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**If you are interested in a copy of the audits, you can call the Town Clerk’s office at 472-5971 to have a copy mailed, or you can come to the Town offices at the Memorial building on Church Street. You can also gain access to the Town Report or audit reports on line by going to the Town’s new website at [Hardwickvt.org](http://Hardwickvt.org). If you would like a copy of the Hardwick Electric Department audit report, to have one mailed, please call Hardwick Electric at 472-5201 or pick up a copy by dropping by their offices on North Main Street.**

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# DEDICATION



*Pictured left to right: Bill Richardson - Treasurer, Elaine Willey - Trustee,  
Mike Brochu - Secretary, Art Williams - President.  
Missing from the photo: Jo Anne Stubbs - Vice President, Connie Bellevance - Trustee.  
Photo by Vanessa Fournier*

## HARDWICK HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

This year the Hardwick Select Board and Hardwick Town Employees dedicate the Hardwick Town Report with gratitude to the Hardwick Hospital Association. In 2012, the Hospital Association graciously donated the Old Hardwick Hospital/Hardwick Heath Center Building to the Town of Hardwick and Hardwick Rescue Squad to be used as a public safety building, the new home of the Hardwick Police Department and office and training space for Hardwick Rescue.

This, however, is just one of the many generous community donations that the Hospital Association has made to the Hardwick Community since 1980. Over its nearly 35 years they have given out close to 1.6 million dollars to support Hardwick Organizations like Hardwick Rescue, Hardwick Fire Department, First Responders/EMS, Northern Counties Health Center and Northern Counties Dental Center. These many gifts have made the Hardwick Community safer without us even being aware of many of them.

The current Hospital Association board, made up of Art Williams, Bill Richardson, Mike Brochu, Elaine Willey, Jo-Anne Stubbs and Connie Bellavance, give from behind the scenes of their time to help make the Hardwick Community better. The Hospital Association has also had some past members that were long serving and deserve our recognition, Howard & Joyce Fletcher, Larry Urie, Theresa Dufresne, and John Chester Smith were just a few who participated for many years.

We thank the Hardwick Hospital Association for the Public Safety Building, as well as for all that they have done and continue to do for the Community we live in.

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# TOWN OFFICIALS

All terms expire Town Meeting 2013 unless otherwise noted

Moderator ..... Orise Ainsworth  
Town Clerk, expires 2013 ..... Alberta Miller  
Town Treasurer, expires 2013 ..... Alberta Miller

## Select Board

Term expires 2013 ..... Eric Remick  
Term expires 2013 ..... Mark Salls  
Term expires 2013 ..... Kathleen Hemmens  
Term expires 2014 ..... Shari Cornish  
Term expires 2015 ..... Danny Hale

## Listers

Term expires 2013 ..... Jean Hackett  
Term expires 2014 ..... Marc Delaricheliere  
Term expires 2015 ..... Janet Howard

## School Directors

Term expires 2013 ..... Anne McPhearson  
Term expires 2013 ..... Jennifer Laundry  
Term expires 2013 ..... Jodi Lew-Smith  
Term expires 2013 ..... Ted Gates  
Term expires 2015 ..... Ivan Menard

## Auditors

Term expires 2013 ..... Rachel Miller  
Term expires 2014 ..... Ivan Menard  
Term expires 2015 ..... Michael Morin

## Town of Hardwick Officials

First Constable ..... Arthur Chase  
Second Constable ..... Erwin Gilcris  
Delinquent Tax Collector ..... Town Manager  
Town Agent ..... Constance Bellavance  
Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber ..... Laurent Bellavance  
Tree Warden ..... Laurent Bellavance  
Town Grand Juror ..... George Whitney  
Trustee of Public Funds ..... George Whitney  
Trustee of Public Funds ..... Mario Fradette  
Trustee of Public Funds ..... Lorraine Hussey  
Fence Viewers ..... Listers

## Cemetery Trustees

Main Street ..... Trustees  
Maple Street ..... Trustees  
Fairview ..... Trustees  
Sanborn ..... Trustees  
West Hill ..... Select Board  
Hardwick Street ..... Select Board  
Hardwick Center ..... Select Board

## Fire Department

Chief ..... Tom Fadden  
1st Assistant Chief ..... Perley Allen  
2nd Assistant Chief ..... David Hale  
Captain ..... Mike Gravel  
1st Lieutenant ..... Mike Hall  
2nd Lieutenant ..... Ken LaCasse  
3rd Lieutenant ..... Bob Mayhew  
Foreman ..... Kevin Broderick  
Assistant Foreman ..... Charles Bartlett  
Pipeman ..... Dave Thompson  
Assistant Pipeman ..... Mark Salls  
Ax Man ..... Dave Colburn  
Safety Officer ..... Roger Waible  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Jennifer Greaves  
Dispatcher ..... Lamoille County Sheriff

## Library Trustees

Term expires 2013 ..... George Hemmens  
Term expires 2013 ..... Tony Colletti  
Term expires 2014 ..... Rachel Miller  
Term expires 2016 ..... Ted Graham  
Term expires 2017 ..... Vacant

## Hazen Union Directors - Hardwick

Term expires 2013 ..... James Lovinski  
Term expires 2014 ..... David Shepard  
Term expires 2015 ..... Vacant  
Term expires 2015 ..... Jamon Renaud

## Hardwick Electric Commissioners

Term expires June 30, 2013 ..... Paul Fixx  
Term expires June 30, 2013 ..... Gina Campoli  
Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Todd Deuso  
Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Robert Chaffee  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Wayne Young

## Hardwick Planning Commission / Development Review Board / Zoning Board of Adjustment

Term expires June 30, 2013 ..... Stephen Meyer  
Term expires June 30, 2013 ..... Vacant  
Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Kenneth Davis  
Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Heather Davis  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Joe Rivard  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Lisa Maskell  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Ed Keene

## Recreation Committee Members

Co Chairperson ..... Marie Lapre-Grabon  
Co Chairperson ..... Ron Wiesen  
Committee Member ..... Karen Klotz  
Committee Member ..... Robin Arnell  
Committee Member ..... Tami Furry  
Committee Member ..... Mike Johnson

# WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2013

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School in said Town of Hardwick on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

(Election of Town Select Board, Hardwick Town Clerk, Hardwick Town Treasurer, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors shall be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.). If special accommodations are necessary because of physical disabilities, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (472-5971).

**Article 1. To elect a moderator to govern said Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.**

**Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2012?**

**Article 3. To elect all Town Officers and School District Directors as required by the public laws of Vermont and the Town Charter. (Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors, to be voted by Australian Ballot).**

- One Lister .....3 year term
- One Auditor .....3 year term
- First Constable .....1 year term
- Second Constable .....1 year term
- One Town Agent .....1 year term
- Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber ... 1 year term
- Tree Warden .....1 year term
- Cemetery Trustees .....1 year term
- Main Street, Maple Street, Fairview, Sanborn, Hardwick Street, Fire Dept. Officers (can be voted as one vote) .....1 year term
- One Library Trustee .....5 year term
- One Library Trustee .....4 year term
- One Library Trustee .....2 year term
- Grand Juror .....1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds .....1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds .....1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds .....1 year term
- Fence Viewers .....1 year term

**Article 4. Shall the Town have its current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?**

**Article 5. Shall the Town of Hardwick, VT vote to establish a town-wide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding from a non-town source to pay for eligible home energy improvements, with the property owner paying back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax bill or other municipal bill, including the cost to operate the District, as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et. Seq.)?**

**Article 6. Shall the Town vote a budget of two million six hundred fifteen thousand ninety-six dollars (\$2,615,096.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a new tax rate sufficient to provide the same?**

**Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Greensboro Nursing Home?**

**Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of A.W.A.R.E.?**

**Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont?**

**Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Senior Citizens?**

**Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Community Television (Channel 16)?**

**Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand two**

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hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the support of the Lamoille Family Center?

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) for the support of the North Country Animal League?

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Historical Society?

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the support of the Rural Community Transportation?

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Community Coalition?

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick-Greensboro Restorative Justice?

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) to support Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice?

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Arts Council?

Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars (\$3,161.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Human Services?

Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?

Article 23. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with new industrial and commercial owners, lessees, bailees, of real property, or

with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct, acquire or renovate industrial and/or commercial real property, including additions to existing property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to the provision of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Article 24. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with operators of agricultural real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees, or operators who construct acquire or renovate, or who intend to construct, acquire or renovate agricultural real property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the valuation of such real property in the Grand List for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount in money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to provisions of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Article 25. To transact any other nonbinding business proper to be brought before said meeting.

The legal voters of the Town Of Hardwick are further notified that voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to said Annual Town Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Hardwick, Vermont this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2013.

Kathleen Hemmens, Chair  
Danny Hale, Vice Chair  
Eric Remick

Hardwick Town Clerk's Office. Received for record this 29 day of January, 2013 at 8 O'clock 00 minutes a.m., the instrument of which the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Alberta Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk

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## **GREENSBORO NURSING HOME**

Greensboro Nursing Home continues to provide the highest quality of care and quality of life to the residents of the Hardwick community. Over the year many of the residents which have experienced the loving care at Greensboro Nursing Home have been citizens of Hardwick and the surrounding community.

Your nursing home provided over 10,500 patient care days during the past year, of which approximately 70% were State assisted days (Medicaid). Medicaid reimbursement does not cover the entire cost of caring for our residents, and it is only through donations from the community and town appropriations that we are able to continue to offer the high level of care that you have come to expect and the residents deserve.

Additionally we prepared more than 10,675 hot, nutritious meals which were delivered throughout the year to our community residents who otherwise may not have healthy and nutritious food on a daily basis. These meals are cooked and packaged by our staff, paid for with State and Federal funding and delivered by volunteers from the community. This is a true team effort that allows community members to remain independent in their homes.

At this time we ask your support for our endeavors by requesting a \$3,000 appropriation so we may continue the work we do for the citizens of Hardwick.

Thank you for your continued support.

Greensboro Nursing Home Board & Administration  
Andy Dales, President  
Norma Wiesen, Vice Pres.  
Melissa Greene, Sec./Treas.  
Nek Aaron, Adm.

Ted Donlon  
Chris Pierpont  
Bridget Collier  
Frank Fitzpatrick  
Addie King

## **CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE**

In Fiscal Year 2012 we continued to successfully provide our clients with qualified home care, hospice, long term care, maternal child health and private duty services. We were able to end the year in a financially sound position secondary to the financial support we received from towns, donated memorial contributions and fundraising events.

Last year we made over 46,000 visits to your neighbors and relatives. In Hardwick there were 3,341 visits; 845 nursing, 591 Home Health Aide, 542 Therapy (Physical, Occupational and Speech, 42 Social Services, 1,195 Homemaking and 126 Hospice. In addition to our home care and hospice programs, we offered a variety of screenings and community clinics for flu shots and foot care. We also implemented a new initiative in conjunction with the State of Vermont, the Nurse Family Partnership Program, which focuses on supportive services for first time mothers.

All town appropriation money will go directly to preserve the health care you and your neighbors deserve. Thank you for your continued support.

Buffie Hegarty, Support Services Mgr., 802-747-4540

## **HARDWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The following is a report on the activities of the Hardwick Historical Society and it's plans for the coming year:

We renovated a room at the Historical Society's Depot. (21 feet wide, 30 feet long with an eleven foot height to the bottom of the ceiling joists)

This room had never been done over. It is a must see when you are at the depot.

Also, we are set up with Wi-Fi for computers.

All emergency lights were brought up to standard with two new lights.

The furnace was cleaned and new parts installed including a cold air return which was never hooked up when the furnace was installed.

Five new energy efficient outside lights, approved by the State of Vermont, were installed. They will be a huge electric saver.

Marc Luneau, with his boys from Hazen, came down and moved everything out of the room that was going to be renovated. They did it in a very short time frame.

All of the renovation work was done with the Hardwick Historical Society's money.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the HHS, the town voters for their support.

We would appreciate the same amount of \$3,000.00 to be voted on for the coming year.

Elwyn J. Daniels Jr., President  
Hardwick Historical Society, 802-472-8555

## **HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY**

Our mission is to provide good quality food to those in need in our community. The pantry is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) agency with one part-time staff person, a twelve-member board, and many volunteers. We serve the six towns of Hardwick, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Stannard, Walden and Wolcott. Open hours are Mon 12 – 2pm, Thurs and Sat 9 – 11am.

In 2012 we served an average of 125 households per month, an increase over the previous year. Most of these are Hardwick residents. We offer nutritious groceries and fresh local produce to families and individuals. Clients can come to the pantry once a month, or in an emergency, to pick up food to supplement their families' needs.

Over the holidays 115 Thanksgiving dinner baskets were given out, each with a turkey or ham, fixings, local vegetables, and a fresh baked pie. At Christmas 135 baskets were distributed. This is a joint effort on the part of many people from farmers to bakers to packers, so that all our neighbors can enjoy a holiday meal.

We would like to thank the voters of Hardwick for your generous support over the years. It is the commitment of the greater community who already give so much of their time, energy, and money, that keeps our doors open.

Ruth Gaillard, President, 472-5940

## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR NORTHEASTERN VERMONT**

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and

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older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Agency connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency, but many of those we assist donate to help support our work.

During the past year the Agency provided assistance to 97 town residents. Services included senior meals, in-home assistance, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers,

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Ken Gordon, Executive Director, 748-5182

## **HARDWICK SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Hardwick Senior Citizens Center serves as a meeting place for members and guests. There is a lending library and is also used as a meeting place for other organizations.

The Senior Center is closed for the winter to conserve fuel and electricity. During that time the weekly Thursday lunch meal and discussion is held at the Hazen Union cafeteria. The Senior Center will re-open in the spring.

This year an electric hot water heater had to be purchased and was installed.

Members volunteered at the local Red Cross Blood Drawing, area Food Shelf, Hardwick Historical Society, and church sponsored programs and participated in the Spring Festival Parade.

The Hardwick Senior Citizens Center thanks you and appreciates your support.

Donna Hale, Secretary, 472-6091

## **AWARE**

For 28 years, AID to Women, Men & Children in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) has been serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in your community.

Last year AWARE served 223 women, men and children, who were directly affected by violence, over 175 children who were exposed to violence answered over 840 hotline calls, educated over 2,800 students, and held several educational outreach events.

Those served by AWARE received crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safe housing, emergency provisions housing and assistance, transportation, support groups and education.

AWARE continues to rely on local funding and support from the towns that we serve. As always, we at AWARE greatly appreciate the continuing community support for our programs.

Anna Pirie, Executive Director, 802-472-6463

## **NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE**

North Country Animal League (NCAL) respectfully submits a 2013 Town Appropriation request for \$1,600. North Country Animal League is a non-profit organization promoting compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animal through sheltering of homeless animals adoptions, education, spay/neuter programs and support of cruelty prevention. One of our spay/neuter programs is our low cost spay/neuter clinic. As of October, 2012 we had offered three low cost spay/neuter clinics to the public, resulting in the spaying or neutering of over 90 non-shelter animals.

North Country Animal League has been accepting stray or surrendered animals from Hardwick since 1994. Those animals receive medical care and neutering during the average three-week-long stay before being adopted. NCAL does not euthanize animals for space. Our adoption fees pay less than 25% of the expenses incurred for medical attention, spay/neuter, de-worming, vaccines, food and care. We receive no state or federal funding and rely entirely on the generosity of towns, individuals and businesses to find homes for animals that might otherwise be euthanized.

In addition to taking Hardwick's strays and surrenders, we are involved in the community with our education programs. Qualified staff members and volunteers go into the schools, nursing homes or speak to community groups like the Scouts to teach humane and kind treatment of animals. Many of the county's social service groups use us as a place to teach responsibility and caring and our volunteer program offers opportunities for people who want to serve their community.

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

Sallie Scott, Executive Director, 802-888-5065 Ext. 110

## **LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER**

...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.

May 2012 marked 36 years of service to children, youth and families by the Lamoille Family Center! During this time, thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received our services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, youth services and emergency assistance. Countless children are stronger, safer and more confident as a result of their involvement with the Family Center.

In fiscal year 2012 more that 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley received home visits, participated in playgroups, attended parent education classes, received Reach Up services and engaged in monitored parent-child contact, including approximately 200 individuals from Hardwick. In addition:

- 59 Hardwick residents received emergency assistance including funding for rent and fuel and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture.
- Dozens of Hardwick families and child care providers received child care support services including

assistance with applying for Child Care Financial Assistance, referral to regulated programs, professional development for child care staff and participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We could not 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, 802-888-5229 ext 124

## **THE HARDWICK TOWN HOUSE (NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTS COUNCIL)**

The mission statement of the Northeast Kingdom Arts Council for The Hardwick Town House is to preserve the historic building while making it a dynamic center of culture for the region through educational and entertaining programming. NeKArts Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization run by an all volunteer Board of Directors. We meet once monthly and would welcome new members to our group. Please contact Shari at 472-5920 if you would like to visit and see if you are interested in joining the board.

This appropriation of \$2,500 will be used as matching funds in order to secure additional grants that require evidence of the community's support of the NeKArts Council's mission. NeKArts has operated since 2001 primarily through successful grant writing and individual donations which have allowed it to make significant renovations to the Town House while expanding the number and variety of its programs, from public meetings to concerts & vaudeville. The Town House is owned by the Town of Hardwick and is leased to NeKArts with the agreement that NeKArts will actively pursue both public and private funding necessary to further rehabilitate this historic asset.

In 2012, funding and support has allowed for the completion of the first phase of Town House weatherization. When all three phases are complete, the Town House will be efficient enough to return to year-round programming. In early 2013, Vermont Arts Council - Cultural Facilities matching grant funds will bring upgrades to the electrical wiring, improvements in utility and stage lighting.

If you would like to know more about what is happening at the Hardwick Town House visit <http://hardwicktownhouse.org/>

Current members of the Hardwick Town House (NeKArts Council) Board of Directors: Shari Cornish, Sally Anstey, Tracy Martin & David Gross, Joyce Mandeville, Karen Holmes, Justin Lander & Rose Friedman, Brent & Maya McCoy, Rick Norcross

## **HARDWICK COMMUNITY TELEVISION – CHANNEL 16**

Hardwick Community Television is committed to fulfilling the vision of a local nonprofit TV station that gives the community access to the people, government meetings, and events of interest to the area.

HCTV is working to increase its accessibility to a wider viewership. Hazen Varsity Basketball games and Hardwick Selectboard meetings are now viewable online. Anyone who has internet access can watch these programs whether they get cable or not. The HCTV website is [www.hctv.us](http://www.hctv.us). Or, the programs can be viewed live on Ustream at the time of the actual event. As always, HCTV's full broadcast schedule can be viewed on Channel 16 by cable subscribers.

During the past year, HCTV covered school sporting events, Hardwick and Woodbury Selectboard meetings, interviews with Selectboard candidates, Spring Festival, school concerts and other community events. HCTV will continue to produce shows like Buffalo Times and Statehouse Chat. These broadcasts are available for viewing on DVD by anyone in town and can be borrowed by calling the station. In addition, HCTV is now able to share locally produced shows with the rest of the state through the VMX network.

Hazen Union varsity basketball game broadcasts in 2012/13 are accompanied by live play-by-play audio thanks to Joe LaPorte who generously offers to call the games.

The station's underwriting opportunities for local businesses to promote themselves while supporting HCTV and community events, continues to grow.

HCTV can broadcast live from the Memorial Building, the Town House, or Hazen Union. We can also broadcast recorded events from other community locations, such as the Hardwick Elementary School, the farmers market, or area athletic fields.

HCTV operates on an annual budget of under \$40,000. We have two part time staff members: Leif Goldberg, our Executive Director, and Robin Grant, our Technical Director. Robin will continue to cover Selectboard meetings and Hazen Union Basketball games. Leif is on board to work with community members who want to use HCTV to produce and broadcast local programming. He also works with businesses and non-profits who are interested in taking advantage of the media opportunities the station has to offer.

In order to cover more of what's going on in Hardwick, HCTV needs volunteers. HCTV offers free camera and editing training and will equip you to run the cameras at community events or edit tapes for broadcast.

The HCTV Board of Directors and staff thank you, the citizens of Hardwick, for your support. If you would like to volunteer your time, and learn a valuable new skill, call us at 472-6655.

Steve Freihofner, HCTV President

## **RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March, 2013 for an appropriation in the amount of \$3,400.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

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 non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 182,827 rides per year.

RCT transports people 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.

Last fiscal year RCTY provided 95 Hardwick residents with 4,241 rides travelling 131,437 miles. These rides do not include the twice monthly shuttle service.

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mary Grant, Executive Director, 748-8170

## **HARDWICK AREA COMMUNITY COALITION**

“Investing in addiction prevention programs yields a 10-1 return for society.” according to a study done at the Iowa State University.

Do you know someone or have you been affected by a drug or alcohol addiction?

After many years of noticing prescription drug abuse as well as other drug abuse happening in our community, a community member, called a public meeting to address these destructive issues. Over 100 people attended that first meeting, with a core group of community members volunteering to do more.

As a result, the Hardwick Area Community Coalition was created. We were fortunate to get scholarships to allow us to attend various trainings on building an effective drug prevention organization.

We developed into a Coalition: a group of individuals and organizations working together in order to achieve a common goal – the Hardwick Area Community Coalition focuses our mission on reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by changing the norms within our communities and delaying the onset of first use of these substances by youth.

We received a grant from the state of Vermont Department of Health during the summer of 2004. We have continued to receive support from the state as well as the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to further our work until recently when our State Grant ended June 30th, 2011. We currently do not have a grant and rely on fundraising and donations.

### **2012 Year In Review**

Some of our activities this past year included:

- We sent out monthly newsletters with prevention information
- Maintained a website page a facebook page that is filled with prevention information
- Hosted a Lantern Auction to raise funds
- Helped bring the Jam Band (Drug Free World) to the Spring Festival Parade.
- We hosted a Family Festival in June at Juedivine Falls
- Around Graduation and Prom time we sent out

a mailing to all parents of Junior and Seniors to remind them about social host party laws and the consequences of providing alcohol to minors.

- With the help of Grand Union donating bottled water we handed out free water to those in attendance at Craftsby and Hazen Graduations.

- We hosted a Department of Liquor Control Training for local store clerks.

- We worked with the Hardwick Recreation Committee to host a Whiffle Ball Tournament and Home Run Derby.

- We worked with the Hazen Drivers Ed program to provide an educational evening about safe driving practices.

- We handed out bags with prevention information at Halloween time.

Over the last 9 years we have seen improvement but there is still a lot to do and we need community financial support to keep doing our prevention work in our communities.

To sign up for this monthly newsletter please visit [www.haccprevention.com](http://www.haccprevention.com) or call 472-8010 to be added to the mailing list.

We look forward to serving you in the future!

Erica Baker, Hardwick Area Community Coalition Coordinator, 802-472-8010

## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM YOUTH SERVICES**

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services has been offering vital supportive services for you and families since 1975. In so12 NEKYS served 4,829 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties. In 2012 NEKYS served 272 in Hardwick.

### **Families**

NEKYS staff is available 24 hours a day to support families through periods of crisis and conflict.

Through mediation and individual and group support with parents and youth, NEKYS' staff works with families with children from birth through adolescence to develop the tools they need to cultivate safe, nurturing homes. Families learn problem-solving skills and create self-directed plans designed to keep conflicts from reaching a crisis.

### **Youth**

NEKYS' serves all young adults ages 15-22 including those who have been in foster care, are homeless, or at high risk of homelessness or need support navigating the system.

### **Restorative Justice:**

Responding within a restorative framework, NEKYS' Restorative Justice Programs address the needs of crime victims, the community and those who have violated the law, utilizing a strength-based approach to assist participants to make things right, to the fullest extent possible, for those who have been affected by their actions.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting

families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES**

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

NKHS serves residents who are challenged by conditions that affect the mind, body and spirit. During fiscal year 2012 we provided services to approximately 4,216 individuals in our three-county service area. 88 were from your community. These adults, children and families may have needed help to cope with severe or persistent mental illness, emotional disturbances, alcohol and drug problems, developmental and/or intellectual disabilities such as mental retardation and autism, or need our 24-hour crisis intervention program. We have offices in Newport, Hardwick and St. Johnsbury and reach out to other communities in the schools, homes and other locations. NKHS is proud to employ 9 from your community.

Fees are charged based on the person's ability to pay. No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay. In the past fiscal year 87% percent of our revenues came from Medicaid, 7% from grants and contracts, 4% from local and other sources and 2% from other patient fees. Our program expenses show 59% in the Developmental Services program, 17% Children's Treatment and 4% Adult Outpatient and 1% Emergency Services. We calculate our appropriation request based on \$1.05 per person based on the most recent census. The UVM Center for Rural Studies, The Vermont State Data Center verified the population of the Town of Hardwick at 3,010 in 2010. Please support our Appropriation request for \$3,161.00.

We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide and your financial support.

Eric Grims, Executive Director, 802-748-3181  
Andy Barter, President, Board of Directors

## **HARDWICK AREA COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER**

In the 2011/12 fiscal year the Hardwick Area Community Justice Center programs provided restorative processes in the Pre-Charge and Reparative Probation programs where offenders took responsibility for their offense and worked to make amends to victims and the community in 30 criminal cases. The types of cases included: Burglary, Simple Assault Petit Larceny, Disorderly Conduct, Disorderly Conduct by Mutual Affray, Unlawful Mischief, Operation of a Motor Vehicle without Owners Consent, Property Destruction, Domestic Assault, and Speeding. Twenty-two crime victims participated in

the restorative processes. Approximately 20 hours of community service were completed at local non-profit organizations in the Hardwick Area as part of contract conditions and as a way for participants to reconnect to their community. Community volunteers from the towns of Hardwick, Greensboro, East Hardwick, Walden, Woodbury and Cabot and Craftsbury contributed 588 hours to HACJC throughout the year serving on the Citizens' Advisory Board or as panel members for the programs. Additionally, facilitation or mediation services were provided for a co-worker dispute and for a family conflict. HACJC continues to provide consultation for Hazen Union's Justice League as students conduct in-house restorative processes for appropriate offenses in the high school.

HACJC has expanded its services by offering an Offender Reentry Program to provide support for people in the criminal justice system that are returning to the Hardwick Area. The program helps participants meet conditions of release and become engaged and responsible members of the community. "Circles of Support and Accountability" (COSA) may be part of an offender reentry plan that focuses on public safety by taking into consideration the needs of those who may have been victims of the offender's crime as the COSA team supports the participant in reintegrating into the community.

The primary work of HGRJ programs is to make amends for the harm caused by crime by holding offenders accountable for their actions and finding appropriate ways for the offender to make amends for the harm. HACJC receives referrals from local law enforcement before the case is referred to the State's Attorney's office (Pre-Charge), by the Department of Corrections as a condition of probation (Reparative Probation) or directly from community members interested in resolving other conflict or disputes. Town officials, civic group leaders, organization boards, and school administrators also may make other referrals to the program. HACJC provides dispute resolution coaching and conducts educational community events each year and influences the atmosphere of the community by offering more satisfying resolution by allowing victims of crime to have a say in the outcome of the case. Other positive impacts are improved relationships of community members, an enriched learning opportunity focused on making better life choices and a safer place to live.

Carol Plante, Director; (802) 644-1960

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town of Hardwick's fiscal year 2012 budget finished in the black and we were able to put an additional \$28,000 into our reserve fund. The Town budgeted in fiscal year 2012, to do a reserve draw of \$15,000 to keep the budget increase down for the year, but we were able to avoid using that money and still put money away.

I want to thank our Town employees for doing a great job this year. I appreciate everyone pulling together to repair the leak at the wastewater treatment facility

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that occurred this fall. I congratulate Kolin Barclay for passing his Commercial Driver's License exam. I particularly want to thank all of the office staff for their hard work and support this past year; without them we wouldn't have made the accomplishments we have so far. Additionally, I want to say a special thank you to Rosie Gillen for her hard work and support of our efforts. Rosie has worked for the Town for almost five years and has done an excellent job. However, Rosie has decided to move on, taking a job in the private sector where, we know she will do great. We wish her good luck.

The Town Manager's office works for and supports the efforts of the Select Board, and in that regard, we have made a substantial number of accomplishments this year, which are outlined below.

#### Accomplishments for 2012

- Budget: The Town Manager's Office worked with the Select Board and the various Town department heads to prepare the FY14 operating and capital budgets.

- Capital projects:

- Completed the West Church Street water project and closed out the State of Vermont STAG grant for \$868,000.

- Initiated design work for improving pedestrian access and storm water improvements on South Main Street with a target of going to bid this summer.

- Completed the Center Road Bridge project and closed out the Federal Highway grant of approximately \$270,000.

- Went to bid on Porter Brook Bridge and expect a total project cost of approximately \$200,000 with construction due to begin this summer.

- Replaced lead-up guardrails to the East Hardwick Bridge.

- Initiated a scoping study for extending the Town bike path on Wolcott Street.

- Worked with the State Water Supply Division and Town engineers to begin designing and developing estimates for constructing a new reservoir, including purchase and installation of water meters. The bond issue to finance this necessary project will be voted on at Town Meeting. It is imperative that we pass the bond to avoid legal action with the State of Vermont.

- Reallocated capital funds and paved parts of South Main Street and Mill Street.

- Performed a traffic study in the urban compact of the Town. This study may be used to change speed limits and may help the Town reclassify some roads.

- Police Department: The Town was fortunate enough to have a building donated and after going through the permit process and working with various local contractors, we successfully moved the Police Department to the new Town Public Safety Building.

- Community Development:

- We closed out the Vermont Community Development Program grant for the Vermont Food Venture Center, which was approximately \$800,000.

- Worked with Housing Vermont and the Lamoille Housing Partnership to apply for a Vermont Economic Development grant of \$300,000 to renovate Maple Street Apartments.

- Economic Development Loans

- Approved refinancing two Economic Development Loans, one for Larry Hamel and one for Terry Coolbeth. Approved financing one new loan for Shari Cornish and Edgar Davis. Relating to the Economic Development Loan Fund, there is currently \$325,751 in receivables and \$241,664 of cash on hand.

- Fraud Prevention Efforts: The Town continues to make headway on fraud prevention, following guidance from our auditors.

- Redrafted employee guidelines adding a section relating for "Code of Conduct", which identifies examples and specifically prohibits "Fraudulent Behavior".

- Developed and implemented a "Conflict of Interest" policy for all Town employees.

- Developed and implemented a "Town Investment" policy.

- Personnel: Developed and implemented performance appraisals for all staff.

- Downtown: We made substantial efforts to improve the aesthetics of the Downtown.

- Used downtown beautification money to purchase additional banners.

- Purchased and installed new crosswalk signs.

- Worked with local business owners to develop "First Friday" summer events.

- Cleaned up the downtown and installed park benches and trash cans.

- Special Project: Planning the construction of a small boat access to Hardwick Lake with the assistance of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Work is expected to be completed this summer.

Our efforts this year have focused on implementing actions that we hope will help to improve the economic outlook of the Town, to improve the safety of our citizens, and improve the condition of our roads and essential infrastructure. We look forward to serving you next year. As always, we will keep a close watch on the budget and look for ways to save as much money as possible. We plan to continue our efforts to improve the downtown and look forward to accomplishing additional projects. One project we want to focus on is improving the condition of Mackville Road. In that effort, the Town may be asking for a bond issue to move ahead with the improvement project later on this summer. We believe that the expensing of bond payments would be essentially equal to or less than the money the Town is currently setting aside in its annual appropriations for Mackville Road. The current funding plan without a bond would have the Town paving Mackville Road in 2022, which is way beyond when it should be done.

If you have questions, need information, or want to talk about issues, please feel free to drop by the Town Offices, we are always happy to hear from our residents and taxpayers.

## SELECT BOARD REPORT

For the upcoming year, the Hardwick Select Board is proposing a 2014 fiscal year budget of \$2,615,096 which is \$133,806 more than last year's, a 5.39% increase. We believe that this budget will enable the Town to maintain services that residents expect and will also

permit the Town to begin to make needed improvements in our back roads. To pay for the budget as proposed by the Select Board, the tax rate will increase by an estimated 5.04%. A 5.04% increase in the tax rate is equivalent to a \$53.95 increase on a \$100,000 home.

There are a number of factors on both the revenue and expense sides of the ledger that explain the budget and tax increases. On the expense side, the Town will see large percentage increases in several significant non-discretionary areas: our PACIF insurance costs will increase by an average of 16% across all buildings and departments; our health insurance costs will rise by 7%; county taxes doubled from \$14,649 to \$27,677; and retirement expenses will go up 7%. Caspian Lake taxes will add \$10,050 to our costs.

Pay increases for both unionized and office employees will increase by an average of 2.9%. In addition, we have added \$23,694 to the budget to cover the costs of operating the new Public Safety Building. The Rescue Squad contribution to the building's expenses will reduce that amount to \$19,194, which adds approximately 1 percent to the tax rate. We continue to budget an increased amount for summer gravel and winter sand to improve the quality of the material being used to grade the back roads.

On the revenue side, there are several factors that decrease the amount available to cover the Town's expenses. The COPS grant ended in 2012, reducing the amount available to the Police Department by \$46,500. (To compensate, the Greensboro share of the Police Contract will increase in 2013 by 11.5%) The Town has also experienced lower interest rates on investment. In addition, the Veteran's property tax exemption of \$40,000, voted in at last year's Town Meeting, reduces the Grand List by over \$500,000, and tax stabilization agreements to support new area businesses, though temporary, have kept the Grand List from rising each year as much as usual. A required re-appraisal of Lamoille Housing Partnership's Cherry Street property shaved another \$180,000 off the Grand List last year. Although we expect the Grand List to rise in 2013 by approximately 1.5 million dollars, the factors listed above result in a projected short-fall in revenue of 1.70%.

#### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

**Highway Department:** For 2014, the proposed Highway Dept. budget will increase by 1.98%. As indicated above, the main drivers of this increase are the PACIF, health insurance, and retirement costs. As we did last year, we have budgeted an increased amount for summer gravel and winter sand so that the Highway Dept. can continue improving the quality of the material used on the back roads. In 2014, we plan to spend an additional \$28,000 of Capital Funds to add to summer gravel supplies. Utilizing these funds from the Back Roads Capital Fund to purchase extra summer gravel will allow the Town Road Department to apply crushed gravel during the summer rather than waiting for the gravel from the Town pit that is generally not available until September of each year. This action will allow the Town to get ahead on road work for the summer. In conjunction with the use of additional capital money for back road improvements, the Town Road Foreman

will prepare a backroad maintenance plan to identify sections of roads that break up during spring thaw that may be rebuilt to improve road conditions. The plan will also rate each Town back road relative to use and level of performance, to prioritize additional maintenance activities for the long term.

Highway Department equipment expenditures scheduled for 2014 are the following: purchase of a new equipment trailer for \$13,000 and a \$28,375 lease payment for the loader/grader for a total expenditure of \$41,375.

Finally, the Select Board has decided to perform a thorough evaluation of Mackville Road in April to estimate the cost of repairing and repaving the road. If the project cost comes in between \$300,000 and \$400,000 and the Town is allowed to bond to pay for the work, we would move forward to redo the Road. The Select Board has determined that the annual bond repayment of approximately \$40,000 equals the amount that the Town currently is setting aside annually in the Capital Improvements budget for Mackville Road. Bonding would allow the work to get done in 2014 rather than in 2022, when we finally would have saved up the necessary funding.

**Police Department:** The Police Department budget will increase by 4.41%, driven by the increased insurance costs and by increases in line items for overtime and part-time officers to bring the budget more in line with actual expenditures. Internet services and gasoline expenses also contribute to the increase, as well as the increase in base payroll caused by the ending of the COPS grant. The funds proposed to support the operation of the Public Safety Building will be found in the budgeting for Town buildings. On the capital equipment side, one cruiser is scheduled for lease in 2014. \$25,000 has been set aside for this purpose.

**Office Budget:** The projected increase for this department is 2.71%. There are no significant changes that increase the budget except for the above mentioned PACIF, retirement, and health insurance costs. To compensate, there are several reductions in expense, notably Workers' Compensation, election expense, tax billing expense, and website maintenance.

**Fire Department:** The Fire Department budget will increase by 6.68%, driven mainly by the increase in insurance costs, operating expenses and utilities, and equipment repair.

**Line Items:** This part of the budget shows an overall increase of 11.08%. The most significant items causing the increase are: taxes for Caspian Lake; County taxes, and a combined increase of \$29,000 in the Capital Improvements and Equipment Replacement funds. The Jeudevine Library is also budgeted for an increase of \$6,000, half of which is to help cover the salary of the Children's Librarian

**Town Building budgets:** There are several items to note in these budgets. The Town House budget will be reduced by 27.73% because the Select Board decided to drain the heating system and thus shut the heat off entirely for the winter. The Memorial Building budget will decrease 3.58% due again primarily to a decrease in the cost of fuel oil that results from the Police Department moving to the new Public Safety

Building. The estimated costs of operating the Public Safety Building will be \$23,694, offset by the \$3000 that will be contributed by the Rescue Squad.

Capital Improvements Schedule: The proposed budget will enable the Town to pave Highland Avenue, Brush Street, and Riverside Avenue in fiscal year 2014. The long-awaited South Main Street sidewalk project will get underway, and the project now includes needed storm water improvements as well. A bid has been selected for the Porter Brook Bridge repair and work will start there in the spring. We also anticipate being able to do more improvements to the bridge in E. Hardwick village. Town buildings will also see improvements: the Memorial Building's first floor flooring will be replaced and work will be done on the front stairs and front doors. Through grants and the Town match, The Town House's Phase II Weatherization Project will be completed. As required by federal law, the Town will also use \$5000 of capital funds to replace Hardwick's street signs with those that meet the new standards.

The Select Board has worked hard to craft a budget that makes the most of our resources and enables the Town to maintain and improve its infrastructure and services while keeping the burden on the taxpayer as low as possible. We are fortunate to have skilled and dedicated employees in the Town's employ, and the Select Board has seen at firsthand how hard they work to use the Town's funds efficiently and to the best advantage. We want to thank them and also the many volunteers who work, often out of the public eye, to make our community an attractive and vital place to live and who provide services to help those in our community who are in need. To the Hardwick developers and business people who have done so much to restore and enliven Hardwick's downtown, we offer congratulations and appreciation.

### **Water System Bond Issue**

In response to a determination by the State of Vermont that Hardwick's water system does not meet state standards and will not be re-licensed without an upgrade, the Select Board has authorized a bond vote to cover the cost of construction of a new reservoir and the installation of water meters. Aldrich and Elliott, the engineering firm hired to scope out the project, have determined that the cost of the project will be \$1,800,000. The new reservoir is necessary to ensure that the Town has adequate water to provide necessary supply during times of high use such as a fire, line break, or during flushing operations. The meters will serve as the water system cash register and help ensure that the system is equitable for all users. The estimated increase in rates to users of the system will be \$7.50 per month to cover the loan repayment. However, it will take as long as two years to finalize the new rates after the project is complete. It is important to note that the repayment of the bond will be the responsibility of Hardwick residents who are connected to the water system: as indicated above, the bond will likely mean an increase in water rates. The bond issue does not add an expense to the Town's general operating budget, and will not be repaid through town taxes.

If the bond issue does not pass, the State would likely

issue an Order of Noncompliance, which could end up in court, with the State asking the Court to mandate the improvements or fine the Town for not doing so. It is essential that the Town pass the Bond Issue, so that we can move ahead with a compliant, fully licensed water system.

## **PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN REPORT**

This past year has been a busy one for the Hardwick Public Work's Department. Along with the regular maintenance work of street sweeping, parking and crosswalk line painting there was also flushing hydrants, filling pot holes and of course grading the roads. We did extensive ditching work on Hopkins Hill, Tucker Brook Road, Smith Farm Road, the lower part of Town Farm Road, Ward Hill and Richardson Road. In addition to ditching, new under drainage was installed on West Hill Extension and Bunker Hill. Culverts were replaced on Pumpkin Lane, Bridgman Hill, Morin Lane and Town Farm Road. A culvert extension and road widening project was completed on Porter Brook Road. Over 7000 yards of gravel was crushed this past summer

Paving was done on South Main Street, Mill Street and Log Yard Road. The project on Winter Street, Jenne Road and Kellogg Street was finally wrapped up with those roads also being paved. The underpass in Greensboro Bend was also paved as the final step of repairing from the flood.

With only a few minor water leaks and one major Water Main break on South Main Street we were able to cross some projects off our list in 2012. A new 12 inch Water Main connection was installed on Wolcott Street to cross the river and connect with the loop that includes West Church Street. We slip lined 589 feet of sewer line on Wolcott Street. We rebuilt the pumps at the lift station. In order to comply with the State's Sanitary Survey and had to rebuild the walls at the reservoir. We worked on the aeration system and the lagoon liner at the sewage treatment facility.

Thanks to the Public Works Crew who deserve a lot of respect for the long hours of wintertime plowing and sanding to keep the roads open and safe for the Hardwick Community:

Brent Hodgdon	Mike Gravel	Ken LaCasse
Perley Allen	Tod Ferland	Kolin Barclay
		Tom Fadden

## **HARDWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

In the year ending June 30, 2012, Hardwick Police responded to 1854 calls for service. There were 186 criminal charges filed by Hardwick Police, This represents a 10% increase in criminal charges from the previous year. The categories with the highest amount of offences were, Embezzlement (24), Violation of Conditions of release (24), Driving with a suspended license (21), Simple Assault (10), Burglary (8), Domestic Assault (6) representing a 33% decrease in Domestic Assault offenses from the previous year, and Petit Larceny (8).

In 2012 Hardwick Police continued to utilize a speed cart in an effort to gather data for traffic enforcement

operations. 208 traffic tickets were issued in 2012, representing a 22% increase from the previous year. We participated in the Governor's Highway Safety program, (GHSP), in an effort to enforce safe driving on Vermont highways. Hardwick received enforcement assistance for the campaigns from Morristown Police Department and Vermont State Police. By participating in the campaign, Hardwick received \$4000 in grant funding to be utilized for traffic safety and enforcement equipment. A grant was also awarded to Hardwick Police from GHSP in the amount of \$6000 to pay for Officer's salaries, while participating in the safety campaign.

Hardwick Police applied for a VCOMM grant to replace the base station police radio, the base station repeater, four mobile radios and eleven portable radios. The equipment was in need of replacement to meet the FCC requirement for narrow banding for law enforcement. The grant was approved and awarded to Hardwick Police in the amount of 46,685.00. The new equipment has been purchased and programmed meeting the requirement prior to the January 01, 2013 deadline.

Hardwick Police participated as a member of the (S)top (T)een (A)lcohol (R)isk (T)eam by providing pro-active and reactive enforcement of underage drinking laws. A grant provided to each county for this enforcement pays for the Officers salary while participating in the enforcement. Hardwick Police issued (14) tickets for underage drinking and (5) criminal citations.

The department also received a grant from the law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program in the amount of \$31,256. The grant was used to purchase an additional in car computer and a license plate reader (LPR). The LPR has been used by law enforcement around the country to aid Law Enforcement with public safety solutions and vehicle-related crimes. The LPR has been attributed to the recovery of abducted children and missing persons, the confiscation of illegal drugs, and the apprehension of criminal suspects for a variety of criminal activity, across the country.

The department received a grant for \$1092 from the Department of Justice for the purchase of Police Officer body armor and a grant from VLCT for \$1148, also for body armor.

In January 2013, The Hardwick Police Department moved to its new location at 56 High Street. The renovations and move was made possible with the help of many community volunteers, Officers and their families. These volunteers spent many hours painting and cleaning to assist in the reduction of cost to their community and improve the working conditions for the Officers. The entrance to the new facility is in the rear of the building and can be accessed upon entering the parking lot and following the lot to the rear of the building.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Warden Russ Shopland assisted the Hardwick Police Department with their firearms training in 2012. Warden Shopland's knowledge of firearms training has been invaluable to the Hardwick Police Department.

The department continues to maintain a strong relationship with the Hardwick Area Community Coalition, Restorative Justice and Aware.

I would like to thank the Hardwick and Greensboro

communities for their strong support and in assisting the Hardwick Police Department to become a strong member of the community partnership.

Wishing everyone a healthy and safe year.

Sincerely, Aaron Cochran, Police Chief

Corporal Mike Glodgett	Officer Michael Gero
Officer Kevin Lehoe	Officer Chris Tetreault
Officer Steven Mitchell	Officer Dan Locke
Officer Tanner Atwood	Officer Darin Barber
Officer William Morley	
Executive Assistant Lisa Fecteau	

## **HARDWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

This past year showed just how far we can be called for mutual aid, sending us to Barre City and to Middlesex for structure fires. Our calls for the year were down with only 62 calls that consisted of:

- 1 vehicle fire
- 3 assists to the Hardwick Police Department with traffic control
- 2 lift assistance hours
- 10 Carbon Dioxide detectors or fire alarms calls
- 5 Hazardous Material Calls
- 9 structure fire
- 10 car accidents
- 10 mutual aid calls
- 12 miscellaneous

We have begun the daunting task of getting estimates to replace our 1985 Pumper Truck. At nearly 30 years old, it has served us well, but is showing its age. Initial estimates for a new pumper run around \$275,000 and within the next two or three years we may be looking for your support. I would like to thank all of our long serving firefighters and welcome our new members who take time to help this community and others.

Thank you for support, Chief Tom Fadden

## **JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The library had another very busy year with 15,092 patron visits. We checked out 16,024 items. We had 53 adult programs attended by 630 people and 265 juvenile programs attended by 2463 people. There were 4858 sessions with our computers and 1219 wireless users (observed, but many more use our system when we are closed). Our staff was asked for help with reference questions 2266 times (that we remembered to record). It is a busy place.

Last summer a new Youth Services Librarian, Jessica Summer, started work on June 16 and had to step right in to doing all the summer program (already, thankfully) scheduled by the previous Youth Librarian. Jessica jumped right in, busy all year long with a great stream of programs for youth. In the school year she had weekly visits from the Headstart and two afternoons to program as a partner to the Hardwick Elementary After School Program. She also worked weekly with different age groups from the Buffalo Mountain School. She continued with the weekly preschool storytime and vacation programs. She also wrote and received many

grants: \$2,500 from the Winnie Bell Learned Fund for a multi-modal literacy support including audio books, flannel board and printed books all in a case for young children; \$2,000 grant for books from CLiF (the Children's Literacy Foundation); \$600 from Ashgate Publishing to greatly augment our collection of juvenile graphic novels, and \$100 from the VT Dept. of Libraries to help pay for one of our summer programs. The total was \$5,200.

I got another grant from the Turrell Fund of \$4,500 to help with the salary of the Youth Librarian. Since Select Board member Shari Cornish asked the library to join in her application for an eVT Community Broadband Grant, the library received over \$3,000 of equipment including four laptops with 4 licenses for Microsoft Office Professional edition and four cases to carry the laptops, an iPad, a NOOK color, a Kindle Fire, two Kindle touches, a digital camera, and a new wireless router. The library had a computer tutor who spent 4 hours per week at the library for one-on-one training through the grant. I coordinated four courses for the public through the grant that we held at Hazen Union's computer lab. Two courses to introduce the Internet and two to help businesses to get online.

We had a variety of adult programs besides the eVT Grant programs including a visit from Agatha Christie (played by Professor Helene Lang) through the Vermont Humanities Council. We had numerous poetry readings and several movies.

The library has become much more vital in all areas and more people are using the library. The fact is though, that our lack of space is limiting our ability to make much more progress. The building is beautiful. The Trustees felt that the voters made it clear that they want the library services to remain in the Jeudevine building. This building still needs work on it. The windows need repair and until they are repaired we can't get new window shades. Our current shades, bought in 1973, are literally crumbling into pieces. The floors need to be stripped of the worn-out linoleum. We need ceiling fans to push the hot air down in the winter. Every time we buy a new book, we need to discard a book. We've added all the shelves that we can find places for.

In order for the library to give better service to more people, we need space for more people to fit. I have heard anecdotally that people drive over to Greensboro or Craftsbury because we don't have enough space to accommodate them. Our lack of accessibility to people with disabilities was telling at one point this year when a woman wanted to come in to use the computers and her family had to help her into the library and then carry in her wheel chair. My hope is that the Trustees, my staff, the Friends of the Library, the Select Board, the Town of Hardwick and all its citizens will work hard to put an addition on the library to make it a wonderful, accessible jewel for the town.

For this project, we need volunteers to serve on the Planning Committee and the Finance Committee. Please contact me at the library if you are interested: 472-5948 or e-mail me at jeudevine@hotmail.com.

It is warned here, that the Trustees of the Jeudevine Memorial Library will hold their Board meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5:15

PM at the library.

Submitted by Lisa Sammet, Library Director

## **VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

The Vermont Department of Health is working for your health every day. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2012 the Health Department:

We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Hardwick, 176 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Promoted immunizations and worked to control the spread of infectious diseases like influenzas, measles and pertussis (whooping cough). This year saw another rise in the number of cases of pertussis, from 95 statewide in 2011 to 471 by December, 2012 - including 43 in Caledonia County.

Launched a new online resource that brings environmental and public health data together in one place, at [www.healthvermont.gov/tracking](http://www.healthvermont.gov/tracking). The Tracking portal has count-level searchable data and information about air quality, asthma hospitalizations, birth defects, blue-green algae, cancer rates, carbon monoxide poisoning, drinking water, heart attacks, lead poisoning and reproductive health-with links to national data.

**Your Health Department District office** is in Morrisville, at 63 Professional Drive, Suite 1, Tel: 802-888-7447.

## **PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY**

**PACE** Allows you to finance your home energy upgrade with your monthly energy savings:

Plan your home energy upgrade:

Choose your qualified contractor to do a home energy audit.

Efficiency first: evaluate insulation and weatherization improvements that would be most cost effective.

Done these? Consider renewables--More efficient home heating? Solar Hot Water or PV? [www.revermont.org](http://www.revermont.org)

Investigate tax & rebate incentives: [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org)

Analyze cost, energy savings, payback, other bank financing.

If PACE financing appears to work for you...

Apply for your PACE project. [www.encyvermont.org](http://www.encyvermont.org)

Contact Efficiency VT or Town for an application packet.

Town confirms property info to Efficiency VT (that current taxes are paid; home tax assessment value, deed and mortgage recording data)

Owner applies to Efficiency VT with information:

Your qualified contractor's project plans and data

Town confirmation regarding recorded deeds and value

Owner's agreement regarding credit status & terms

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Project review and qualification by Efficiency VT....  
Choose to proceed and save!  
You register with the Town; lien agreement recorded in Land Records; term and payment arrangements confirmed.  
Owner arranges with contractor to proceed with the project.  
Efficiency VT certifies completion and authorizes payment to you for the contract work.  
Enjoy your investment!  
Appreciate your home's increased value and comfort.  
You pay as you save:  
Automatic monthly payments.  
Reduced monthly energy expenses keep cash flow 'in PACE' ...  
Improvements and payments can stay with the property – if you sell - - or the energy assessment can be paid off at any time.

Peter Adamczyk, (802)540-7631

us at the Hardwick Town offices if you have suggestions or would like to serve on the committee.

Marie LaPre Grabon, Robin Arnell, Tami Furry  
Mike Johnson, Karen Klotz, Ron Wiesen

## **HARDWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Hardwick Recreation Committee's mission is to provide citizens of all ages and abilities the chance to learn new skills through recreational activities, to enhance wellbeing and to gather as a community to celebrate seasonal events.

The Rec Committee provides a partial funding and oversight to groups and organizations that offer recreational activities to our townspeople.

REAC H! provides programs aimed at elementary and middle school children, including adventure camp, swimming, summer soccer and cross-country skiing.

Senior Trotters organizes trips to various events and points of interest.

Key Club members from Hazen Union host the Spring Egg Hunt for some of our youngest participants.

Hardwick Trails offers opportunities for all ages to participate in birding, nature walks, walking, running, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and biking in either guided or do-it-yourself formats. In summer the trails are mowed and in the winter trails are groomed for skiing. Snowshoes and skis are available on loan for use on the trails. Hardwick Trails Committee sponsored 10 events throughout the year for adults and children. 600 people attended the most popular event, the Pumpkin Walk. In 2012, the Trails Committee began refitting the log cabin behind Hazen Union as a headquarters for programs and to provide more storage for equipment. Thanks to the generous donations of community members, grants received from Concept2 and The Green Mountain Fund of The Vermont Community Foundation, work time from GMTCC, VASA, committee and community volunteers, a new metal roof is now in place on the cabin and a pole barb storage shed is nearing completion.

Other Recreation Committee-sponsored events include Green-Up Day, the Haunted Library (in conjunction with Jeudevine Library), a whiffle-ball tournament and Santa's visit to Hardwick Inn.

The Recreation Committee would love to have new members and hear new ideas. We are especially interested in re-instating a skating rink. Please contact



**FY 2014 Estimated Tax Rate based on Proposed FY2014 Budget  
and Impact on a \$100,000 home**

**FY2014 Estimated Tax Rate**

FY 2014 Proposed Property Tax		\$1,837,154.41
Estimated Grand List July 1, 2013		\$163,338,200.00
FY 2014 Estimated Tax rate		\$0.01125
	Value per \$100	\$1.1248
FY2013 Municipal Tax rate		\$0.010708
	Value per \$100	\$1.0708

**Impact on a \$100,000 home**

Estimated FY2014 municipal tax liability on a \$100,000 home	\$1,124.75
FY2013 tax liability on a \$100,000 home	\$1,070.80
Increase (decrease) in FY2014 before appropriations	\$53.95

**Impact on a \$100,000 home with all appropriations**

Estimated value of appropriations if all are passed	\$0.00	
Proposed property taxes with appropriations	\$1,837,154.41	
FY2014 Estimated Tax rate with appropriations	0.01125	
	Value per \$100	\$1.12
Estimated FY2014 municipal tax liability on a \$100,000 home	\$1,124.75	
Increase (decrease) in FY2014 with appropriations	\$53.95	

Estimated increase in Tax Rate reflected in actual dollars/100	\$0.0540
Percent Increase (decrease) in Property Tax rate from FY2013 to FY2014	<u>5.04%</u>

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## IMPACT OF APPROPRIATIONS ON TAX RATE

Article 7.	Greensboro Nursing Home, \$3,000.00
Article 8.	A.W.A.R.E., \$3,000.00
Article 9.	Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, \$4,500.00
Article 10.	Hardwick Senior Citizens, \$2,500.00
Article 11.	Hardwick Community Television, \$2,500.00
Article 12.	Lamoille Family Center, \$1,200.00
Article 13.	North Country Animal League, \$1,600.00
Article 14.	Hardwick Historical Society, \$3,000.00
Article 15.	Rural Community Transportation \$3,400.00
Article 16.	Hardwick Area Food Pantry \$1,000.00
Article 17.	Hardwick Area Community Coalition, \$3,000.00
Article 18.	Hardwick-Greensboro Restorative Justice, \$3,000.00
Article 19.	Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice, \$2,600.00
Article 20.	Northeast Kingdom Arts Council, \$2,500.00
Article 21.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, \$3,161.00
Article 22.	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, \$600.00

The total requested appropriations are \$40,561.00. This figure represents an increase of \$4,061.00 from last year's requested appropriations. If all of the requested appropriations are approved we would need to increase the tax rate by approximately \$2.483 cents. This means that you will be paying \$24.83 on your 2013-2014 tax bill for every \$100,000 of Grand List Value.

**2013- 2014 Hardwick Town Budget  
Projected Revenues**

	Actual	Budget	SB PROPOSED	\$	%
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	DIFF.	DIFF.
Greensboro Police Contr	\$150,869	\$159,936	\$178,977	\$19,041	11.91%
State Highway Aid	\$135,659	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$0	0.00%
Zoning Permits	\$3,635	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Interest on Investments	\$1,413	\$4,000	\$1,500	(\$2,500)	-62.50%
Interest on Cemetery	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0	0.00%
Licenses and Fees	\$22,238	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0	0.00%
Delinquent Charges	\$21,532	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Copying Fees	\$4,306	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	\$405	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Hardwick PD Ticket Rev	\$6,852	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$5,000	66.67%
Water Transfer	\$108,691	\$111,146	\$112,435	\$1,289	1.16%
Sewer Transfer	\$108,691	\$111,146	\$112,435	\$1,289	1.16%
Recording Fee's	\$2,760	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Dog License	\$118	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
DMV fees	\$927	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
PILOT	\$71,907	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$0	0.00%
Current Use Hold Harm	\$84,050	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$0	0.00%
Cops Grant Reimburse	\$70,786	\$46,500	\$0	(\$46,500)	-100.00%
Fireworks Donations	\$1,645	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
FEMA - Stannard Mtn RD	\$9,554	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Downtown Beautification	\$4,058	\$2,000	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	-50.00%
Police LPR Grant	\$23,725	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Police Toughbook Grant	\$6,669	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Police Outside Services	\$656	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
K-9 Donation	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
PD Vest Grant	\$300	\$1,000	\$250	(\$750)	-75.00%
Single Audit Reimb	\$4,480	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%
School Tax Admin Fee	\$4,526	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0	0.00%
Sale of Vehicle	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Hardwick Rescue Reimb	\$0	\$0	\$4,700	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$851,657</b>	<b>\$791,373</b>	<b>\$777,941</b>	<b>(\$13,432)</b>	<b>-1.70%</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,413,535</b>	<b>\$2,481,290</b>	<b>\$2,615,096</b>	<b>\$133,806</b>	<b>5.39%</b>
<b>Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,561,878</b>	<b>\$1,689,917</b>	<b>\$1,837,154</b>	<b>\$147,237</b>	<b>8.71%</b>

**Budget Summary**

Highway/Garage	\$670,255	\$674,437	\$687,778	\$13,341	2.0%
Police Department	\$718,948	\$744,313	\$777,152	\$32,839	4.4%
Office Expenses	\$319,245	\$332,408	\$341,410	\$9,002	2.7%
Fire Department	\$89,776	\$95,219	\$101,580	\$6,361	6.7%
Memorial Building	\$42,719	\$51,281	\$41,302	(\$9,979)	-19.5%
Payroll (Part-time & Elects	\$46,366	\$47,840	\$50,277	\$2,437	5.1%
Line Items	\$513,279	\$527,346	\$585,799	\$58,453	11.1%
Town House	\$3,541	\$8,446	\$6,104	(\$2,342)	-27.7%
Public Safety	\$9,405	\$0	\$23,694	\$23,694	0.0%
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$2,413,535</b>	<b>\$2,481,290</b>	<b>\$2,615,096</b>	<b>\$133,805</b>	<b>5.39%</b>

**2013-2014 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

*Highway Department*

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's</b> <b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Base Payroll	\$227,480	\$230,734	\$236,371	\$5,637	2.44%
Overtime	\$25,109	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	0.00%
Sewer Operator	\$6,109	\$6,313	\$6,526	\$213	3.38%
Social Security Expense	\$18,223	\$19,181	\$19,612	\$431	2.25%
Workers' Compensation	\$20,093	\$18,013	\$14,917	(\$3,096)	-17.19%
Unemployment Insurance	\$2,463	\$2,419	\$2,419	\$0	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$20,321	\$23,741	\$26,887	\$3,147	13.25%
Health Insurance	\$66,926	\$82,699	\$74,685	(\$8,014)	-9.69%
Retirement Expense	\$11,788	\$12,537	\$13,459	\$923	7.36%
Operating Expense/Supplies	\$17,840	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$0	0.00%
Telephone/Internet	\$724	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
Low Band Radio	\$2,868	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$0	0.00%
Culverts	\$201	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Uniforms	\$5,987	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0	0.00%
Line Painting/Crosswalks	\$824	\$400	\$400	\$0	0.00%
Radio Service	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Storm Drains	\$0	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Repair	\$31,885	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	20.00%
Equipment Expense	\$22,618	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Streetscape Maintenance	\$590	\$750	\$1,000	\$250	33.33%
Brush Cutting	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	100.00%
Diesel Fuel	\$57,074	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$5,000	11.11%
Gasoline Fuel	\$4,481	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$4,374	\$5,200	\$4,800	(\$400)	-7.69%
Summer Gravel	\$12,950	\$30,000	\$31,750	\$1,750	5.83%
Chloride	\$12,480	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
Contract Mowing	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.00%
Paving/Patching	\$5,086	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Winter Sand	\$6,450	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$2,000	13.33%
Salt	\$50,883	\$46,800	\$46,800	\$0	0.00%
FEMA Stannard Mtn Road	\$13,457	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Road signs	\$3,049	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
Street Sweeping	\$3,400	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0	0.00%
Safety/Training	\$3,301	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0	0.00%
Bldg Repairs/Maint	\$1,166	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Down Town Beauty	\$4,058	\$2,000	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	-50.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$670,255</b>	<b>\$674,437</b>	<b>\$687,778</b>	<b>\$13,341</b>	<b>1.98%</b>

**2013-2014 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**  
**Police Department**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's</b> <b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Base Payroll	\$266,372	\$366,278	\$380,613	\$14,335	3.91%
Overtime	\$40,775	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	20.00%
Part-time Officers	\$27,574	\$17,500	\$19,000	\$1,500	8.57%
Social Security Expense	\$25,022	\$31,272	\$32,885	\$1,594	5.10%
Workers' Compensation	\$18,452	\$19,198	\$17,535	(\$1,661)	-8.65%
Unemployment Insurance	\$3,291	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$0	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$32,945	\$41,538	\$41,271	(\$267)	-0.64%
Health Insurance	\$81,618	\$110,855	\$119,928	\$9,073	8.18%
Retirement Expense	\$27,763	\$37,171	\$40,035	\$2,863	7.70%
Operating Expense/Supplies	\$5,360	\$4,200	\$5,000	\$800	19.05%
Memberships	\$300	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Training	\$3,483	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Telephone	\$4,043	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0	0.00%
Internet Communications	\$3,885	\$3,900	\$5,000	\$1,100	28.21%
Base Station Antenna Rental	\$0	\$2,400	\$0	(\$2,400)	-100.00%
Dispatch Services	\$30,951	\$31,414	\$31,414	\$0	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$7,190	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Advertising	\$1,067	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.00%
Radio Service	\$864	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$0	0.00%
Investigation Expense	\$925	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Uniforms (Cleaning)	\$775	\$700	\$800	\$100	14.29%
Uniform Purchases	\$3,685	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$0	0.00%
Vest Grant	\$599	\$350	\$700	\$350	100.00%
Gasoline	\$22,303	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$3,000	15.00%
Utilities	\$2,798	\$2,798	\$0	(\$2,798)	-100.00%
Tires	\$951	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
Education	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
K-9 Expense	\$925	\$500	\$750	\$250	50.00%
Equipment	\$3,869	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Cops Grant	\$70,786	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
LETTP - Toughbook Grant	\$6,669	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
LETTP - LPR	\$23,725.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$718,948</b>	<b>\$744,312</b>	<b>\$777,152</b>	<b>\$32,840</b>	<b>4.41%</b>

**2013-2014 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

*Office Expenses*

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's</b> <b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF</b>
Town Managers Office	\$148,910	\$150,580	\$154,351	\$3,771	2.50%
Town Clerks Office	\$63,840	\$64,423	\$66,031	\$1,608	2.50%
Social Security Expense	\$15,270	\$16,448	\$16,859	\$411	2.50%
Workers' Compensation	\$1,742	\$1,575	\$1,135	(\$440)	-27.92%
Unemployment Insurance	\$2,263	\$2,517	\$2,517	\$0	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$4,934	\$5,540	\$6,770	\$1,231	22.22%
Health Insurance	\$45,614	\$49,227	\$51,577	\$2,350	4.77%
Retirement Expense	\$10,253	\$10,750	\$11,570	\$820	7.63%
Town Manager Supplies	\$4,342	\$3,600	\$4,000	\$400	11.11%
Town Clerk Supplies	\$3,321	\$3,600	\$4,000	\$400	11.11%
Town Report Expense	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Conferences/Dues	\$923	\$700	\$700	\$0	0.00%
Tax Billing/Collection Expense	\$1,114	\$1,600	\$1,200	(\$400)	-25.00%
Tax Sale Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Telephone	\$1,189	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0	0.00%
Advertising	\$545	\$700	\$700	\$0	0.00%
TM Search	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Copier	\$1,170	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Election Expense	\$25	\$2,000	\$900	(\$1,200)	-60.00%
Web Site Maintenance	\$254	\$1,200	\$600	(\$600)	-50.00%
Computer Software/Services	\$2,207	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
Education/Training	\$275	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Office/Zoning	\$892	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$0	0.00%
Lister Supplies	\$2,744	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Health Officer Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150	<b>150.00%</b>
Staff Enrichment	\$693	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Purchases	\$4,225	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$500	14.29%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$319,245</b>	<b>\$332,409</b>	<b>\$341,410</b>	<b>\$9,001</b>	<b>2.71%</b>

**2013-2014 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

*Fire Department*

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Labor	\$12,510	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$1,000	9.09%
Social Security	\$958	\$842	\$918	\$77	9.09%
Workers' Compensation	\$895	\$1,800	\$1,787	(\$13)	-0.72%
VLCT/PACIF	\$10,995	\$14,436	\$16,944	\$2,508	17.37%
Operating Exp./Supplies	\$3,702	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500	20.00%
Telephone	\$919	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Dispatch Service	\$13,265	\$13,463	\$13,463	\$0	0.00%
Gasoline	\$187	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.00%
Diesel Fuel	\$2,241	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Repeater Elec	\$147	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$2,459	\$1,500	\$2,400	\$900	60.00%
Fuel Oil	\$8,757	\$9,660	\$7,800	(\$1,860)	-19.25%
Equipment Purchases	\$887	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	0.00%
Clothing	\$1,235	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$1,500	42.86%
Building Repair	\$437	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Repair	\$6,899	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	33.33%
Training	\$167	\$750	\$1,500	\$750	100.00%
Ladder Truck P & I	\$23,317	\$23,318	\$23,318	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$89,776</b>	<b>\$95,219</b>	<b>\$101,580</b>	<b>\$6,361</b>	<b>6.68%</b>

*Memorial Building*

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB'S PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Custodian Salary	\$6,985	\$7,055	\$7,345	\$290	4.11%
Social Security Expense	\$525	\$540	\$562	\$22	4.05%
Workers' Compensation	\$349	\$118	\$115	(\$3)	-2.80%
Unemployment Insurance	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$4,708	\$5,597	\$6,680	\$1,083	19.35%
Operating Exp/Supplies	\$2,405	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Building Maint/Repair	\$1,056	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$6,469	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$0	0.00%
Fuel Oil	\$14,335	\$15,525	\$12,000	(\$3,525)	-22.71%
Elevator/Fire Alarm	\$5,842	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$500	25.00%
Generator	(\$0)	\$400	\$500	\$100	25.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$42,719</b>	<b>\$42,835</b>	<b>\$41,302</b>	<b>(\$1,533)</b>	<b>-3.58%</b>

**2013-2014 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

*Payroll ( Part-Time and Elected)*

	SB's			\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.
	ACTUAL 2011-2012	BUDGET 2012-2013	PROPOSED 2013-2014		
Listers	\$10,580	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$1,000	12.50%
Election Officials	\$1,068	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Zoning Administrator	\$17,550	\$17,832	\$17,919	\$87	0.49%
Planning/DRB Board	\$1,475	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Board of Civil Authority	\$0	\$140	\$140	\$0	0.00%
Part Time Labor	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	66.67%
Moderator	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Select Board	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Energy Coordinator	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
TEC - Conference Fees	\$40	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Service Officer	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Solid Waste Rep	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Town Website Coord	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$800	0.00%
Health Officer	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Social Security Expense	\$2,681	\$2,687	\$2,770	\$83	3.10%
Public Officials Liability	\$7,373	\$8,281	\$7,948	(\$334)	-4.03%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$46,366</b>	<b>\$47,840</b>	<b>\$50,277</b>	<b>\$2,437</b>	<b>5.09%</b>

*Line Items*

	SB's			\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.
	ACTUAL 2011-2012	BUDGET 2012-2013	PROPOSED 2013-2014		
Auditing	\$15,314	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%
Dog Control	\$2,093	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$600	20.00%
Professional Services	\$7,883	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0	0.00%
NVDA	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$0	0.00%
VLCT	\$3,818	\$3,818	\$3,845	\$27	0.71%
Jeudevine Memorial Library	\$82,864	\$85,361	\$91,765	\$6,404	7.50%
Memorial Day	\$701	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
Caspian Lake	\$2,050	\$2,050	\$12,100	\$10,050	490.24%
Cemeteries	\$12,705	\$12,700	\$12,700	\$0	0.00%
Capital Equipment Fund	\$135,000	\$151,000	\$160,000	\$9,000	5.96%
Solid Waste District	\$6,364	\$6,414	\$3,010	(\$3,404)	-53.07%
Insurance Deductible	\$2,000	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Streetlights	\$33,323	\$30,500	\$30,500	\$0	0.00%
Capital Improvements	\$149,000	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$20,000	13.33%
Employment Practices Ins.	\$5,741	\$8,720	\$6,602	(\$1,118)	-1.78%
Flexible Benefits	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Recreation Dept.	\$18,450	\$18,450	\$19,150	\$700	3.79%
Fireworks	\$4,645	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Hardwick/Woodbury Trail	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
County Taxes	\$14,649	\$12,970	\$27,677	\$14,707	113.39%
Rescue Squad	\$14,597	\$16,080	\$16,567	\$487	3.03%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$513,279</b>	<b>\$527,346</b>	<b>\$585,799</b>	<b>\$58,453</b>	<b>11.08%</b>



**2013-2014 Hardwick Town Budget**

**Town House**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
VLCT/PACIF	\$1,665	\$3,546	\$4,004	\$458	11.44%
Building Maint/Repair	\$190	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$757	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
Fuel Oil	\$929	\$3,800	\$1,000	(\$2,800)	-73.68%
Custodial Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,541</b>	<b>\$8,446</b>	<b>\$6,104</b>	<b>(\$2,342)</b>	<b>-27.73%</b>

*Public Safety Building*

**SB Budget**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
VLCT/PACIF	\$0.00	\$7,056.40
Operating Expenses/Supplies	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Building Maintenance/Repair	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Utilities - Elec & Wtr & Swr	\$0.00	\$2,138.00
Fuel Oil	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Custodial Salary	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$23,694.40</b>

## Recreation Budget 2013-2014

	2011-2012	2012-2013	Proposed 2013-2014	Diff \$	Diff %
Youth Program: Soccer, Swim, Ski	\$9,100.00	\$9,275.00	\$10,000.00	\$725.00	7.82%
WhiffleBall	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$25.00	20.00%
Halloween at the Library	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Winter Festival (Santa)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Egg Hunt	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Green-Up Day	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PACIF (Insurance)	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$800.00	-\$500.00	-38.46%
Hardwick Trails	\$6,000.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,450.00	\$150.00	2.83%
Senior Trotters	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Skating Rink	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	0.00%
Hardwick Area Com. Coalition	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-100.00%
Supplies and Advertising	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VLCT Workers Comp/Insurance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$575.00	\$425.00	283.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,450.00</b>	<b>\$18,450.00</b>	<b>\$19,150.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>3.79%</b>

## Trails Budget 2013-2014

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	Diff \$	Diff %
<b>Salaries</b>	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Social Security/FICA</b>	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>New Equipment Purchases</b>	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Equipment Repair and Maintenance</b>	\$500.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,450.00	\$150.00	11.54%
<b>Gas, Oil and Diesel</b>	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Publicity/Advertising Signage &amp; Maps</b>	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Program and Activities</b>	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>2.83%</b>

## Jeudevine Library Budget 2013-2014

GL Code	Description	2012-2013	2013-2014	± Diff	%Change
409-3000-10-00	Librarian Salary	\$28,811.00	\$29,773.00	962.00	3.34%
409-3000-10-01	Asst. Librarian/Youth Libn	\$18,850.00	\$19,303.00	453.00	2.40%
409-3000-10-02	Library Clerk Salary	\$6,630.00	\$6,630.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6500-10-00	Maintenance Salaries	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Salaries total</b>		<b>\$55,851.00</b>	<b>\$57,266.00</b>	<b>1,415.00</b>	<b>2.53%</b>
409-3000-15-00	FICA	\$4,189.00	\$4,295.00	106.00	2.53%
409-3000-00-01	Worker's Comp	\$130.00	\$200.00	70.00	53.85%
409-3000-00-02	Unemployment	\$75.00	\$75.00	0.00	0.00%
409-3000-16-00	Health Insurance - Librarian only	\$14,564.00	\$15,564.00	1,000.00	6.87%
409-3000-18-00	Retirement	\$1,440.00	\$1,512.00	72.00	5.00%
<b>Total Employee Expense</b>		<b>\$76,249.00</b>	<b>\$78,912.00</b>	<b>\$2,663.00</b>	<b>3.49%</b>
409-6000-21-00	Mileage	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6000-34-00	Telephone	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6000-20-00	Supplies	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	0.00	0.00%
409-7000-20-00	Youth Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6000-22-00	Postage	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	0.00	0.00%
409-4001-00-00	Computer services	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	0.00	0.00%
NEED GL CODE	Fiber Connect (Sovernet)		\$2,400.00	2,400.00	100.00%
409-6000-60-00	Conferences, memberships	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6000-68-00	Equipment	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.00	0.00%
409-3000-00-04	V/LCT/PACIF	\$3,500.00	\$3,975.00	475.00	13.57%
409-6000-76-01	Electricity	\$878.00	\$878.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6000-76-01	Fuel Oil	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	-500.00	-14.29%
409-6000-76-02	Water/Sewer	\$450.00	\$450.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6500-20-00	Maintenance Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>		<b>\$15,928.00</b>	<b>\$18,303.00</b>	<b>\$2,375.00</b>	<b>14.91%</b>
409-6200-00-01	Books- Adult	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6200-00-02	Books - Juvenile	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6200-0010	Magazines- Adult	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6200-00-11	Magazines - Juvenile	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6200-00-20	Adult DVD/Audio Bks	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00	0.00%
409-6200-00-21	Juv DVD/Audio Bks	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Materials Expense</b>		<b>\$6,550.00</b>	<b>\$6,550.00</b>		
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$98,727.00</b>	<b>\$103,765.00</b>	<b>5,038.00</b>	<b>5.10%</b>
	<b>Grants, fundraising, misc income</b>	<b>(\$13,366.00)</b>	<b>(\$12,000.00)</b>	<b>-1,366.00</b>	<b>10.22%</b>
	<b>Town Appropriation</b>	<b>\$85,361.00</b>	<b>\$91,765.00</b>	<b>6,404.00</b>	<b>7.50%</b>

Town of Hanover  
Capital Improvements Schedule

Year	Paving	Back Roads	Concurral	Bridges	Sidewalks	Pit Reclaim	Buildings	Records	Tax Maps	Road Signs	Bike Paths	Interest	FY Expnd	Set Aside	Balance
2013	\$217,200	\$28,152	\$1,198	\$143,075	\$36,900	\$8,700	\$67,475	\$2,200	\$2,100		\$19,500	\$28,307			\$396,919
2014	\$38,700	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$24,120	\$2,000	\$5,100	\$5,000	\$23,000		\$130,000	\$170,000	\$396,919
2015	\$97,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$2,000			\$10,000		\$168,000	\$150,000	\$378,889
2016	\$95,500	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$2,000			\$10,000		\$169,500	\$150,000	\$359,299
2017	\$109,200	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$2,000			\$50,000		\$225,200	\$150,000	\$484,099
2018	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$15,000						\$125,000	\$150,000	\$309,099
2019	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$15,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$364,099
2020	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$15,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$619,099
2021	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$15,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$674,099
2022	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$15,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$779,099

NOTES: Projects to be completed in FY 14

**Paving Projects**  
 Highland Ave \$6,300  
 Brush Street \$3,800  
 Riverside Terrace \$4,620

**Sidewalks**  
 100' of new sidewalks South Main \$46,000

**Bridges**  
 Porter Brook Bridge \$138,000  
 East Hanover Bridge \$10,000

**Buildings**  
 Memorial Building Replace Flooring \$5,000  
 Misc Memorial Building Updates \$5,000  
 Town House Phase II Weatherization \$7,000

**Misc**  
 Updating Road Signs \$5,000

**TOWN OF HARDWICK  
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE SCHEDULE**

YEAR	Dump Truck 1	Dump Truck 2	Dump Truck 3	Dump Truck 4	F-550 Truck 5	Highway Mower	Utility Truck 6	Excavator	Skid / Tractor	Lease Loader (1)	Loader (2) Grader (1)	Pusher Crawler	EQUIP. TOTAL	FUNDS SET ASIDE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Had 6-30-13															\$16,100
2014									\$13,000		\$28,375	\$25,000	\$66,375	\$160,000	\$109,725
2015	\$180,000									\$15,000	\$28,375	\$25,000	\$248,375	\$170,000	\$11,350
2016							\$6,500			\$15,000	\$28,375	\$25,000	\$74,875	\$175,000	\$131,475
2017			\$190,000							\$15,000	\$28,375	\$25,000	\$258,375	\$180,000	\$53,100
2018					\$70,000	\$8,000				\$15,000	\$28,375	\$25,000	\$146,375	\$185,000	\$91,725
2019								\$127,000		\$15,000		\$28,000	\$168,000	\$185,000	\$108,725
2020		\$115,000					\$8,500			\$15,000		\$28,000	\$166,500	\$195,000	\$137,225
2021			\$200,000						\$33,000	\$15,000		\$28,000	\$278,000	\$195,000	\$54,225
2022										\$15,000		\$28,000	\$43,000	\$195,000	\$206,225
2023	\$210,000				\$90,000					\$15,000		\$28,000	\$152,000	\$195,000	\$49,225
2024										\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$195,000	\$164,225
2025				\$220,000						\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$285,000	\$205,000	\$84,225
2026							\$11,000			\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$76,000	\$205,000	\$213,225
2027										\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$65,000	\$205,000	\$353,225
2028		\$120,000			\$100,000	\$10,000				\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$295,000	\$205,000	\$263,225
2029			\$230,000							\$20,000	\$15,000	\$32,000	\$317,000	\$205,000	\$151,225
2030										\$20,000	\$15,000	\$32,000	\$87,000	\$210,000	\$74,225
2031	\$240,000								\$50,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$32,000	\$377,000	\$210,000	\$107,225
2032							\$12,000			\$20,000	\$15,000	\$32,000	\$99,000	\$215,000	\$223,225
2033				\$250,000	\$110,000					\$20,000	\$15,000	\$32,000	\$447,000	\$215,000	-\$8,775

**Notes:**

- 1) Increases in costs are based on a "best guess" scenario with input from dealers.
- 2) Loader #2 & Grader are on a lease/purchase for \$1,15 yr life. Replace 2024
- 3) Loader #1 purchased Spring 1999, 15 yr life. Replace 2014
- 4) Crawlers replaced every 5 years
- 5) Dump trucks 1,2,3,4 are traded every eight years
- 6) Dump trucks 5 is traded every 5

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# TOWN OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was significant turnover on the board in 2012 that has had little or no effect on HED operations. During the 2012 year HED office staff continued the focus on monitoring and improving office procedures, building on the work begun in 2011. Our General Manager has found opportunities to offer more flexible schedules for office employees without reducing coverage by moving to a 4 day work week. HED continues an active safety program with our electric workers.

A new auditing firm was hired with a 3 year contract, Graham & Graham, PC based in Springfield, VT. In addition to completing the 2011 audit, Graham & Graham worked with HED staff to address management recommendations. Areas targeted included net metering billing accounting, adjusting journal entry approvals, implementing a new fixed asset management accounting software program, a new property tax & payment schedule, improvements to inventory control count process, review of property & machinery insurance and security of financial data, customer information, buildings & equipment. The physical inventory process has been revised to be more accurate and reduce costs.

HED is aggressively working with the US Department of Justice through the Vermont office of the US Attorney over matters dealing with restitution of fraud proceeds. The US Attorney is coordinating with our attorney Brooke Dingledine on that litigation and we are working with her on other legal matters related to the embezzlement that affected HED. During 2012 HED received approximately \$330k in payments.

HED continued to take advantage of the opportunity to use American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant dollars to upgrade power equipment and distribution lines. This has been a 3-year funding program. Through 2011, HED had spent approximately \$230k on electric system upgrades. The final year of the available grant money was 2012. HED used the 2012 grant dollars to complete the voltage regulator equipment replacements. Many of the investor owned utilities (CVPS, GMP) are using the ARRA dollars to install so-called smart meters. Smart meters communicate usage and service quality data back to the utility using wireless technologies and power lines. The customer could also use the data to monitor their energy usage. This is a developing technology with a high price tag for both the utility and customer to completely utilize the system. HED has decided to take a wait and see position before expending capital on advanced meter infrastructure.

2012 was another year of extreme weather. 94% of customer outage hours were caused by only 2 of the 11 categories tracked. "Power Supplier" - the transmission line feeding HED substations caused 64% of outage

hours with 36,241 and "Weather" 30% with 17,140 hours out. There were 2 outage events on the GMP 3319 sub-transmission line. March 6, Town Meeting Day, during extreme cold a line splice broke at 4:43 AM. Difficulty in locating the fault between a Marshfield substation and Walden tap, as well as communication problems between the 4 utilities involved extended this outage. The line was restored just before noon time. A number of meetings were held by the utilities involved to critique the restoration procedure and correct operational issues that extended this outage. The second outage on the 3319 line occurred on May 29th at 9:25AM. This outage was caused by insulator breakdown on the Morrisville end of the line. Repairs were made and power restored at 10:40 AM. The most significant weather event was Hurricane Sandy on October 29th & 30th. That storm accounted for 25% of weather related outages. Another large weather event occurred on July 4th with a summer storm accounting for another 20% of weather events. 2012 was very active in wind events accounting for the remaining outages in this category.

A significant investment was made in distribution and transmission line clearing, both of which yield tangible benefits by reducing outages caused by weather. \$130k was spent on distribution line clearing and \$36k on transmission line clearing for HED's 5 miles of the 3319 line connecting us to a portion of grid. 2013 distribution line clearing is budgeted for an increase to \$150k.

HED customer's energy use over 6-years has been flat. Average monthly usage is just under 500 kWh's. HED has significantly more net metered solar installations by residential customer than any other electric municipality in Vermont. There are 28 installations ranging in size from 2100 kW to 15,000 kW. Legislation has a cap on total installed net metering at 4% of the utilities peak. HED is at 230 kW with a cap of 270 kW. The VT PSB is currently holding workshops and hearing reviewing cost shifting, compensation at retail vs. wholesale and grid infrastructure issues before making any changes to this cap. HED electric rates have been stable with the last increase in July 2009. Energy costs have stabilized over the last few years, however transmission costs are starting to go up. HED pays transmission charges to the New England grid (ISO-NE), VELCO and GMP.

A portion of HED energy needs are supplied from Wolcott Hydro generation off VT RT 15 in Wolcott. The plant produces about 10% of HED's power. Generation in 2012 was 3,224,132 kWh. A safety inspection of the dam was completed in July 2012. It identified the dam as an intermediate sized structure with a high hazard potential and was found to be in fair condition. There were no safety hazards for downstream residents that require immediate attention. Specific issues were

identified as the need to update the Emergency Action Plan, the need to update the Dam Breach Analysis and Inundation Map, signs of deterioration on the downstream side of the timber sluiceway, a significant buildup of silt that is inhibiting operation of the sluiceway gate, cracking and deterioration on portions of the concrete shell on the downstream face of the dam, and safety railings that may not conform with current safety standards. The Emergency Action Plan was updated in August to include current contact information. Our GM has been in contact with the Lamoille County Sherriff, who has primary responsibility for coordinating with the Vermont Emergency Management Division for safety in the Town of Wolcott in the event of a dam breach. We are working with them to provide more effective monitoring of the dam, both by camera and with electronic water level sensing. At their request we have budgeted \$5,000 for an update of the 1980 Dam Breach Analysis and Inundation Map. Recurrent maintenance recommendations have been incorporated into the regular work of HED. The recommended timetable for rehabilitating the sluice gate and upgrading the gate operator is 12 to 24 months at a cost of approximately \$120 to \$160k. The board will address that work during 2013 and likely budget

it for 2014 or soon after. Implementation of a long-term dam rehabilitation program is recommended for implementation over the next 5 to 10 years.

HED has contracted for improvements to the radio system. Field tests between our most distant and difficult locations were successful and it is expected that the system will completely eliminate dead spots. The new radios should be operational early in 2013.

HED's General Manager, Eric Werner will be retiring this summer so the Board will soon begin a search to replace him.

Hardwick Electric employees take personal pride in serving our customers and the community. It can be seen in the care they take in their daily work, the effort they make in emergencies, and their record of providing us with reliable power. Please remember to thank them for their service to us all.

HED provides at cost electric service to the community with local control by the utility Board of Commissioners.

Paul Fixx, Chairperson  
 Wayne Young, Commissioner  
 Todd Deuso, Commissioner  
 Robert Chaffee, Commissioner  
 Gina Campoli, Commissioner

### TOWN OF HARDWICK VITAL RECORDS

FILED FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

Birth Certificates .....	26
Marriage Licenses .....	18
Death Certificates .....	23

### TOWN OF HARDWICK

#### DOG LICENSE LIST

JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES	PRICE FOR LICENSE	TOTAL COLLECTED
73	\$ 5.00 .....	\$ 365.00
2	\$ 6.00 .....	\$ 12.00
302	\$ 8.00 .....	\$ 2,416.00
117	\$12.00 .....	\$ 1,404.00
7	\$16.00 .....	\$ 112.00
15	\$18.00 .....	\$ 270.00
<b>Total Licenses</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>\$ 4,579.00</b>
<b>Kennel Permits</b>	<b>7</b> _____ <b>10.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>		<b>\$4,649.00</b>
<b>State Fees</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>4.00 .....</b> <b>\$ (1,772.00)</b>
<b>State Fees for Kennel</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1.00 .....</b> <b>\$ (73.00)</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 2,804.00</b>

### DMV REPORT

From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

308 Registrations @ \$3.00 = .....\$924.00

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# MINUTES

## FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

### MARCH 6, 2012

At 10 o'clock and still without power Paul Cillo opened the meeting by reading the Warning with approximately 100 to 120 residents in attendance. The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School in said Town of Hardwick on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

(Election of Town Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors shall be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.). If special accommodations are necessary because of physical disabilities, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (472-5971).

Paul then asked the audience to consider a continuation of the meeting until later in the day due to the current power outage and inability to see well and use the sound system. After brief discussion it was decided to continue in the dark.

**Article 1. To elect a moderator to govern said Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.**

Nomination of Orise Ainsworth

Seconded

Nomination of Paul Cillo

Seconded

A hand count was taken

Orise 29 Paul 26

Orise then took the podium as the 2012 Town Meeting moderator.

Orise then asked the head table to introduce themselves.

**The Select board members, Marcus Brown, Kathleen Hemmens, Rhonda Barr, Shari Cornish, Danny Hale, Town Manager Jon Jewett and Police Chief Aaron Cochran.**

**Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2011?**

Motion made by Jean Hackett

Seconded by Cecile Dyke

Motion passed unanimously

**Article 3. To elect all Town Officers and School District Directors as required by the public laws of Vermont and the Town Charter. (Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors, to be voted by Australian Ballot).**

One Lister, 3 year term.....Jan Howard

One Auditor, 3 year term.....Michael Morin

One Auditor, 2 year term.....Rachel Miller

First Constable, 1 year term ..... Art Chase

Second Constable, 1 year term...Erwin Gilcris

One Town Agent, 1 year term .....Connie

Bellavance

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber, 1 year term..... Laurent Bellavance

Tree Warden, 1 year term. Laurent Bellavance

Cemetery Trustees, 1 year term

Voted as a block Main Street, Maple Street,

Fairview, Sanborn, Hardwick Street,

Fire Dept. Officers (can be voted as one

vote), 1 year term.. Voted as a block

One Library Trustee, 5 year term .....Sabin

Densmore

One Library Trustee, 4 year term Ted Graham

One Library Trustee, 2 year term .. Left vacant

One Library Trustee, 1 year term .. Left vacant

Grand Juror, 1 year term..... George Whitney

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term...George

Whitney

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term..... Mario

Fradette

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term. Lorraine

Hussey

Fence Viewers, 1 year term . Hardwick Listers

**Article 4. Shall the Town have its current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?**

Moved by Jean Hackett

Seconded by Connie Bellavance

Motion passed unanimously

**Article 5. Shall the Town of Hardwick vote in accordance with Section 248 ( c ) of Chapter 5, Title 30, Vermont Statutes Annotated to Authorize its Select Board to enter into a Power**



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**Sales Agreement with Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (“VPPSA”), for the purchase of electric power and associated benefits from H.Q. Energy Services (U.S), Inc., to commence November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2038, as approved on Page 29 of the Vermont Public Service Board’s Final Order dated April 15, 2011 in Docket No. 7670, said Agreement to be on such terms as the Select Board shall approve, provided that the obligations of the Town under the Power Sales Agreement shall be payable solely from the revenues and moneys of the Electric Department?**

Moved by David Shepard

Seconded by Connie Bellavance

Paul Fixx commissioner of the Hardwick Electric Department read a report drafted by Eric Werner outlining the proposed power purchase.

The HQ proposed cost is 5.8 cents and the current open market price is 4 cents.

Sabin Densmore questioned what the end result to the consumer would be.

Paul stated that this is a very miniscule 5% of our total power supply provided to Hardwick Electric Department.

David Gross explained that electric prices are coming down to a much lower power cost than they were even a few years ago. We are to a certain extent placing a bet on the future of the power costs. The commissioners feel that since prices are low now is a good time to lock into a contract. It is only a small part of our power portfolio so even if this is a bad decision it is a very small one.

Cecile Dyke questioned this secret formula no one knows and asked if it was like playing the stock market.

Paul explained that the HED commissioners have seen this formula, but it is very complicated and therefore they are trusting VPPSA (Vermont Public Power Supply) recommendation on the matter.

David explained that this formula is designed to give us a more predictable price without the hit of large spikes in power costs, but we don’t see as big of a decrease when power prices drop. Costs are more even over the length of the contract.

Linda Markin wondered if other power contracts we have entered into also have so called secret formulas.

Paul stated that yes we have entered into similar contracts most power supply contracts have these “secret formulas” if you wish to call them that.

Cecile Dyke asked if we have ever voted on this type of article before.

David explained that yes we have voted on similar articles for long term power contracts. Some of HED short term power contracts did not need public approval.

Paul explained that Hardwick Voters are voting on this not as rate payers, but essentially as owners of HED.

Heather Bryant wondered has the board done any research on producing our own electricity and not relying on out of state power purchases.

Dave explained about the Wolcott Dam and the powers we receive from it.

Heather also questioned what we have for renewable energy sources that we purchase from in state.

Dave stated that we do purchase power from Coventry and are always looking for “green” energy sources.

David Upson Jr. questioned the energy law changes, are we now required to have 80% of our energy purchase portfolio in the next 15 years.

Dave explained that the law won’t require them to do things that cost so much that we as rate payers can’t pay our bills.

David Shepard questioned if we have any contracts with Vermont Yankee, and if they are allowed to continue in Vermont would we entertain a power purchase with them.

Dave stated no we do not have any contracts with Vermont Yankee, but if they are allowed to continue in Vermont we would have to review any proposals that the put on the table and decide then what would be best for HED.

Nancy Nottermann wondering how the public can best make their thoughts and desires know to the HED board of commissioners so they are taken

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into consideration.

Dave explained that their meetings are open to the public and they are all appointed officials by the Select Board so please feel free to join them at a meeting and pass on your opinions.

Motion to call the question

Seconded

Motion passed

Motion to approve Article 5

Motion passed

**Article 6. Shall the Town vote a budget of two million four hundred seventy-two thousand eight hundred forty-three dollars (\$2,472,843.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a new tax rate sufficient to provide the same?**

Motion made

Seconded

Marcus Brown took the podium to introduce Jon Jewett, Town Manager to speak on the happenings in Hardwick over the past year.

Jon Jewett spoke on how lucky Hardwick was to have sustained such little damage at the hand of tropical storm Irene last August. We lost the culvert on Center road, but it was a project we were going to have to pay for anyway and the flood relief monies paid for 90% of that project.

We were able to settle with both the police union and the highway union for 3 year contracts that helps us better budget in future years.

The board increased the employee health contribution from 13 ½% to 16%.

We have passed over the five year cycle in workers compensation claims so we were able to see a decrease in the cost of that insurance.

Project that were completed were the West Church Street water line and the line on Winter and Kellogg Streets.

We took a very close look at our financial picture and enhanced our fraud prevention policies, including initiating a new gas card policy that better tracks fuel consumption.

An update was done to our code of conduct and personnel policies as well as our conflict of interest policy.

We received and spent \$795,000 in grant funding in 2010.

In 2012-2013 we will be doing a study of 800 feet of sidewalks to be redone next year.

We will do some small paving projects.

We are looking for grant funds to rebuild the Porterbrook Bridge.

Heather Bryant asked where the paving projects were going to be.

Jon explained that the planned paving was Log Yard Drive, Jenne Road, Winter Street and Kellogg Street. These projects are laid out in the Capital expense plan on page 25.

David Stratton questioned the plan for repairing Mackville Road. He expressed concern that we are relying on Federal monies that are bound to dry up and we are still not putting money away to fix the problems.

Marcus explained that we won't be able to put enough rehab the entire road. We may have to borrow the funds to actually fix it.

Dave commented that our entire infrastructure is falling apart.

Marcus explained that everything is a balancing act to keep the tax rate down and still make the major improvements. The next boards may need to explore other revenue sources.

Sabin Densmore asked how the board prioritizes issues.

Jon explained that the \$7,000 that they set aside to do those small paving projects will not make any impact on the huge issue of Mackville Road.

Heather Bryant wondered if there was any money left to pave Center Road, also what about the potholes on every road coming into town.

Jon replied that by the time the culverts were fixed all the paving plants were closed for the winter, but that the funds are there to pave the road when the weather allows this spring.

Marcus said that potholes are a problem in every town at this time of year.

Jon said that the State of Vermont is not planning to repave Hardwick until maybe 2019. Unless they

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decide to pave in Morrisville sooner, then they might add in Hardwick.

Ann LaPorte asked what the issue with the Town Water reservoir was.

Jon explained that the Town is waiting for a letter for the Agency of Natural Resources on the timeline they will allow us to get the reservoir fixed or a new one built. However it could be required of the Town in the next five years.

Michael Cody asked what made the board think that paving Log Yard will bring in industry.

Jon said it would help with the road designation and the esthetics.

Alana Considine stated that Mackville Road is causing many residents to have broken car parts.

Jon stated Mackville Road is a \$400,000 project not a \$7,000 project and \$16,000 equals 1 cent on the tax rate.

Marcus said that the boards plan has been to save as much as they could and borrow the balance.

Mike Gauthier stated that small cars are going to start getting lost in that road.

David Stratton suggested that maybe they could do a little work to Carey Road so Mackville residents could travel that way some to cut down on the damage to their cars.

Danny Hale explained that this is not that we don't get the message, it is not residents vs. the board, and we are all tax payers. Clearly he lives on Mackville Road and wants it fixed.

Dave Stratton asked if we have match monies for grant funds. This Town seems to be going backwards every year.

Ivan Menard asked if Hardwick Electric Department also updated their fraud policies.

Jon explained that they did at the same time we did. Our policies are now very similar.

**\*\*\* At 11:45 representative Lucy LeRiche spoke to the crowd.**

Lucy brought copies of her Town Meeting Day Report. She spoke Economic Recovery and unified health care.

Broad Band is now in town and Cloud Alliance will have their broad band up and running in about 60 days.

She gave a reminder to check the website [www.missingmoneyvt.gov](http://www.missingmoneyvt.gov) to check for your name on the Treasurers missing money reports.

She spoke on the Vermont Strong license plates at a cost of \$25.00 and the Fish and Wildlife calendars can be purchased on line for \$10.00.

Ross Connelly and the Hardwick Gazette have been inducted into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Economic recovery a little slower to be seen in our region, but it is happening.

The beginning of this session has been working through some fast track bills related to Tropical Storm Irene. These bills are dealing with the Vermont State Hospital and Vermont State Office Complex in Waterbury.

Health Care Exchange bill has just left the legislature. The exchange is a marketplace you can go to and compare health care costs and values. The reapportionment bill is the most partisan bill in the past decade. Showing that Vermonters are the most civil and willing to co operate many people refer to it as "the Vermont way".

**\*\*\*At 12:15 we took a 10 minute recess to reset from the power outage and get the sound system running.**

Marcus then took the podium again to discuss the budget. He let everyone know that the synopsis page had been omitted from the Town Report.

*Page 17: Projected Revenues:*

FY 2013 projected revenues are down due to the partial loss of the Cops Grant.

Dave Stratton asked if the Water & Sewer budgets are still just estimates or are they based on actual numbers.

Marcus explained that this year the budget numbers are still estimates, but the three years of time tracking that has been done will be completed June 30th and next year's budget will better reflect real numbers.

*Page 17: Budget Summary:*

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We are looking at a projected 2.42% increase.

*Page 18: Highway Budget:*

The highway budget has an increase of 4.4%

The biggest changes this budget is from screening to crushing our gravel next summer.

Summer gravel will be of a better quality with smaller rocks.

Winter sand will be purchased instead of made.

Doug Bedell asked why we just don't invest in a smaller screen.

Nancy Nottermann questioned what kind of efficiency measures the board has considered for the Highway Department, like a no idling policy?

Marcus stated that they have not talked those policies yet, but they should be addressed.

David Shepard wondered how far down South Main Street the salting policy goes the sidewalks are very dangerous down by the Mackville Road.

Todd Ferland explained that the cut off point for the switch from salt to sand is Upper Cherry Street.

*Page 19: Police Department Budget:*

Marcus then invited Police Chief Aaron Cochran to take the podium and give a brief speech about the PD.

Aaron explained some of the challenges that the Police Department has faced over the past year.

Personnel shortages being down to 4 full time officers which we solved some of this issue by hiring a few part time officers to help cover the gaps. Full time certified officers Darin Barber, Greg Kelley and William Morley. All three men have worked for HPD previously.

We were able to budget for overtime decreases by hiring the part time staff.

We filled two full time slots with Officer Stephen Mitchell who comes to us with an IT degree and officer Chris Tetreault a Veteran who helped train the Iraq police. Both officers will be back from the Police Academy with their full time certification in May.

We have decided to look into the vehicle lease programs as they are a three year municipal leases with unlimited mileage. In year 4 we can purchase

the car for \$1.00

By January 1, 2013 we have the narrow bank mandate. We must have a base station and a repeater. We received a \$13,590 grant to make us compliant

We have recently applied for a mobile radio replacement grant for \$15,933 and are hopeful we will get a yes soon.

We have also applied for a VLCT – Safety Equipment Grant for \$2300.

We participated in the Governors Highway Safety Program, participating get us a grant of \$2500 We have seen a 20% increase in criminal arrests this year.

We have now joined as a partner with the START program. (Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team)

David Shepard asked if after the 2 officers return from the academy if we will have 24/7 coverage again.

Aaron explained that we still have 24/7 coverage, just with the officer covering the 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. shift being on call.

David questioned what Aaron means by on call? Doesn't AWARE say that from 2 to 6 is the worst time for domestic issues?

Aaron said that these hours have been in effect from the end of August to beginning of September and we have only average about 4 call outs per month. We have brought more officers into the times of day when more calls come in.

Nancy Nottermann questioned why the VLCT increase for police was so high?

Marcus explained that the increase in part time officers make this number slightly higher.

Heather Bryant questioned the \$2400 for the antenna. What about the free option on West Hill?

Marcus explained that we currently have 3 options for towers and budgeted for what might be the most expensive option just in case it is the one we have to use. No decision has been made yet.

Heather Bryant wondered why the uniform expense was up \$4,000. Are bullet proof vests really necessary?

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Aaron stated that he feel that the vests are 100% necessary as they are a safety measure for our officers and safety is the most important issue. The uniform expense is part of the union contracts that are negotiated and he is sure that at least the boot expense went up this time.

Joe LaPorte congratulated Aaron on his appointment to chief. He questioned if the on call schedule could provide round the clock protection of people and property. Every community around us has 24 hour coverage. The impression of having 24/7 coverage is a safety concern if our response time becomes lax.

Nancy Nottermann questioned if the VLCT insurance line was up due to the lawsuit?

Marcus explained that the part time officers affect that number. The lawsuit may be a small factor, but we are in a pool with all other towns for issues like these.

Doug Bedell questioned if there were concerns on Greensboro's part and if that is why they have not yet signed their contract for service?

Marcus told them that he believed that the reason they have not yet signed was that they wanted their new Select Board to have some input.

Alana Considine stated that Crafts bury does not have police and they are not plagued with 24/7 break-ins.

Mark Salls said that the State Police are not on duty from 2 to 6 and lots of towns around us rely on the Sate Police.

*Page 20: Office Expenses:*

No questions were asked.

*Page 21: Fire Department:*

PACIF is up due to the change in the way they value buildings for insurance purposes. They have gone from assessed valuation to replacement costs. That made PACIF higher in almost every budget.

*Page 21: Memorial Building:*

No questions were asked.

*Page 22: Line Items:*

Capital equipment budget is up \$16,000 (Chart is on page 26).

No questions were asked.

Capital improvements (Chart on page 25)

The question was asked what the traffic study funds are for.

Marcus said they are looking to lowering the village speed limits from 30 to 25 for safety reasons.

Rachel Miller said that the Library is still looking toward an addition but not in this year's budget. If people are willing to get involved please call a trustee or join the board in one of the open seats.

No further questions were asked.

*Page 22: Payroll / Elected:*

No questions were asked.

*Page 23: Recreation Budget:*

Mike Gauthier asked what the status of the skating rink was.

Marcus stated that it is still in the talking stage.

*Page 24: Library Budget:*

No questions were asked.

*Page 23: Town House Budget:*

David Shepard questioned why the decrease in the maintenance budget when the Town House is in such disrepair.

Marcus stated that this was just a general budget for easy maintenance and not for major repairs those are budgeted in Capital improvements.

Jean Hackett asked to call the question.

Question motion carried unanimously.

Budget motion carried.

At this time Kathleen Hemmens took the podium and presented Marcus with a resolution plaque as a thank you for his service to the Select Board.

At this time Orise explained that the Select Board would be willing to answer questions in regards to the Police Department move and the bond vote. Due to a recent law change this would be a legal conversation to have.

No questions were asked.

**Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Greensboro Nursing Home?**

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Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 6)

**Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of A.W.A.R.E.?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 7)

**Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 7)

**Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Senior Citizens?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 7)

**Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Community Television (Channel 16)?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 8)

**Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the support of the Lamoille Family Center?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 8)

**Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) for the support of**

**the North Country Animal League?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 8)

**Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Historical Society?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 6)

**Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the support of the Rural Community Transportation?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 10)

**Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Food Pantry?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
David Shepard made the motion to amend the article to \$1500.00  
Seconded  
Motion on the amended Article passed unanimously  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 7)

**Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Community Coalition?**

Motion made  
Seconded  
Motion passed unanimously  
(Information available on page 11)

**Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick-Greensboro Restorative Justice?**

Motion made

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Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

(Information available on page 10)

**Article 19.** Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) to support Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice?

Motion made

Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

(Information available on page 6)

**Article 20.** Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Arts Council?

Motion made

Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

(Information available on page 8)

**Article 21.** Shall the Town of Hardwick vote on March 6, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Motion made

Seconded

David Shepard stated he felt it was up to individuals not the Town to speak out to our representatives.

Alan Gagnon stated that he felt it is a Town matter, big corporations are effecting local costs, like insurance, vehicle purchases and fuel costs.

Carol Schminke urged voters to support this article as this will have trickle up effect to the higher ups. This is a very appropriate place for this vote.

Motion passed unanimously

**Article 22.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with new industrial and commercial owners, lessees, bailees, of real property, or

with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct, acquire or renovate industrial and/or commercial real property, including additions to existing property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to the provision of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Motion made

Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

**Article 23.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with operators of agricultural real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees, or operators who construct acquire or renovate, or who intend to construct, acquire or renovate agricultural real property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the valuation of such real property in the Grand List for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount in money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to provisions of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Motion made

Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

**Article 24.** To transact any other nonbinding business proper to be brought before said meeting.

Orise Ainsworth reminded everyone that the Hazen Lady Wildcats had a play down game at Hazen tonight at 7 p.m.

Alana Considine reminded everyone of the Community Dance that will be at Hazen Union on Friday March 9, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Nancy Nottermann took a few moments to update everyone on Hardwick's role in the State wide PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) District. The PACE committee consists of 4 members, Nancy, Paul Fixx, David Gross & Shari Cornish with informational meetings and seminars also being attended by Jon Jewett, Town Manager.

Nancy offered some information on the program as Hardwick Voters will be asked in August to for or against creating a PACE district in Hardwick.

Paul Fixx reminded the crowd that the Friends of HES were serving delicious lunch and snack items on the stage so please support the cause

David Shepard thanked Orise and the Select Board for their hard work and patience.

Motion to adjourn  
Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Select Board (3 Year Term)	Votes
Patti Coultas	222
Danny Hale	418

Select Board (1 Year Term)	Votes
Paul Fixx	238
Joe LaPorte	149
Eric Remick	300
Mark Salls	269
Mary Wheeler	180

Hazen Union #26 (3 Year Terms)  
Jamon Renaud  
Votes  
614

Hazen Union #26  
(2 years remaining 3 year terms)  
David Shepard  
Votes  
484

H.T.S.D.  
(2 years remaining 3 year terms)  
Write-In: Ivan Menard  
Votes  
31

H.T.S.D.  
(2 years remaining 3 year terms)  
No one elected  
Votes

H.T.S.D.  
No one elected  
Votes

## CURRENT TAX RECONCILIATION 2011-2012

### CURRENT TAX RECONCILIATION: 7/1/2011 TO 6/30/2012

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST AT 1%.....	\$ 1,620,724.00
HOMESTEAD GRAND LIST AT 1%.....	\$ 1,046,776.01
NON RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST AT 1% .....	\$ 579,174.78
MUNICIPAL TAXES BILLED.....	\$ 1,635,796.88
LOCAL AGREEMENT BILLED .....	\$ 9,562.26
HOMESTEAD TAXES BILLED .....	\$ 1,494,273.91
NON RESIDENTIAL TAXES BILLED .....	\$ 869,572.98
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY .....	\$ 49.80
<b>TOTAL TAXES BILLED.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,009,255.83</b>
ABATEMENTS .....	\$ 1,067.77
ADJUSTMENTS (RETURNED CHECKS).....	\$ -
COLLECTIONS .....	\$ 3,190,400.90
CREDIT REFUNDS (HS-122) .....	\$ (1,393.12)
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 7/1/2011 .....	\$ 471,196.13
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO TOWN OF HARDWICK 7/1/2011 .....	\$ 130,708.29
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9/17/2011 .....	\$ 22,409.38
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO TOWN OF HARDWICK 9/17/2011 .....	\$ 6,599.00
PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR ON JUNE 30, 2012 .....	\$ 3,820,988.35
DELINQUENTS .....	\$ 188,267.48
<b>PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR ON JUNE 30, 2012.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,009,255.83</b>



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# CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

CVSWMD is made up of 17 member cities and towns. Hardwick is represented on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors by Heather Bryant (alternate: Paul Fixx).

The district continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- Flood Relief Grants: Due to damage from Hurricane Irene in 2011, CVSWMD granted a total of \$8,023 to help district residents cover costs of disposal of flood-damaged property.
- Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Fund Grants: \$7,787 was granted in FY12 to local reuse businesses.
- Residential Composting: CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters and Soilsaver composters at a reduced cost to district residents, and offers support to people composting at home.
- Business Composting: CVSWMD has 63 participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated 1250 tons (more than 2.5 million lbs.) of food scraps to composting facilities.
- School Composting (now part of our School Zero Waste Program): Over the course of the 2011-2012 school year, our schools diverted an estimated 251,770 lbs. or 125.8 tons of food scraps out of Vermont's two landfills.
- Hardwick Elementary School has diverted approximately 8.845 tons of food scraps out of Vermont's only two landfills in FY12 alone!
- Hazen Union School has diverted approximately 6.555 tons of food scraps in FY12.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collections: 110 households participated in our 2012 Household Hazardous Waste collections in Hardwick on August 25. We collected 10,636 pounds of HHW, which cost CVSWMD \$8,076 to properly dispose of.
- Special Collections: On June 2, 48, households participated in our E-waste/Books/Textiles/Document Shred collection in Hardwick, in which we collected 5,613 pounds of materials, which were diverted from Vermont's landfills.
- The ARCC: We now hold special collections of hard-to-recycle materials at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center on Mondays & Fridays, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m., 3 Williams Lane, Barre. Go to our website for a complete list of what we collect, and to get directions.

For more information: [www.cvswwmd.org](http://www.cvswwmd.org) or contact us at 802-229-9383 or [comments@cvswwmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswwmd.org)

## CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LIST OF MANDATORY RECYCLABLES

All households and businesses in the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District are now required to recycle:

- Glass- all colors
- Tin, steel, aluminum cans
- Foil and pie plates
- Aerosol cans
- Plastics #1-#7
- Newspaper
- Magazines, catalogs, paperbacks
- White and colored office paper
- Paper mail and envelopes
- Brown and colored paper bags
- Boxboard
- Corrugated cardboard
- Phone Books



The fee charged to recycle materials cannot exceed 50% of the cost charged to collect the same quantity of trash.

If your trash hauler or landlord is not offering recycling of these items, please call the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District at 802-229-9383 X 106.



# Join Your Hardwick Neighbors on Front Porch Forum!

Sign up for Hardwick's e-newsletter today. Hear from your neighbors and post messages yourself. Each town has its own forum... check it out at [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com). Front Porch Forum is available across 60 Vermont towns -- now including Hardwick!

No fees. No spam. Local. Won't overflow your inbox. Online conversations help neighbors connect and build community.

## Sample Messages

- Group rate for fuel oil
- Seeking reliable plumber
- Break-in report
- Free bookcase and table
- Childcare available
- Keys found
- Community supper in the works
- School board member responds
- Casseroles for sick neighbor

## Neighbors Love It

"As a 43-year resident, I believe the forum is one of the best things to happen to bring neighbors together."

"I sold my car on the forum. And now I know another neighbor!"

"It's the thing I always read."

"We asked the neighbors to help us move and 36 people showed up! Incredible! The whole job was done in an hour and a half."



## Already on board?

Feel free to post...

email your message to [hardwick@frontporchforum.com](mailto:hardwick@frontporchforum.com)

Already, **20,000 Vermont homes** have joined, including **half of many rural towns.**

*Special thanks to the e-Vermont team!*

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# TOWN OF HARDWICK GENERAL INFORMATION:

Visit us at [www.hardwickvt.org](http://www.hardwickvt.org)

**Town Managers Office Hours:** Monday –Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. & Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
Phone # 472-6120 or 472-3789 & Fax # 472-3793

**Town Clerks/Treasurers Office Hours:** Monday –Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. & Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
Phone # 472-5971 & Fax # 472-3108

## **Property Tax & Water/Sewer Collection Information:**

Taxes are due to be paid in full by May 10 of each year. Each tax bill is issued with four quarterly payment coupons, but the mandatory due date is May 10 and any unpaid balance as of that date is subject to a one-time 8% penalty as well as 1% per month interest charges.

Water & Sewer payments are due September 10, December 10, March 10 and June 10 of each year. These are mandatory installments that are assessed an 8% penalty and a 1% per month interest charge on any unpaid balance.

## **Voter Registration:**

Hardwick residents who are not currently on the Voter Checklist can register at the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 472-5971 or stop by for more information.

## **DMV Registration Renewals:**

The Hardwick Town Clerk's Office does process Vermont DMV renewals. If you have your renewal card from the DMV and it is no more than 2 months past the date it was due you can renew it at our office. You must pay DMV with either a check or money order. You must also pay a separate \$3.00 processing fee to the Clerk's Office that can be cash or another check.

**Hardwick Zoning Office Hours:** Monday & Tuesday 8:30 A.M. to Noon  
Phone: # 472-6120

Zoning permits are issued by the Zoning Administrator and/or the Zoning Board of Adjustment. These permits are required for all property development in the Town of Hardwick. Permit applications and fee schedules are available on the Town of Hardwick website or can be picked up from the Zoning Administrator or in the Town Clerk's Office.

**\*\*\* All fees double if application is filed after development/construction has begun.**

**Hardwick Police Department:** Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

\*\*\* Is now located at 56 High Street (the former Hardwick Health Center Building) Entrance located at the back of the building.

Phone # 472-5475

## **Other Important Contact Numbers:**

Town Garage: 472-6029

Hardwick Rescue Squad: 472-6343

Hardwick Fire Department: 472-5242

Hardwick Area Food Pantry: 472-5940

Hardwick Health Officer (Richard Brochu): 472-8282

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## TOWN OF HARDWICK

# WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first. After all bus routes are finished, we will plow the roads we feel cause the most problems for the public. This is based on traffic volume, steepness and curves. We will continue plowing until all roads are open.
2. The Town of Hardwick has six road crew members to plow, sand and/or salt 63.225 miles of the town's 80.871 miles of road and all of the town's sidewalks. Each member has their own specific route, which takes anywhere from three - five hours to complete. These routes only vary in the case of emergencies.
3. The Town does not plow class four roads, private roads or driveways.
4. Road operations generally start at 3:00 A.M. on the weekdays to have the bus routes clear by 6:30 A.M.
5. Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees.
6. The town's sand and salt is to be used for winter maintenance of the roads, not for private commercial use, though Public use of the sand pile is permitted.
7. In most cases there will be no road maintenance between the hours of 10 P.M. and 3 A.M. The Road Foreman and the Police monitor conditions and respond accordingly.
8. If there is an emergency after regular working hours in regards to water, sewer or highway, please call the Police Department at 472-5475 to have them contact the necessary resources.

***Please give yourself some extra time when the weather is bad and please drive safely.***

Tom Fadden, Public Works Supervisor  
Jon Jewett, Town Manager