7,763</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, 2017	\$5,583
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$5,583</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.

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NOTE 15 - OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)

During the year ended June 30, 2017	\$ 6,181
2018	6,181
2019	4,635
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$16,997</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$6,181.

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, 2017	\$ 8,277
2018	8,277
2019	8,277
2020	8,277
2021-2025	<u>2,070</u>
Total	<u>\$35,178</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$6,208.

NOTE 16 - COMMITMENTS

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, 2016 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 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, 2016, 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

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NOTE 16 – COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 .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.

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Object	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES:				
Tuition:				
Private	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 112,713	\$ 51,713
Other LEAs	409,000	409,000	420,878	11,878
Prior Year	-	-	(10,455)	(10,455)
Investment Income	12,000	12,000	7,217	(4,783)
Rentals	3,300	3,300	3,164	(136)
Shared Transportation	-	-	9,000	9,000
Prior Year Refunds	-	-	12,589	12,589
Miscellaneous	-	-	8,565	8,565
State:				
Education Spending Grant	10,019,725	10,019,725	10,019,597	(128)
Technical Center	39,700	39,700	39,828	128
Transportation Aid	130,000	130,000	136,374	6,374
Driver Education	1,500	1,500	698	(802)
High School Completion - Prior Year	-	-	10,526	10,526
Mainstream Block Grant	256,175	256,175	256,178	3
SPED Expenditure Reimbursement	650,000	650,000	663,419	13,419
SPED Expenditure Reimbursement - Prior Year	-	-	(18,189)	(18,189)
Essential Early Education	55,175	55,175	55,197	22
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>11,637,575</u>	<u>11,637,575</u>	<u>11,727,299</u>	<u>89,724</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Preschool:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>180,075</u>	<u>180,075</u>	<u>180,075</u>
Subtotal		<u>180,075</u>	<u>180,075</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>74,250</u>	<u>74,250</u>	<u>74,250</u>
Subtotal		<u>74,250</u>	<u>74,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Preschool		<u>254,325</u>	<u>254,325</u>	<u>-</u>
Elementary:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	1,844,025	1,844,025	1,767,374
Employee Benefits	200	590,400	590,400	565,853
Professional & Tech. Services	300	33,175	33,175	14,390
Property Services	400	25,975	25,975	16,698
Other Services	500	10,000	10,000	6,216
Supplies & Materials	600	68,375	68,375	60,625
Property	700	47,100	47,100	42,523

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Other	800	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,125	\$ 209	\$ 1,916
Subtotal		<u>2,621,175</u>	<u>2,621,175</u>	<u>2,473,888</u>	<u>147,287</u>
Special Education 1200:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>479,000</u>	<u>479,000</u>	<u>441,611</u>	<u>37,389</u>
Subtotal		<u>479,000</u>	<u>479,000</u>	<u>441,611</u>	<u>37,389</u>
Guidance Services 2120:					
Salaries	100	77,100	77,100	78,620	(1,520)
Employee Benefits	200	9,300	9,300	9,397	(97)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	8,625	8,625	8,625	-
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>205</u>
Subtotal		<u>95,375</u>	<u>95,375</u>	<u>96,787</u>	<u>(1,412)</u>
Health Services 2130:					
Salaries	100	30,250	30,250	59,379	(29,129)
Employee Benefits	200	26,250	26,250	35,947	(9,697)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	15,125	15,125	15,475	(350)
Property Services	400	100	100	135	(35)
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>(422)</u>
Subtotal		<u>72,025</u>	<u>72,025</u>	<u>111,658</u>	<u>(39,633)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	-	6,212	(6,212)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,212</u>	<u>(6,212)</u>
SPED Psychological Services 2140:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>-</u>
SPED Speech & Audiological Services 2150:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>-</u>
SPED Occupational Therapy Services 2160:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Services 2222:					
Salaries	100	43,975	43,975	43,442	533
Employee Benefits	200	19,275	19,275	20,007	(732)
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>6,600</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>5,413</u>	<u>1,187</u>
Subtotal		<u>69,850</u>	<u>69,850</u>	<u>68,862</u>	<u>988</u>
Board of Education 2310:					
Salaries	100	1,675	1,675	1,666	9
Employee Benefits	200	150	150	153	(3)

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Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 10,675	\$ 10,675	\$ 6,173	\$ 4,502
Other Services	500	4,700	4,700	3,441	1,259
Other	800	<u>2,825</u>	<u>2,825</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>1,194</u>
Subtotal		<u>20,025</u>	<u>20,025</u>	<u>13,064</u>	<u>6,961</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>-</u>
Principal's Office 2410:					
Salaries	100	179,800	179,800	185,263	(5,463)
Employee Benefits	200	74,150	74,150	67,552	6,598
Professional & Tech. Services	300	2,000	2,000	299	1,701
Property Services	400	25,000	25,000	27,905	(2,905)
Other Services	500	14,500	14,500	7,205	7,295
Supplies & Materials	600	6,300	6,300	4,822	1,478
Property	700	3,000	3,000	3,081	(81)
Other	800	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>4,473</u>	<u>1,827</u>
Subtotal		<u>311,050</u>	<u>311,050</u>	<u>300,600</u>	<u>10,450</u>
SPED Administrative Services 2420:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>
Fiscal Services 2520:					
Salaries	100	325	325	275	50
Employee Benefits	200	50	50	21	29
Professional & Tech. Services	300	52,700	52,700	51,700	1,000
Other Services	500	1,600	1,600	1,514	86
Supplies & Materials	600	-	-	473	(473)
Other	800	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>(424)</u>
Subtotal		<u>55,175</u>	<u>55,175</u>	<u>54,907</u>	<u>268</u>
Plant Operation 2600:					
Salaries	100	96,825	96,825	98,856	(2,031)
Employee Benefits	200	59,275	59,275	53,411	5,864
Property Services	400	81,000	81,000	76,144	4,856
Other Services	500	12,925	12,925	11,304	1,621
Supplies & Materials	600	117,500	117,500	93,119	24,381
Property	700	<u>5,750</u>	<u>5,750</u>	<u>3,008</u>	<u>2,742</u>
Subtotal		<u>373,275</u>	<u>373,275</u>	<u>335,842</u>	<u>37,433</u>
Transportation 2700:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	97,425	97,425	96,087	1,338
Other Services	500	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Subtotal		<u>98,925</u>	<u>98,925</u>	<u>96,087</u>	<u>2,838</u>

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SPED Transportation 2700:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 4,850	\$ 4,850	\$ 129	\$ 4,721
Subtotal		<u>4,850</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>4,721</u>
Information Services 2820:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>-</u>
Food Services 3100:					
Employee Benefits	200	<u>25,975</u>	<u>25,975</u>	<u>13,235</u>	<u>12,740</u>
Subtotal		<u>25,975</u>	<u>25,975</u>	<u>13,235</u>	<u>12,740</u>
Debt Service 5100:					
Interest	800	<u>23,975</u>	<u>23,975</u>	<u>23,962</u>	<u>13</u>
Principal	900	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>63,975</u>	<u>63,975</u>	<u>63,962</u>	<u>13</u>
Prior Year Adjustments 5400:					
Other	800	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,758</u>	<u>(5,758)</u>
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,758</u>	<u>(5,758)</u>
Total Elementary		<u>4,511,500</u>	<u>4,511,500</u>	<u>4,303,427</u>	<u>208,073</u>
Secondary:					
Regular Instruction 1100:					
Salaries	100	1,404,500	1,404,500	1,315,686	88,814
Employee Benefits	200	425,900	425,900	396,989	28,911
Professional & Tech. Services	300	28,250	28,250	25,693	2,557
Property Services	400	20,500	20,500	30,868	(10,368)
Other Services	500	20,500	20,500	6,831	13,669
Supplies & Materials	600	41,775	41,775	33,262	8,513
Property	700	55,050	55,050	53,220	1,830
Other	800	<u>6,800</u>	<u>6,800</u>	<u>7,259</u>	<u>(459)</u>
Subtotal		<u>2,003,275</u>	<u>2,003,275</u>	<u>1,869,808</u>	<u>133,467</u>
Special Education 1200:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>479,000</u>	<u>479,000</u>	<u>441,611</u>	<u>37,389</u>
Subtotal		<u>479,000</u>	<u>479,000</u>	<u>441,611</u>	<u>37,389</u>
Vocational Education 1300:					
Other Services	500	<u>71,900</u>	<u>71,900</u>	<u>73,693</u>	<u>(1,793)</u>
Subtotal		<u>71,900</u>	<u>71,900</u>	<u>73,693</u>	<u>(1,793)</u>
Athletics 1400:					
Salaries	100	107,975	107,975	113,066	(5,091)
Employee Benefits	200	24,175	24,175	13,649	10,526
Professional & Tech. Services	300	25,700	25,700	19,467	6,233
Other Services	500	500	500	559	(59)
Supplies & Materials	600	9,500	9,500	7,459	2,041

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Property	700	\$ 12,850	\$ 12,850	\$ 12,878	\$ (28)
Other	800	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>18,127</u>	<u>(2,127)</u>
Subtotal		<u>196,700</u>	<u>196,700</u>	<u>185,205</u>	<u>11,495</u>
Guidance Services 2120:					
Salaries	100	149,125	149,125	149,585	(460)
Employee Benefits	200	33,575	33,575	33,113	462
Professional & Tech. Services	300	8,625	8,625	8,625	-
Property Services	400	300	300	-	300
Other Services	500	2,000	2,000	64	1,936
Supplies & Materials	600	100	100	27	73
Other	800	<u>1,475</u>	<u>1,475</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>11</u>
Subtotal		<u>195,200</u>	<u>195,200</u>	<u>192,878</u>	<u>2,322</u>
Health Services 2130:					
Salaries	100	20,675	20,675	10,979	9,696
Employee Benefits	200	7,625	7,625	3,089	4,536
Professional & Tech. Services	300	15,125	15,125	15,475	(350)
Property Services	400	150	150	84	66
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>91</u>
Subtotal		<u>44,075</u>	<u>44,075</u>	<u>30,036</u>	<u>14,039</u>
Psychological Services 2140:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,212</u>	<u>(6,212)</u>
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,212</u>	<u>(6,212)</u>
SPED Psychological Services 2140:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>-</u>
SPED Speech & Audiological Services 2150:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>-</u>
SPED Occupational Therapy Services 2160:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Services 2222:					
Salaries	100	36,700	36,700	36,102	598
Employee Benefits	200	5,050	5,050	7,529	(2,479)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	125	125	88	37
Property Services	400	150	150	135	15
Supplies & Materials	600	7,050	7,050	5,482	1,568
Property	700	125	125	1,380	(1,255)

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Other	800	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Subtotal		<u>49,250</u>	<u>49,250</u>	<u>50,716</u>	<u>(1,466)</u>
Board of Education 2310:					
Salaries	100	1,675	1,675	1,665	10
Employee Benefits	200	150	150	102	48
Professional & Tech. Services	300	10,675	10,675	6,376	4,299
Other Services	500	5,200	5,200	3,527	1,673
Other	800	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>2,169</u>
Subtotal		<u>21,500</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>13,301</u>	<u>8,199</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:					
Assessment	300	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>-</u>
Principal's Office 2410:					
Salaries	100	201,825	201,825	201,912	(87)
Employee Benefits	200	41,975	41,975	37,670	4,305
Professional & Tech. Services	300	9,500	9,500	3,159	6,341
Property Services	400	15,500	15,500	15,061	439
Other Services	500	9,500	9,500	5,977	3,523
Supplies & Materials	600	6,000	6,000	1,673	4,327
Property	700	500	500	285	215
Other	800	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>4,875</u>	<u>2,625</u>
Subtotal		<u>292,300</u>	<u>292,300</u>	<u>270,612</u>	<u>21,688</u>
SPED Administrative Services 2420:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>-</u>
Fiscal Services 2520:					
Salaries	100	300	300	275	25
Employee Benefits	200	25	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	53,700	53,700	51,700	2,000
Other Services	500	1,600	1,600	1,514	86
Supplies & Materials	600	500	500	473	27
Other	800	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>576</u>
Subtotal		<u>57,625</u>	<u>57,625</u>	<u>54,907</u>	<u>2,718</u>
Plant Operation 2600:					
Salaries	100	119,575	119,575	118,795	780
Employee Benefits	200	70,200	70,200	59,625	10,575
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,800	1,800	-	1,800
Property Services	400	149,875	149,875	132,966	16,909
Other Services	500	12,725	12,725	11,304	1,421
Supplies & Materials	600	158,400	158,400	111,788	46,612
Property	700	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,314</u>	<u>(11,314)</u>
Subtotal		<u>512,575</u>	<u>512,575</u>	<u>445,792</u>	<u>66,783</u>

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Schedule 1

	Object	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Transportation 2700:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 97,425	\$ 97,425	\$ 96,087	\$ 1,338
Subtotal		<u>97,425</u>	<u>97,425</u>	<u>96,087</u>	<u>1,338</u>
Special Education Transportation 2700:					
Other Services	500	4,850	4,850	129	4,721
Subtotal		<u>4,850</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>4,721</u>
Athletic Transportation 2700:					
Other Services	500	42,050	42,050	46,555	(4,505)
Subtotal		<u>42,050</u>	<u>42,050</u>	<u>46,555</u>	<u>(4,505)</u>
Information Services 2820:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,700	21,700	21,700	-
Subtotal		<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>-</u>
Food Services 3100:					
Employee Benefits	200	47,550	47,550	24,419	23,131
Subtotal		<u>47,550</u>	<u>47,550</u>	<u>24,419</u>	<u>23,131</u>
Debt Service 5100:					
Interest	800	23,975	23,975	23,962	13
Principal	900	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Subtotal		<u>63,975</u>	<u>63,975</u>	<u>63,962</u>	<u>13</u>
Prior Year Adjustments 5400:					
Other	800	-	-	5,758	(5,758)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,758</u>	<u>(5,758)</u>
Total Secondary		<u>4,400,075</u>	<u>4,400,075</u>	<u>4,092,506</u>	<u>307,569</u>
Middle:					
Regular Instruction 1100:					
Salaries	100	967,575	967,575	948,171	19,404
Employee Benefits	200	283,500	283,500	280,759	2,741
Professional & Tech. Services	300	27,150	27,150	14,319	12,831
Property Services	400	24,775	24,775	22,728	2,047
Other Services	500	11,500	11,500	7,025	4,475
Supplies & Materials	600	31,850	31,850	29,744	2,106
Property	700	11,575	11,575	35,169	(23,594)
Other	800	3,450	3,450	2,376	1,074
Subtotal		<u>1,361,375</u>	<u>1,361,375</u>	<u>1,340,291</u>	<u>21,084</u>
Special Education 1200:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	479,000	479,000	441,611	37,389
Subtotal		<u>479,000</u>	<u>479,000</u>	<u>441,611</u>	<u>37,389</u>
Athletics 1400:					
Salaries	100	16,875	16,875	14,309	2,566
Employee Benefits	200	-	-	1,093	(1,093)

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Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,436	\$ 564
Supplies & Materials	600	1,000	1,000	1,169	(169)
Other	800	<u>625</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>199</u>
Subtotal		<u>24,500</u>	<u>24,500</u>	<u>22,433</u>	<u>2,067</u>
Guidance Services 2120:					
Salaries	100	84,025	84,025	86,643	(2,618)
Employee Benefits	200	39,575	39,575	39,225	350
Professional & Tech. Services	300	8,625	8,625	8,625	-
Other Services	500	100	100	25	75
Supplies & Materials	600	100	100	171	(71)
Other	800	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>
Subtotal		<u>132,575</u>	<u>132,575</u>	<u>134,689</u>	<u>(2,114)</u>
Health Services 2130:					
Salaries	100	21,400	21,400	10,981	10,419
Employee Benefits	200	7,750	7,750	2,905	4,845
Professional & Tech. Services	300	15,125	15,125	15,475	(350)
Property Services	400	125	125	61	64
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>325</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>32</u>
Subtotal		<u>44,725</u>	<u>44,725</u>	<u>29,715</u>	<u>15,010</u>
Psychological Services 2140:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	-	6,212	(6,212)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,212</u>	<u>(6,212)</u>
SPED Psychological Services 2140:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>-</u>
SPED Speech & Audiological Services 2150:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>67,575</u>	<u>-</u>
SPED Occupational Therapy Services 2160:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>-</u>
Curriculum & Instruction 2200:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>15,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Services 2222:					
Salaries	100	36,675	36,675	36,110	565
Employee Benefits	200	4,850	4,850	7,553	(2,703)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	100	100	88	12
Supplies & Materials	600	4,850	4,850	3,806	1,044
Property Services	700	100	100	920	(820)
Other	800	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>
Subtotal		<u>46,600</u>	<u>46,600</u>	<u>48,477</u>	<u>(1,877)</u>

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Board of Education 2310:					
Salaries	100	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,669	\$ 6
Employee Benefits	200	150	150	128	22
Professional & Tech. Services	300	10,675	10,675	6,173	4,502
Other Services	500	6,200	6,200	3,527	2,673
Other	800	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,850</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>1,219</u>
Subtotal		<u>21,550</u>	<u>21,550</u>	<u>13,128</u>	<u>8,422</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	-
Subtotal		<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	<u>38,425</u>	-
Principal's Office 2410:					
Salaries	100	103,925	103,925	104,943	(1,018)
Employee Benefits	200	33,150	33,150	33,921	(771)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	-	-	299	(299)
Property Services	400	6,500	6,500	13,597	(7,097)
Other Services	500	11,350	11,350	2,658	8,692
Supplies & Materials	600	4,100	4,100	502	3,598
Property	700	1,000	1,000	2,681	(1,681)
Other	800	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>5,581</u>	<u>2,619</u>
Subtotal		<u>168,225</u>	<u>168,225</u>	<u>164,182</u>	<u>4,043</u>
SPED Administrative Services 2420:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	-
Subtotal		<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	<u>22,325</u>	-
Fiscal Services 2520:					
Salaries	100	300	300	275	25
Employee Benefits	200	25	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	53,700	53,700	51,700	2,000
Other Services	500	1,600	1,600	1,514	86
Supplies & Materials	600	500	500	473	27
Other	800	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>(424)</u>
Subtotal		<u>56,625</u>	<u>56,625</u>	<u>54,907</u>	<u>1,718</u>
Plant Operation 2600:					
Salaries	100	46,750	46,750	38,873	7,877
Employee Benefits	200	29,650	29,650	19,885	9,765
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
Property Services	400	115,075	115,075	91,345	23,730
Other Services	500	12,725	12,725	11,304	1,421
Supplies & Materials	600	113,100	113,100	74,704	38,396
Property	700	-	-	8,209	(8,209)
Subtotal		<u>318,500</u>	<u>318,500</u>	<u>244,320</u>	<u>74,180</u>
Transportation 2700:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	97,425	97,425	96,087	1,338

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	Object	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Other Services	500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,596
Subtotal		<u>100,925</u>	<u>100,925</u>	<u>97,991</u>	<u>2,934</u>
SPED Transportation 2700:					
Other Services	500	4,850	4,850	129	4,721
Subtotal		<u>4,850</u>	<u>4,850</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>4,721</u>
Athletic Transportation 2700:					
Other Services	500	7,425	7,425	6,495	930
Subtotal		<u>7,425</u>	<u>7,425</u>	<u>6,495</u>	<u>930</u>
Information Services 2820:					
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,700	21,700	21,700	-
Subtotal		<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service 5100:					
Interest	800	23,975	23,975	23,962	13
Principal	900	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Subtotal		<u>63,975</u>	<u>63,975</u>	<u>63,962</u>	<u>13</u>
Prior Year Adjustments 5400:					
Other	800	-	-	1,728	(1,728)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,728</u>	<u>(1,728)</u>
Total Middle		<u>3,051,675</u>	<u>3,051,675</u>	<u>2,891,095</u>	<u>160,580</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>12,217,575</u>	<u>12,217,575</u>	<u>11,541,353</u>	<u>676,222</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(580,000)	(580,000)	185,946	765,946
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfer To Capital Project Fund		-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(580,000)	(580,000)	85,946	665,946
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2015		<u>580,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>1,721,609</u>	<u>1,141,609</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2016		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,807,555</u>	<u>\$ 1,807,555</u>

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Stowe School District
Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
Fiduciary Fund Types - Agency Fund
For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

Schedule 2

	Balance July 1, 2015	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2016
Assets:				
Cash - Elementary	\$ 13,053	\$ 87,780	\$ 83,653	\$ 17,180
Cash - Secondary	<u>128,230</u>	<u>285,115</u>	<u>269,929</u>	<u>143,416</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 141,283</u>	<u>\$ 372,895</u>	<u>\$ 353,582</u>	<u>\$ 160,596</u>
Liabilities:				
Amount Held for Agency Fund	<u>\$ 141,283</u>	<u>\$ 372,895</u>	<u>\$ 353,582</u>	<u>\$ 160,596</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 141,283</u>	<u>\$ 372,895</u>	<u>\$ 353,582</u>	<u>\$ 160,596</u>

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Stowe School District
Balance Sheet Components
Fiduciary Fund Type - Private Purpose Trust
June 30, 2016

Schedule 3

	CV Starr Scholarship	Charitable	Totals
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash		\$ 23,802	\$ 23,802
Investments	<u>\$ 2,408,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,408,009</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,408,009</u>	<u>23,802</u>	<u>2,431,811</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,408,009</u>	<u>\$ 23,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,811</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Scholarship Payable	<u>\$ 381,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 381,900</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>381,900</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>381,900</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	<u>2,026,109</u>	<u>23,802</u>	<u>2,049,911</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,026,109</u>	<u>23,802</u>	<u>2,049,911</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,408,009</u>	<u>\$ 23,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,811</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**

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, each major fund, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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 December 22, 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.

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September 14, 2016

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, 2016. 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 June 16, 2016. 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, 2016. 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 10 and 11 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 7 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,

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Sam Scofield	PO Box 773	253-9948	sam@samarcht.com
McKee MacDonald	PO Box 300	375-5009	mckee@mckeemacdonald.com
George Bambara – alternate	5785 Mountain Rd.	730-6084	George.bambara@pallspera.com
Cindy McKechnie - alternate	PO Box 1168	253-4605	LMcKechnie@aol.com

RECREATION COMMISSION

Theresa Wehse, Chair	156 Bryan Road	253-9259	terrie.wehse@myfairpoint.net
Norm Williams	4458 Stowe Hollow Rd	253-9949	Norm.williams@lssvvt.org
Brett Loomis	1400 N. Hollow Rd	802-881-8738	brettlloomis@yahoo.com
Walt Levering	525 Sky Acres Drive		walterblevering@gmail.com
Pascale Savard	548 Tansy Hill Road	917-3548	Pascale@stowe.nu
Lynn Altadonna	143 Lower Sanborn Rd	253-9006	alta@stoweaccess.com
Matthew Frazee, Parks & Recreation Director, PO Box 730		253-2264	mfrazee@townofstovermont.org

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Donna Adams, Chair	PO Box 241, Moscow	253-2278	adams@stoweaccess.com
Judy Demeritt	310 Jersey Way, Morrisville	888-7586	Judy.demeritt@icloud.com
Claire "Skeeter" Austin	PO Box 24	253-9524	skeeter@pshift.com
Barbara Allaire	175 Moulton Lane	253-7727	ballaire@townofstovermont.org
Karin Gottlieb	PO Box 97	253-8220	nerak194@gmail.com
Gerry Griffin	PO Box 238	253-2237	Gbgriffin8@gmail.com

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Charles Lusk, Chair	660 Barnes Hill Road	253-2993	ctlusk@pshift.com
David Bryan	475 Tansy Hill Road	253-4113	Drbryan43@gmail.com
Barbara Fox	338 Upper Judson Lane	253-4490	Fox.barbaras@gmail.com
Kim Kaufman			Kkbombastic7@gmail.com
Richard Johannesen, Jr.	87 Whitney Lane	253-8475	dmjohan@stowe.nu
Darla Witmer	PO Box 594	253-8702	pcollatta@hotmail.com
Charlotte Maison Kastner	33 Upper Hollow Road	279-1998	stowelulu@gmail.com
Cynthia Weber, Director	PO Box 730	253-2706	cweber@stowelibrary.org

ELECTRIC COMMISSION

Richard C. Marron	PO Box 1497	253-9011	dickmarron@aol.com
Larry Lackey	2359 Stowe Hollow Rd	253-7966	ll@pshift.com
Denise Gutstein	1001 Weeks Hill Road	253-1801	Gutsteind@gmail.com
Ellen Burt, General Manager	PO Box 190	253-7215	eburt@stoweaccess.com

2016 EVENTS**JANUARY**

Nancy Kerrigan, Olympic skater, visits the new Spruce Peak Village ice rink
Moscow Mills for sale

After 559 days on the run, Murphy the dog returns home to Waterbury Ctr.
Stowe Police handled 4,687 calls in 2015

North Hill cell tower still being discussed and challenged

Emerson Smith, Stowe 5th grader, wins local National Geographic Geography
Bee

Voters from Stowe and Hyde Park pass bonds for solar projects

Ricki Haab joins her two sisters in scoring her 100th hockey goal

After being Principal at Stowe Elementary for 23 years, Richard Smiles to
retire in June

FEBRUARY

71st Annual Stowe Derby cancelled due to lack of snow

Skyler Graves, Abby Chauvin & Allison Walker, all 12 years old, on VT
Hockey All Stars Team

Friends of Stowe Adaptive Sports draws crowd for Mono Ski Day

Marc von Trapp & Alex Kende Room dedicated at Stowe Arena

Stowe Bowl opens with large crowds

Cole Lehouiller, SHS student, raises \$1,700 for the Travis Roy Foundation

30 room hostel to be built on Mountain Road

Justin Byrne of Wolcott killed in Stagecoach Road Auto Accident

Evan Chismark named new director of Stowe Mountain Bike Club

Heidi Brynn of Stowe Swimmers crowned 2016 N. E. Champion in the
50-yard freestyle

Former Governor Jim Douglas takes the stage in Stowe with The Logger

Mickey Smith, Editor of the News & Citizen, dies at 45

MARCH

Ken Squier nominated for NASCAR Hall of Fame

Christine Kaiser selling Nebraska Valley farm with Stowe Land Trust

William Adams & Neil Van Dyke reelected as Selectboard members

Cara Zimmerman newly elected & Richard Bland reelected school board
members

Paul Percy reelected to the Board of Listers and Leighton Detora as moderator

Ziegler fund soaring for long-time teacher awaiting heart surgery

Alison Kaiser, Town Clerk, injured in serious accident while on her way to
work

SHS boys' hockey team lose in finals to U-32
SHS girls' hockey team lose to U-32 in 3 OT's in semi finals
Stowe Elementary music teacher Marty Lacasse to become the school's principal

APRIL

Emma Buonanno, a junior at SHS, wins Haven scholarship
Annual Sugar Slalom held despite limited snow conditions
Ribbon cutting for new staircase leading from the village to the Rec Path takes place
Long time Stowe resident and businessman Pete Haslam passes away
Ginny Neel & Shap Smith honored at the Helen Day Art Center's first Service and Leadership awards

MAY

16th Annual Stowe Weekend of Hope held April 29-May 1
The Carpenter's donate \$150,000 for the rebuild of the Stone Hut destroyed by fire
Vermont Downtown Development Board grants Stowe its downtown designation
Stowe Land Trust closes on its conservation easement of Kaiser Farm in Nebraska Valley
Emily Croes, eighth grader at Stowe Middle School, serving as legislative page
Marc Sherman & Trudy Trombley honored as 2016 VT Retail & Grocers Association Person of the Year.

JUNE

Helen Day Art Center executive director Nathan Suter leaving after 10 years
Mansfield Ski Patrol named First Responder of the Year at VT State House
75 competitors take part in the 15th annual Stowe Triathlon
20 SHS junior & senior students planning a trip to Cuba in 2017
Stowe Police, along with other town personnel, run with the Special Olympic torch

JULY

Ed Stahl, Stowe Area Association Director, retires

3 suspicious local fires reported

Susan Moeck, Executive Assistant for Town Manager, retires; Abby Earle hired for the position

Hunnewells donate a 12-acre parcel to the Stowe Land Trust

Stowe Recreation Path fully open after a large section was closed for repairs

Teacher Tim Ziegler receives his heart transplant

35th Stowe 8-Miler held with 549 participants

30th Hot Air Balloon Festival hosted by Stoweflake with weather not cooperating

AUGUST

Fire heavily damages Stowe Parks Dept building

Spruce Peak to add 18 homes priced at \$1.5million or more

59th Annual Antique Car Show held at Nichols Field

Bridge located on Rt 108 in the village dedicated to Giles W. Dewey, former Selectman who held various town and state offices

Stowe Swimmers take 3rd at the VT Swim Association State Championships

Stowe Electric Department energizes 1 megawatt solar farm on Beech Hill Road, producing enough annual electricity to power 229 Stowe homes.

SEPTEMBER

25th British Invasion held with over 700 cars

7th annual Pumpkin Chuckin Festival held at Stoweflake Resort

Work being done to stabilize the West Branch river near Thompson Park

Stone Hut rebuilding starts

500-kilowatt solar farm planned for Moscow Road

Burt's Irish Pub celebrates 40 years of business

OCTOBER

Quiet Path pedestrian bridge dedicated to Brenda Ross Winter whose bequest was used to help fund the project

Stowe Area Association names Amy Morrison as new Executive Director

Mort Butler & Frank Springer announce retirement and closing of FixPC business

4,000 people attend Octoberfest, which raised between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for community service projects

Eli Brookens, 16, of Waterbury, Janie Chase Cozzi, 15, of Fayston, Liam Hale, 16, of Fayston, Mary Harris, 16, of Moretown, and Cyrus Zschau, 16, of Moretown died in a car crash on I-89

NOVEMBER

Breakfast at Community Church honors military veterans and community on 11/11

Rebuilt stone hut reopens on Mansfield

Susan Dorn named new Executive Director of Vermont Ski Museum

Cliff Johnson, former Town of Stowe Director of Public Works, passed away at age 79

Mountain Company opens for the season November 23

Longtime resident of Stowe Betty Biedermann passes away

Seven members of the Stowe Raider Field Hockey squad named to the 2016 Capital All Star Team

Fire destroys home on Worcester Road owned by Kathleen & William Shea

SHS Boys soccer team wins over Williamstown for their fifth straight title in Division 3

SHS Girls soccer team beat Thetford for the championship, their second in a row

DECEMBER

Neighbors upset regarding proposed solar farm on Cady Hill

Ian Graddock, well known Stowite and graduate of SHS, passes away at age 35

Stowe teenager Eric Nicholson starts new sports lifestyle business "Zend"

Stowe woman Marley Hauser to coach soccer for South African girls

SHS boys hockey team back in Division 1

Peter Smith, longtime employee of the Town and SHS graduate, dies at age 71

We thank the men and women who have served our country and those that continue to do so, as well as their families and send BEST WISHES with GOOD HEALTH to all for 2017.

MARCH 2016 STOWE TOWN MEETING
SNAP-SHOT

159 of 3,793 registered voters present at Annual Town/School District Meeting (floor vote) - 5% of voters

Australian Ballot Items

1944 voters cast ballots out of 3,793 registered voters – 52% of voters

Leighton Detora elected Town & School District Moderator – 1 year term (2817 votes)

William W. Adams elected Selectboard – 3 year term (1318 votes)

Neil Van Dyke elected Selectboard – 2 year term (1358 votes)

Cara Zimmerman elected School Director – 3 year term (844 votes)

Richard N. Bland elected School Director – 2 year term (1224 votes)

Paul E. Percy elected Lister – 3 year term (1307 votes)

School Budget of \$12,363,600 passed with 1212 (YES) and 386 (NO)

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?

1249 (YES) and 352 (NO)

**ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016
STOWE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
8:00 A.M.**

Moderator Leighton Detora called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Present were 150 registered voters of the Town of Stowe. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

LesPike presented the CliffThompson Award to PeterHall. Conservationist of the Year award was presented by Rob Moore to Gar Anderson.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Article 1: Billy Adams made the motion, seconded by Jed Lipsky, to accept the annual report of the School Directors as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Article 2: Jed Lipsky made the motion, seconded by Cam Page, 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 receipt of returns from the State for such purposes, evidenced by notes of the District for that purpose. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Article 3: Billy Adams made the motion, seconded by Jed Lipsky, to authorize the payments of its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year as follows:

School Board Directors:	\$1,000/member per year
Treasurer:	\$850/year
Moderator:	\$75/meeting

The motion was unanimously approved.

Article 4: Billy Adams made the motion, seconded by Jed Lipsky, to 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 amount.

David Jaqua asked if this motion would result in depleting the fund balance, to which Cam Page said no.

The motion was approved.

Article 5: Other Business.

Chandler Matson expressed concerns about loss of local control and dwindling Town Meeting attendance. He asked what Act 46 is doing to Stowe's School Board. Cam Page stated that the board is looking at alternative governance structures with a plan to be submitted to the state by November 2017.

The School District Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

TOWN MEETING

Article 1: William Noyes made the motion, seconded by Adam Davis, to approve the 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. Expenses identified in the Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Town Operating Budget as follows:

Accounting	\$ 255,653
Administration	\$ 438,775
Akeley Memorial Building	\$ 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	\$ 327,198
Recreation	\$ 477,675
Solid Waste	\$ 550
Stowe Arena	\$ 499,534
Street Lights	\$ 18,294
Zoning	\$ 136,107

Lionel Fay noted that the Meals on Wheels appropriation increased by \$1,500.

Arthur Ziegel asked about the Arena bonds, Charles Safford explained that the amount is split between Local Option Tax and Property Tax.

David Jaqua asked about paving plans. Billy Adams noted that Luce Hill Road and Randolph Road would be worked on in FY17.

David Bryan expressed concern about the condition of the Village Streets. The State plans to rebuild these streets in FY17.

Article 2: Adam Davis made the motion, seconded by Neil Van Dyke, to 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	\$150,000

The motion was approved.

Article 3: Adam Davis made the motion, seconded by Neil Van Dyke, to 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. Ed Kaiser and Bob Chase noted that the Masons have been a non-denominational religious organization in Stowe for 175 years. Tim Morrissey noted that the exemption is a total of \$163,000. There are currently 66 members.

The motion was approved.

Article 4: Adam Davis made the motion, seconded by Billy Adams, to approve compensation for the Selectboard, Listers and Moderator as follows:

Selectboard: \$15,000 (five (5) members at \$3,000 each)
Listers: \$750 (three (3) listers at \$250 each)
Moderator: \$75 per meeting

Charlie Lusk made a motion, seconded by R. Spreda, to amend the article to increase payment for the moderator from \$75 to \$100 per meeting.

The motion as amended passed.

Article 5: William Noyes made a motion, seconded by Billy Adams, to hear and act on the report of the Town officers and the Auditor's report for the budget period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Charles Safford reported that the audit was clean with no material weaknesses.

Christine McGowan asked about the Town debt to asset ratio, which Charles Safford stated was 10%.

There was no further discussion and the motion was approved.

Article 6: Other Business.

The Selectboard was thanked for their work for the town.

Congratulations to Heidi Scheuermann

It was discussed that a committee be formed to look at Town Meeting attendance.

There was no further discussion.

Town meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LISA WALKER & MEGAN GREGORY, *Interim Town Clerk/Treasurers*

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



LRSWMD FY2016 Annual Report

The mission of the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) is to reduce the quantity and toxicity of the trash generated and going to the landfill while maintaining or improving overall environmental quality (air, water, soil), treating customer and employees with respect and operating within a balanced budget.

The LRSWMD is comprised of the following 12 communities: Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, and Worcester. Each town either appoints or elects a representative to serve on the Board of Supervisors; Willie Noyes represents Stowe. Additionally, the LRSWMD operates six transfer stations across the District. The services offered at these facilities are open to District and non-District users and include: trash disposal, mixed recycling, and management of other difficult to dispose of items like tires, e-waste, and appliances. In FY2016 a total of 3,478 tons of trash and 1080 tons of recycling were collected at these facilities. We've also captured 1.8 tons of film plastics (i.e. single-use shopping bags). We are certainly on the right track for meeting the goals outlined in the Universal Recycling & Composting law.

Other services provided by the LRSWMD include household hazardous waste collections, outreach and education on materials management in schools and in communities, free use of waste receptacles for community events, helping member communities comply to state solid waste regulations, and selling affordably-priced recycling and composting bins. LRSWMD also pays \$1,200 per year to Green Up Vermont to cover the cost of our District towns participation in this program. Contact Ron Rodjenski, Hyde Park Green Up Coordinator, to get involved!

The Board of Supervisors approved a \$1,253,500 annual operating budget for FY 2017. At the close of the fiscal year 2016, there was a net income of \$51,375. The operational budget of the LRSWMD is generated through user fees and disposal surcharges, there is no tax or per capita assessment charged to member towns.

Please check online for more details of services provided, location of sites and items accepted: www.lrswwmd.org. You can now also find us on Twitter and Facebook!

LRSWMD Facilities	Hours
<p><i>Main Office - 29 Sunset Dr. Morrisville</i> ph: 888-7317 ~ DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE, ADMINISTRATION ONLY ~</p>	Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
<i>Craftsbury - Town Garage, Creek Road</i>	Saturday 9am to 1pm
<i>Eden - Town Garage, Route 100</i>	Sunday 9am to 2pm
<i>Johnson - 941 Wilson Road off Route 100</i> ph: 635-9246	Friday & Saturday 8:30am - 3:30pm
<i>Morrisville - 832 Cochran Road</i>	Saturday 8:30am - 1:30pm
<i>Worcester - 43 Calais Road</i> ph: 229-2719	Saturday 7:30am to 1pm
<i>Stowe - 91 Dump Road</i> ph: 253-4059	M, W, Th, F, Sat., Sun. Closed Tuesdays 7:30am - 3pm
<p><i>Stowe Reuse Room</i> & <i>Redemption Center</i> ph: 253-9503</p>	<p>REUSE CENTER For picking up only Tuesday 10:30am - 4:30pm Saturday & Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm REDEMPTION CENTER Closed Tues. & Sun. All other days 7:30am - 3pm</p>

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

**LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FEE SCHEDULE**

2016 LRSWMD Pricing Guide

RECYCLING	Any Size	FREE				
TRASH	15 Gal	\$2.00	CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION MATERIALS	Asphalt Shingles	\$75/yd ³	
	30 Gal	\$4.00		Concrete, Brick, Mortar	\$6/yd ³	
	45 Gal	\$6.00		per cubic yard	\$40.00	
	per cubic yard	\$27.00		per Ton	\$155.00	
	per Ton	\$155.00		ELECTRONICS	Computers and TVs <7	FREE
	Min Scale Fee	\$25.00			Computers and TVs >7	Fees apply
					Small Electronics <i>(depends on size)</i>	\$1 - \$5
APPLIANCES	Microwave, Washer, etc.	\$5.00	PROPANE TANKS	1 lb.	\$0.50	
	w/ Freon	\$12.00		20 lb.	\$3.00	
BATTERIES	Lead Acid Automotive	\$1.00	REUSE	≤15 gallon	\$0.50	
	All other batteries	FREE		> 15 gallon	min of \$1.00	
BOOKS	15 Gal box or bin	\$0.50	SCRAP METAL	per cubic yard	\$5.00/yd ³	
BULBS	Ballasts	\$2.50	TIRES	Bicycle	\$0.50 ea.	
	CFL, HID, Mercury	FREE		Small: 16"	\$3.50 ea.	
	Fluorescent Tubes <10	FREE		Medium: 17" - 20"	\$7 ea.	
	Fluorescent Tubes ≥10	\$0.07/ft		Large: 21" - 24"	\$10 ea.	
	UV	\$3.00 ea		w/ Rim - add'l cost	\$1.00 ea.	
				MAPLE TUBING	4' lengths, taps removed	\$10/yd ³
BULKY/ FURNITURE	Chair - <i>Stuffed</i>	\$6.00	ORGANICS/ YARD WASTE	Grass Clipping, Leaf and Yard Debris, Brush and Stumps	\$3.00/yd ³	
	Chair - <i>Recliner/Medical</i>	\$12.00		Clean, untreated wood	\$3.00/yd ³	
	Mattress/Box - Lg	\$15.00 ea.		Christmas Trees (Dec.1 thru Feb.1)	FREE	
	Mattress/Box - Sm	\$8.00 ea.				
	Sofa	\$15.00				
	Sleeper Sofa	\$25.00				

TOWN WAGE REPORT

Fte	Name	Hourly Rate	Years Of Service
1.00	Adams Gregory A. Jr	22.67	12
1.00	Adams Nicole B.	19.93	2
0.21	Allaire Barbara	20.56	41
1.00	Allen John E.	21.84	17
1.00	Barup Ray T.	18.65	2
1.00	Bates Eric J.	20.38	13
1.00	Baumann Jeffrey	18.72	3
1.00	Black Samuel C.	18.72	3
1.00	Boek Emily A.	21.37	2
1.00	Bowles Christopher A.	23.89	1
1.00	Cashin Ryan T.	22.07	1
1.00	Demeritt Steve M.	24.96	12
1.00	Emerson Bruce	30.50	24
1.00	Gregory Megan K.	29.31	2
1.00	Hoadley Robert E.	19.02	9
1.00	Hodgdon Archie Iii	18.02	3
0.60	Kelly Linda D.	30.66	12
1.00	Kirkpatrick Scott	22.07	2
1.00	Knight David M.	33.62	19
1.00	Longe Bryan G.	33.21	14
0.83	Mandigo Michael E.	33.84	29
1.00	Manning Michael	27.54	29
1.00	Martin Joseph O.	21.84	21
1.00	Mccarthy Robert W.	22.44	0
1.00	Mcelligott Kelly P.	22.22	3
1.00	Merriam Bruce	35.30	32
1.00	Moeck Susan H.	30.66	19
1.00	Mogerley Neil F.	23.06	3
1.00	Oconnell Margot J.	17.41	1
1.00	Pickett Julie S.	29.55	29
1.00	Psaros Jessica L.	17.41	1
1.00	Rhodes Lawrence G.	22.92	26
1.00	Rogers Christopher B.	33.62	19
1.00	Ross Allen R.	26.78	19
1.00	Small Daren H.	25.00	2
0.83	Smith Peter R.	19.78	35
1.00	Smith Zachary M.	20.92	0
1.00	Stewart Steve C.	35.30	32
1.00	Stirewalt Mark A.	26.00	9
1.00	Tabor Darron L.	27.70	23
1.00	Walker Kyle R.	26.84	8
1.00	Walker Lisa A.	29.31	2
1.00	Wells Jasson	23.58	14
1.00	Wells Melvin R.	25.26	27

1.00	Whitcomb Frederick G.	30.84	17
1.00	Wilkesman Jesse K.	27.85	12
1.00	Wilkins-Mandigo Gwyn	22.92	34
Fte	Name	Weekly Salary	Years Of Service
1.00	Baker Richard T.	1,491.46	10
1.00	Bonneau Stephen J.	1,551.12	26
1.00	Brinkman Scott	1,280.33	5
1.00	Fraze Matthew	1,433.13	3
1.00	Fuller Cynthia C.	1,460.97	1
1.00	Godin Bruce	1,551.12	36
1.00	Grogan Richard L.	1,364.89	4
1.00	Hull Donald	1,710.10	4
1.00	Jackman Thomas	1,551.12	14
1.00	Jolly Christopher J.	1,280.33	1
1.00	Kaiser Alison A.	1,628.65	23
1.00	Lewis Gregory A.	1,628.65	37
1.00	Morrissey Timothy	1,357.28	4
1.00	Safford Charles M.	2,172.15	9
1.00	Shepard Harry J. Iii	1,848.06	6
1.00	Weber Cynthia K.	1,280.33	4
1.00	Whitaker Anthony J.	1,201.92	8
1.00	Whitaker Anthony J.	1,144.11	7

STOWE ELECTRIC DEPT. EMPLOYEE WAGE REPORT

FTE	Name	Hourly Rate	Years of Service
1.00	Bilodeau, Evan	\$34.71	4
1.00	Fortunati, Adam	\$34.71	1
1.00	Hackwell, Beth	\$22.66	2
1.00	Hammond, Tammy	\$20.18	1
0.50	Mandigo, Randy	\$24.30	38
1.00	McAllister III, Wilfred	\$29.50	1
1.00	Percy, Tim	\$37.49	1
1.00	Power, Silas	\$27.50	7
1.00	West, Tracy	\$29.50	2
FTE	Name	Weekly Salary	Years of Service
1.00	Brewster, Jamie	\$1,201.32	4
1.00	Burgess, Lily	\$1,331.64	10
1.00	Burt, Ellen	\$2,593.32	21
1.00	Kresock, David	\$1,826.93	0
1.00	Rutherford, Matt	\$863.62	2
1.00	Waugh, Patricia	\$1,485.58	2
1.00	Weishaar, Kevin	\$1,777.27	3

STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administration, Faculty and Staff

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Hourly Rate/Salary</i>	<i>Position</i>
Andrews	Jenifer	\$12.95	Kindergarten Aide
Annetts	Barbara	\$81,812.00	Elementary
Anthony	Jennifer	\$46,888.00	Art/Family and Consumer Science
Barney	Brian	\$65,983.00	Physical Education
Bartholomew	Kathleen	\$14.80	Kindergarten Aide
Bedell	Michael	\$41,435.00	Head Custodian
Bradford	Elizabeth	\$81,637.00	Elementary
Broderick	Catherine	\$33,600.00	.5 FTE Driver's Education Teacher
Brown	Mariah	\$13.60	Playground Supervisor/Instructional Aide
Buzzell	Stephen	\$72,283.00	Middle Level
Casey	Gretchen	\$71,162.00	Literacy Teacher Leader
Conti	Lauren	\$52,879.00	Guidance
Crittenberger-Geissler	Jacqueline	\$14.80	Learning Center Assistant
Crouse	Kathryn	\$59,953.00	Art Teacher
Dacales	Jeffrey	\$81,812.00	Elementary
Davis	Danielle	\$14.80	Strategic Math Support Aide
Delena	Davida	\$74,177.00	Elementary
Donnally	Marianna	\$50,000.00	Student Assistance Counselor
Dornfried	Robert	\$47,275.00	History/Social Studies
Economou	Anne	\$71,549.00	Elementary
Emory	Paige	\$67,838.00	Middle Level
Faith	Jennifer	\$57,363.00	Library/Media Specialist
Farmer	Debra	\$15.86	Health Aide
Faunce	John	\$52,366.00	Network Administrator
Gagnon	Andrew	\$41,283.00	Music
Garon	Tegan	\$41,283.00	Math
Gillen	Wayne	\$15.67	Custodian
Godin	Janet	\$16.97	School Nurse Aide
Gordon	Charles	\$81,812.00	Middle Level
Graves	Joanna	\$66,870.00	Athletic Director
Greene	Aimee	\$67,451.00	Elementary
Greene	Crystal	\$13.05	Strategic Math Support Aide
Greene	Micah	\$67,451.00	Elementary
Griggs	Kimberly	\$16.67	Custodian
Grogan	Jeffrey	\$77,540.00	Middle Level
Harney	Kate	\$44,260.00	Physical Education
Harris	Mairead	\$46,540.00	Foreign Language
Hayden	Dorothy	\$37,132.00	Administrative Assistant
Hedenberg	Timberly	\$41,283.00	Associate School Nurse

STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administration, Faculty and Staff

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Hourly Rate/Salary</i>	<i>Position</i>
Hoffmann	Heather	\$73,404.00	English
Horton	Sarah	\$69,693.00	Mathematics
Hough	Maryanne	\$48,252.00	Administrative Assistant
Hulbert	Madeline	\$56,629.00	Elementary
Kalp	Laura	\$69,307.00	Foreign Language
Keaton	Rachael	\$64,089.00	Elementary
Kennedy	Dale	\$81,812.00	Middle Level
Kennedy	John	\$68,572.00	English
LaClair	Dana	\$52,493.00	Music
Lacoss	Heather	\$14.80	Reading Aide
Lambert	Jane	\$81,812.00	Instrumental Music
Lowe	Constance	\$77,328.00	Mathematics
Maher	Jeffrey	\$121,934.00	Principal
Mailhoit	Thomas	\$66,629.00	Grounds & Building Manager
Marineau	Seth	\$68,572.00	Foreign Language
McArdle	Amy	\$77,328.00	Guidance Director
McDowell	Donald	\$81,812.00	Science
Meagle	Susan	\$77,328.00	Elementary
Meier	Christopher	\$56,629.00	Library/Media Specialist
Meyer	Kaaren	\$81,812.00	Math Teacher Leader
Minkoff	Alexander	\$33,949.00	Technical Support Specialist
Monahan	Wendy	\$79,570.00	Guidance
Morrison	Daniel	\$89,457.00	Principal
Murphy	Roger	\$79,782.00	Alt. Education/English/Social Studies
North	Tamara	\$62,233.00	Elementary
O'Grady	Susan	\$16.10	Secretary
O'Neil	Judith	\$35,207.00	Registrar
O'Neill	Benjamin	\$14.97	Custodian
Ortiz	Elisabeth	\$38,192.00	Administrative Assistant
Peterson	Lucas	\$58,097.00	Middle Level
Rapoport	Michael	\$68,186.00	Elementary
Raymond	Pamela	\$81,812.00	Elementary
Reina	Soraya	\$73,443.00	Spanish Teacher
Rudner	Elyse	\$75,086.00	Middle Level
Schafer	Anastasia	\$53,614.00	History/Social Studies
Schnee	Karen	\$54,175.00	English
Sdankus	Kingsley	\$27,195.00	Elementary
Semler	Sean	\$71,587.00	Elementary
Shea	Ian	\$56,629.00	Middle Level

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Shedd	Navia	\$15.27	Custodian
Slocum	Kathleen	\$15.05	Library Aide
Smith	David	\$65,983.00	Middle Level
Smythe	Kathleen	\$52,145.00	Elementary
Sorrell-Lacasse	Martha	\$87,000.00	Principal
Stanton	Catherine	\$59,218.00	Elementary
Stetson	Chelsea	\$52,879.00	Elementary
Terwilliger	Peter	\$59,953.00	Elementary
Vietze	Heidi	\$71,587.00	Foreign Language
Volansky	Jennifer	\$43,340.00	.8 FTE Art Teacher
Waite	Timothy	\$44,685.00	Design and Technology Education
Walker	Charlene	\$37,666.00	Secretary
Walogorsky	Michael	\$55,469.00	Science
Wasserman	Theodore	\$15.42	Custodian
Wells	Jessica	\$62,195.00	Science
Williams	Norman	\$81,812.00	Social Studies
Ziegler	Timothy	\$73,618.00	Science
Zimbalatti	Carleen	\$46,477.00	.8 FTE Art Teacher

LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION
Administration, Faculty and Staff

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Hourly Rate/Salary</i>	<i>Position</i>
Alperen	Jana	\$54,000.00	Special Educator
Alvin	Robyn	\$14.30	SLP Aide
Angione	Rita	\$75,086.00	Speech/Language Pathologist
Armbruster	Huntly	\$13.90	Paraprofessional
Banfi-Graue	Katalin	\$13.30	Paraprofessional
Barberi	Andrea	\$69,307.00	Special Educator
Bataille	Jeanne	\$73,618.00	Speech/Language Pathologist
Belitsos	Leah	\$56,242.00	Special Educator
Bellavance	Ericka	\$15.90	Program Aide
Blount	Jennifer	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Boerger	Patty	\$81,637.00	Consulting Teacher
Bolio	Dixie	\$17.70	Paraprofessional
Bos	Eric	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Brancaccio	Dennis	\$15.05	Paraprofessional
Brynn	Jeffery	\$53,045.00	Food Service Director
Bullard	Raquel	\$14.80	Paraprofessional
Calenberg	Carol	\$13.60	Paraprofessional
Calhoun	James	\$76,820.00	School Psychologist
Carter	Denise	\$15.05	Early Education Paraprofessional
Christensen	Carrie	\$50,716.00	Accountant
Clarkin	Rachel	\$14.30	Early Education Paraprofessional
Cote	Robin	\$13.65	Paraprofessional
Couture	Anna	\$13.80	Paraprofessional
Cross	Lisa	\$53,041.00	Human Resources Coordinator
Crowder	Rochelle	\$69,693.00	Speech/Language Pathologist
Davis	Cathy	\$14.80	Paraprofessional
Denton	Margaret	\$34,000.00	.5 FTE Occupational Therapist
Desrochers	Julie	\$15.05	Paraprofessional
Dessureau	Carrie	\$37,000.00	.5 FTE Physical Therapist
Ducharme	Kyle	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Dunkley	Kim	\$14.94	Early Education Paraprofessional
Earle	Kristina	\$13.90	Speech Language Aide
Echarte	Jennifer	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Finn	Julia	\$52,879.00	Special Educator
Fish	Patricia	\$60,378.00	Special Educator
Fisher	Julia	\$63,702.00	Early Education Program Teacher
Fitzgerald	Michelle	\$13.90	Paraprofessional
Fleming	Kascinda	\$51,024.00	Special Educator
Friedrich	Chelsea	\$14.80	Early Education Speech Aide

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Gabaree	David	\$15.05	Paraprofessional
Gamble	Laurel	\$13.90	Paraprofessional
Gillen	Melissa	\$60,735.00	Data Manager
Gravel	Julie	\$15.05	SLP Aide
Gregory	Hilary	\$15.05	Paraprofessional
Griffith	Tammy	\$13.45	Paraprofessional
Grove	Jennifer	\$41,283.00	Early Education Program Teacher
Guihan	Marian	\$13.90	Paraprofessional
Herman	Chad	\$14.30	Paraprofessional
Hunkins	Melissa	\$14.80	Paraprofessional
Ingalls	Heidi	\$55,838.00	Accounting Manager
Jones	Alice	\$14.05	Paraprofessional
Keith	Amanda	\$13.65	Paraprofessional
King	Anne	\$77,888.00	Special Educator
King	Eric	\$73,791.00	Special Educator
King	Mary	\$14.80	Paraprofessional
Kuney	Alyssa	\$12.75	Paraprofessional
Lamos	Stephanie	\$11.87	Paraprofessional
Lapan	Emily	\$13.65	Paraprofessional
LaRose	Rebecca	\$12.20	Paraprofessional
Lively	Rebecca	\$76,162.00	School Psychologist
Locke	Amanda	\$38,000.00	Administrative Assistant
Locke	Debbie	\$13.60	Early Education Paraprofessional
Lorson	Shane	\$14.80	Paraprofessional
Lundeen	Andrew	\$89,690.00	Director of Finance and Operations
Macy	Kelly	\$62,233.00	Speech/Language Pathologist
Mallory	Heather	\$15.05	Early Education Paraprofessional
Marshall	Amy	\$73,618.00	Consulting Teacher
McNall	Mark	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Messier	Karen	\$13.90	Paraprofessional
Meyer	John	\$72,100.00	Director of Educational Technology
Mickelsen	Betsy	\$41,283.00	Early Education Program Teacher
Myerson	Jordan	\$65,920.00	Director of Nursing Services
Nadeau	Michelle	\$45,033.00	Pre-School Program Teacher
Neff	Heather	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
O'Laughlin	Ann	\$21.17	Paraprofessional
Oplinger	Leslie	\$75,646.00	Special Educator
Paterniti	Arlo	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Pelkey	Marcella	\$74,111.00	Occupational Therapist

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Peterson	Ruthanne	\$46,888.00	Special Educator
Reeve	Gianna	\$13.65	Paraprofessional
Rice	Kimberly	\$13.80	Paraprofessional
Rice	Linda	\$14.30	Speech Language Aide
Safford	Jennifer	\$13.90	Paraprofessional
Salazar	Nancy	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Sanner	Elizabeth	\$52,879.00	Special Educator
Saphier	Kelly	\$61,847.00	ESL Instructor
Schleupner	Heather	\$15.05	Paraprofessional
Schulze	Susan	\$65,983.00	Special Educator
Scribner	Samantha	\$14.55	Paraprofessional
Small	Carmen	\$13.25	Paraprofessional
Smith	Terrie	\$13.80	Paraprofessional
Spencer	Jessica	\$84,000.00	Director of Student Services
Squires	Rachel	\$18.74	Paraprofessional
Stanley	Leah	\$39,253.00	Accountant
Sullivan	Valerie	\$100,817.00	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Tilton	Kaitlin	\$13.05	Early Education Paraprofessional
Walsh	Christopher	\$15.05	Paraprofessional
Wills	Jessica	\$62,233.00	Special Educator
Wrend	Tracy	\$133,695.00	Superintendent of Schools
Wyman	Naomi	\$15.83	Early Education Paraprofessional

STOWE HISTORIC TIMELINE

1700s

- 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.

1800s

- 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

1900s

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

1900s

- 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
- 1933 First ski trails cut as part of Civilian Conservation Corps project

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- 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

2000s

- 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 250th 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. Construction of the Stowe Mountain Resort Adventure Center, Zip Tour and Tree Top Adventure course. Conservationist of the Year Award presented to Charlie Berry.
- 2016 Vermont Downtown Development Board names Stowe as Designated Downtown. Fire heavily damages Parks Department garage. Stone Hut repaired and opened one year after fire. Quiet Path Bridge opened, dedicated to Brenda Ross Winter.

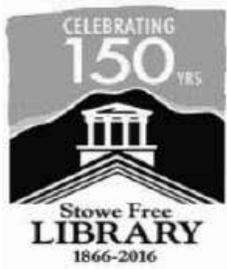
Town of Stowe, Vermont
IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

1. **Method of Payment:** Currently dated checks should be made payable to TOWN OF STOWE, P.O. Box 248, 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:

1st installment	August 10
2nd installment	November 10
3rd installment	February 10
4th installment	May 10

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.**



In 1865, Stowe had the distinction to be the first town in Vermont to be given appropriations under state law for library purposes. The following year, by special town meeting in May of 1866 the town voted to accept a gift of 51 books which summer visitors presented to the town and to appropriate \$100 to purchase additional books. This action established a public library, the Stowe Free Library.

Periodically the town added to the collection, created committees to make purchases, and employed a librarian. However, a building was not designated exclusively as a library so Warren I. Atkins, thought to be the first town librarian, kept the books in his grocery store. George W. Jenney and his wife took over for Mr. Atkins in 1870, operating the library out of the rear of their store on Main Street until 1904.

In 1904 the library was moved to the Akeley Memorial building. It was here that Mrs. Carrie E. Straw, Head Librarian from 1919 until her death in 1933, implemented the Dewey Decimal System of Classification. The Library shared the Akeley Memorial Building, at first, with the post office, two lock-up cells, and town offices. The Library remained at the Akeley Memorial Building until 1981.

Thanks to a bequest from Helen Day Montanari and the diligent work of local preservationists, the old high school building, which had been closed in 1973, was restored for the Library and Helen Day Art Center. The building was originally built as a three room Greek revival school house in 1861. This is the beautiful building pictured on the cover of this Annual Report.

The building was renovated in 1993-1994 doubling its size, funded through local support. Another addition was undertaken in 2002, funded through a grant from the Freeman Foundation of Stowe.

In 2006 a non-profit organization called the Friends of the Stowe Free Library formed. Known as "the Friends" the group provides support to the library by raising funds for community events, increasing the collection and providing other support as needed.

The library is operated as a municipal department of the Town of Stowe and, as such, is about 90 percent tax-supported with the remaining income from endowment interest, fees, fines, gifts, and the proceeds from the Friends of the Stowe Free Library annual book sale.

Adopted from a thesis written by Kelly Spear. Spear is a 13th generation Vermonter and a 7th generation Stoweite.