

*Please bring this report with you to*

**Town Meeting**  
**Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Community House

Note: The town portion will be first this year, followed by the school portion.

*Before the meeting*

**Pre-Town Meeting Social 6:00 – 6:30 pm**

Come to the Community House for light snacks, dessert, coffee  
and a chance to meet your neighbors.  
Call Barry King at 388-4082 for more information.

**Informational Meeting about School Roof & Solar Projects 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

with presentations by Tom O'Brien of Northern Architects  
and Roger Wallace of Addison Renewable Energy.  
Call Carol Ford at 388-7804 for more information.

**Town Meeting Child Care**

At the Ripton Elementary School from 6:30 until the meeting ends.  
Call the school at 388-2208 for more information.

*Vote for town officers and other ballot items*

**Election Day**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**at the town office.**

*Other dates to remember*

If you want to participate at town meeting and vote on election day  
and you are not already on the voter checklist,  
**register to vote by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27.**

If you want to vote absentee,  
**request an absentee ballot by 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 4.**

*See the warning for town meeting and a sample ballot later in this report.*

**On the cover:** An occasional visitor at the Ripton Elementary School, a barred owl poses for rare shot.

# TOWN CALENDAR 2013

## FEBRUARY

2 Coffee House  
2 & 16 Recycling  
4 School Board  
9 Fire & First Response  
11 & 25 Selectboard  
12 Planning Commission

## MARCH

2 Coffee House  
2 & 16 Recycling  
4 School Board  
**4 TOWN MEETING**  
**5 ELECTION DAY**  
9 Fire & First Response  
11 & 25 Selectboard  
12 Planning Commission

## APRIL

1 School Board  
6 Coffee House  
6 & 20 Recycling  
8 & 22 Selectboard  
9 Planning Commission  
13 Fire & First Response

## MAY

4 Coffee House  
**4 GREEN UP DAY**  
4 & 18 Recycling  
6 School Board  
13 & 27 Selectboard  
14 Planning Commission  
11 Fire & First Response

## JUNE

1 Coffee House  
1 & 15 Recycling  
3 School Board  
8 Fire & First Response  
10 & 24 Selectboard  
11 Planning Commission

## JULY

1 School Board  
6 Coffee House  
6 & 20 Recycling  
8 & 22 Selectboard  
9 Planning Commission  
13 Fire & First Response  
**27 TOWN PICNIC at Fire Station**

## AUGUST

(No Coffee House in August)  
3 & 17 Recycling  
5 School Board  
10 Fire & First Response  
12 & 26 Selectboard  
13 Planning Commission

## SEPTEMBER

2 School Board  
7 Coffee House  
7 & 21 Recycling  
9 & 23 Selectboard  
10 Planning Commission  
14 Fire & First Response

## OCTOBER

1 School Board  
5 Coffee House  
5 & 19 Recycling  
**6 RIPTON RIDGE RUN**  
8 Planning Commission  
12 Fire & First Response  
14 & 28 Selectboard

## NOVEMBER

2 Coffee House  
2 & 16 Recycling  
4 School Board  
**7 TAXES DUE**  
**8 TAXES DELINQUENT**  
9 Fire & First Response  
11 & 25 Selectboard  
12 Planning Commission

## DECEMBER

2 School Board  
7 Coffee House  
7 & 21 Recycling  
9 & 23 Selectboard  
10 Planning Commission  
14 Fire & First Response

## JANUARY 2014

4 Coffee House  
4 & 18 Recycling  
6 School Board  
11 Fire & First Response  
13 & 27 Selectboard  
14 Planning Commission

## FEBRUARY 2014

1 Coffee House  
1 & 15 Recycling  
3 School Board  
8 Fire & First Response  
10 & 24 Selectboard  
11 Planning Commission

Meeting dates are according to established regular schedules and are subject to change. Check the town website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org) for the most recent meeting schedule for all boards and commissions, and for any special meetings or events that come up during the year.

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## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 2 to 6 p.m. / Tue, Wed, Thu: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Fridays and state holidays.  
phone: 388-2266 fax: 388-0012 e-mail: townclerk@riptonvt.org website: www.riptonvt.org

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**All meetings are open to the public—you are encouraged to attend and participate.**

Selectboard: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office  
School Board: 1st Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Ripton School  
Ripton Fire & First Response Department: 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. at the Fire Station  
Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment/Historic District Commission:  
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office  
Conservation Commission: Times will be posted

## DIRECTORY

### ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

(for Middlebury Ambulance, Ripton Fire & First Response, State Police)

Ripton Elementary School	388-2208	Road Problems: Ron Wimett	388-7346
Ripton Town Office/Town Clerk	388-2266	Dog Problems: Chris Smith	388-0337
Fire Station (non-emergency)	388-4506	Zoning Permits: Ed Hanson	453-3785
Burn Permits: Erik Eriksen	388-3629	Cemetery Info: Bonnie Swan	388-6687

<b>Town Boards/Commissions</b>	<b>Name (term expires)</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Selectboard	Laureen Cox, Chair (14) Ronald Wimett (15) Richard Collitt (13)	388-7820
Clerk to the Selectboard	Alison Joseph	388-2266
Ripton Elementary School Directors	Carol Ford, Chair (15) Michael Hussey (13) Willem Jewett (13) Amy McGlashan (15) Laura Murphy McIntosh (14)	388-7804
Union School Director	Jerome Shedd (14)	
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, and Historic District Commission	Warren King, Chair (14) Alison Joseph, Vice Chair (15) Jorene Doria, Secretary (14) George Phinney (14) Charles Billings (13)	388-4082
Zoning Board, Alternate Members	Marlene Harrison (13), James Kater (13) Leonard Tiedemann (13), Amy McGlashan (14)	
Board of Listers	Alison Joseph, Chair (14) Erik Eriksen (13) Bruce Malhotra (15) <i>resigned 2012</i>	388-2266

<b>Town Boards/Commissions</b>	<b>Name (term expires)</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Conservation Commission	Warren King, Chair (15) Frank Wolf, Treasurer (14) Sally Buteau, Becky Purdum (15) Barry King, Jay Harrington, Martha McCaughin (13) Ned Horning, Nola Kevra (14)	388-4082
Justices of the Peace	Anza Armstrong (14) Joyce Dicianna (12) <i>resigned 2012</i> Richard "Kim" Kimler (14) Warren King (14) Jane Ogilvie (12) <i>term ends 2/1/13</i> Perry Hanson (14) <i>elected 2012</i> Tim Hanson (14) <i>elected 2012</i>	388-3646  388-0083 388-4082 388-3567 388-9977 388-2546
<b>Town Officers/Appointees</b>		
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Sally Hoyler (13)	388-2266
Assistant Clerks	Alison Joseph, Joyce Henderson <i>deceased Nov 2012</i>	388-2266
Zoning Administrator	Edmund Hanson	453-3785
Road Commissioner	Ronald Wimett	388-7346
Fire and First Response Chief	Erik Eriksen	388-3629
Animal Control Officer	Chris Smith	388-0337
Town Moderator	Joyce Dicianna (12) <i>resigned 2012</i> Tim Hanson <i>appointed 2012</i>	
Delinquent Tax Collector	Kathleen Sullivan (13)	388-3471
Constable	Chris Smith (13)	388-0337
Town Agent	Chris Smith (13)	388-0337
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Willem Jewett (13)	388-0320
Town Grand Juror	Richard "Kim" Kimler (13)	388-0083
Health Officer	Tim Hanson	388-2266
Town Service Officer	Ceredwyn Alexander	388-7850
Emergency Management Coordinator	Erik Eriksen	388-3629
Fire Wardens	Erik Eriksen Roland McGlashan	388-3629 388-7080
Cemetery Sexton	Bonnie Swan	388-6687
Recycling Committee	Warren & Barry King, Mac Cox, Steve Zwicky	388-4082
Regional Planning Delegates	Jeremy Grip; Marty Kulczyk, alternate	
Regional Transportation Delegate	Steve Zwicky	
Solid Waste District Delegates	Steve Zwicky; Jay Harrington, alternate	
Addison County Transit Delegate	Susan Prager	
Town Energy Coordinator	Warren King	
Tree Warden	Freeman Allen	
Fence Viewer	Gary Whitman	
Weigher of Coal	Richard Collitt	
Inspector/Lumber, Shingles, & Wood	<i>Open position</i>	

<b>STATE OFFICIALS</b>			
State Representative	Willem Jewett	wjewett@leg.state.vt.us	802-828-2228
State Senator	Claire Ayer	cayer@leg.state.vt.us	802-828-2228
State Senator	Chris Bray	cbray@leg.state.vt.us	802-828-2228
Governor	Peter Shumlin	www.vermont.gov/governor	800-649-6825
Mail to: State House, 115 State Street, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633			

## Selectboard Report for 2012

### Town Buildings

Work has continued at the Town Office with the creation of a new workspace and storage areas upstairs and in the back where there had once been the school kitchen. The Community House kitchen needs refurbishing, and we are exploring whether there might be grant opportunities to assist funding this project.

Bill Pierce served the Town well as Facilities Manager in recent years. Since his move to Middlebury, the Board has hired Erik Eriksen to take over this job. We appreciate the attention and knowledge Bill brought to this task and the several projects that he accomplished during his tenure.

### Town Shed/Recycling Center

Recycling may be brought to the Town Shed on the first and third Saturdays of every month. If you do bring things by at any other time, please make sure they are items that can be recycled and put them in the appropriate place. Many times items are left strewn about or are things that cannot be recycled. While you may feel that they are something someone else could use, there is neither space nor a system for this. Clean up is done by volunteers, and the Town ends up paying for the items to go to the landfill. You can bring items for re-use to HOPE in Middlebury.

### Storms/Disasters

While not as significant as in some recent years, Ripton did see some storms in 2012. A May 29th thunderstorm eroded some roads, while lightning damaged the generator at the school. Since other areas of the state and county were impacted to a greater degree, the storm qualified as a federal disaster and we were able to get Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding to assist in the repairs. Heavy rain on September 8 also caused some damage, and wind storms brought down trees on more than one occasion.

All projects that were scheduled for FEMA-funded repairs from 2011's Tropical Storm Irene have been completed and nearly all the funds have been received by the town. There is a possibility that the National Forest Service will also provide funds for some of our road repairs related to Irene.

The Red Cross is making available \$3,500 in equipment for town emergency shelters if the town has a core group of residents who have been trained in shelter management. Ripton will be having this

training in the near future. If there are people who would be interested, please contact the Selectboard. In April, the Town hosted a Post- Disaster Review. A variety of town officials met with representatives from the Forest Service, Silver Towers, and Middlebury College to discuss best ways to avoid or mitigate disasters and to pool our resources if one occurs.

### Dog Licenses

All dogs in town must be licensed every year by April 1. State law requires towns to have a census of dogs and dog owners to have them licensed and vaccinated against rabies. The Town does have the right to take possession of dogs that are not registered. Please see to it that you get this done now!

### Changes

A school speed zone was established by ordinance to slow traffic on the Lincoln Road in the area of the elementary school and the North Branch School.

Joyce Dicianna was a Ripton resident for many years, serving the Town on the UD3 School Board and, more recently, as Moderator. When she moved away, the Board appointed Tim Hanson to take over that position.

### Looking forward

The bridge on Route 125 at Sand Hill, entering East Middlebury, will be replaced in 2014. The Board has requested that this project begin as soon as possible in the spring of that year, minimizing its effect on travel during the much busier summer season.

2014 is also the year when our twenty-year agreement with Middlebury College will end. The Board is preparing for these negotiations.

We continue to expect that the streetlights in town will be replaced by LED lights which use considerably less electricity. We are also hoping eventually to get a back-up generator for the Town Office building and Community House.

The Town received grants to do some bridge repairs, replace a large culvert on the Lincoln Road, and a culvert on the Natural Turnpike. We also have a grant for a study of possible ways to improve the complicated intersection at the Baker Bridge, where the Lincoln Road, North Branch Road, and Pearl Lee Road all come together.

Laurie Cox, for the Selectboard

## Selectboard Budget Narrative

### Financial Status

Ripton's 2012 year-end combined fund balance was \$256,356 compared to \$231,268 at the end of 2011. The difference between years is in part due to timing of FEMA and grant income and expenses. Balance sheets on the following pages show summaries of town funds. The 2012 budget and expenses and the budget proposed for 2013 are described below.

### General Fund Expenses 2012

The amount budgeted and voted for 2012 general fund expenses was \$270,711.81. The actual amount spent was \$246,276.06.

The most underspent budget category was buildings and grounds. Utility costs for town buildings were lower than in previous years. This may be because of the mild 2012 winter, 2011 furnace replacement in the Community House, adjustments to the town office furnace, and energy efficient lighting. Though we enrolled in Efficiency Vermont's Municipal Street Light Program, no changes were made to our street lights, and there were no savings in the street light budget. Proposed repairs for the Community House kitchen were postponed. The rear room on the second floor of the town office was renovated for work and storage space. Hallway and stairwell work budgeted for 2012 was not completed, but is underway in 2013.

As a result of postponement of projects, only about half of the budget for the facilities line under town officers was spent. Payroll taxes were under budget due to the reduced payroll. The lister budget and Board of Civil Authority (BCA) hearing budgets exceeded projected amounts because of a grievance appeal that went on to a BCA hearing.

Town office expenses were 8% lower than budgeted. There was slight under spending in many categories, with legal notices the most underspent line.

Only 33% of the budget for legal services was spent. This line, however, will not be reduced in 2013 because of items anticipated for legal review.

The contracts and dues line was under budget by 15% because the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association is no longer collecting funds from towns and the county tax was lower than budgeted.

The Ripton Energy Assistance Program (REAP) received a \$2,500 grant for a woodshed which shows

as general fund grant item and expense, and was not budgeted. REAP proposed and managed the project, but the building is owned by the town.

### Road Expenses 2012

The amount budgeted and voted for 2012 roads, including grant expenses, was \$353,350. The actual amount spent on road maintenance, grant projects and storm repair was \$384,020. The over-expenditure is due to unanticipated projects and repair of storm damaged areas to road standards.

With the mild winter of 2011 and 2012 plowing and sanding were underspent. An early spring and a quick thaw caused rutting of the dirt roads. The town used its summer gravel budget early to firm up the roads.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> a wind and rain event caused washouts and tree damage. It further damaged areas not yet repaired after tropical storm Irene, and met the threshold for FEMA assistance. Five roads were identified for projects and along with five Irene projects, repaired to our road standards. For most of the projects, we spent more than FEMA estimated to repair to road standards.

There were two unexpected repairs on Peddlers Bridge Rd. One was for repair of approximately 200' of road surface that was eroding and becoming hazardous. It was filled and paved by D&F Excavating & Paving. The large culvert near the town shed received some FEMA funds, but not enough to cover the cost of headwall repair. The road above the culvert had two bumps that were excavated, filled, packed and repaved, all non-budgeted items.

These projects plus the ten FEMA projects completed in 2012 brought our road budget over by about \$30,000. The state portion of the final FEMA payments was not received by the end of the year.

Two roads grants were completed in 2012. A structures grant replaced a 4' culvert on the Lincoln Rd. approximately 300 yards north of the Pearl Lee Rd. A Better Backroads grant replaced a 30" culvert near 398 Natural Turnpike with a 36" heavy duty plastic culvert 50' long. Both stayed near budget.

At the end of 2011 \$60,000 was transferred from the Major Project Fund to help pay for road expenses before grant revenues were received. That amount was restored to the fund in 2012 along with the usual annual payment of \$6,500 for a total of \$66,500.

## Selectboard Budget Narrative (continued)

### General Fund Expenses 2013

Most categories of the general fund are level-funded for 2013. An exception is the buildings and grounds budget. It includes an increase for Community House repairs with the goal of completing a project that goes beyond routine maintenance. There are adjustments in individual lines for town officers. For several years the listers have drawn on reappraisal funds. The reappraisal is finished and the lister budget increased to its pre-reappraisal level plus some adjustment for 2013. In 2013 the listers anticipate expenses due to changes in homestead declarations, valuation of college property, training via a lister certification program, and training a new lister. The town clerk and assistant clerk lines are adjusted to more accurately reflect work that was previously paid from several other budget lines. The selectboard clerk will again work on FEMA projects and grants and is budgeted accordingly. Legal and professional services are budgeted to assist the college agreement negotiations.

The voted items category amount increased. The Ripton Fire and First Response Department budget is up slightly due to insurance and equipment needs. There is one new funding request from a non-town organization, and several organizations increased the amount requested.



New culvert on Lincoln Road north of the intersection with Pearl Lee Road, a 2012 VTrans Structures Grant project

### Road Expenses 2013

A \$39,000+ project funded with a structures grant and town match will coat and pave the surface and approaches of three bridges. A planning study of the Baker Bridge at the Lincoln Rd., North Branch Rd. and Pearl Lee Rd. intersection will begin. It is funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Regional Planning Commission, and \$2,500 from the town.

The board increased the budget line for Major Roadside Reconstruction in case there are no new road grants. The budget for chloride is increased for lease of a storage tank and spray unit which will improve chloride application.

### Revenue 2012 and 2013

Several delinquent tax accounts were paid in 2012. For 2013 there is less due in delinquent tax, and less anticipated revenue. College gift-in-lieu was underestimated for 2012 because of a misinterpretation of the agreement amount. Three, rather than four, state aid for roads payments were made in 2012 because one was paid in 2011 to assist towns with Irene expenses. In 2013 four payments will be made, so the amount budgeted is increased. Reappraisal and lister education funds will be lower in 2013 than 2012 because the parcel count upon which they are based decreased. Speeding fine income was high in 2012, even prior to enforcement of the school zone. This line is hard to predict, so is not increased in 2013 to match the actual 2012 figure. The road commissioner share of insurance was reviewed and adjusted to actual cost. Grant and one-time revenue for 2012 shows income received for projects completed in 2011, including FEMA reimbursement not known for last year's budget. For 2013 anticipated grant income is shown; actual figures may vary.

Laureen Cox, Chair  
Ronald Wimett  
Richard Collitt

Selectboard for the Town of Ripton



## Road Commissioner Report

With the mild winter of 2011 and 2012 plowing and sanding were underspent. This led to an early spring and a quick thaw which caused a lot of rutting of the dirt roads. We placed gravel on those areas that seemed to grow as the warm weather continued. So the town used our summer gravel budget early to firm up the roads.

Then on May 29th a wind and rain event caused washouts and tree damage. Some of these areas were damaged when Irene was here. This brought FEMA back to reassess and added to Irene's costs. Damaged areas were on the Goshen Rd. by Pop's Pool and Silver Towers, Chandler Hill Rd., North Branch Rd., Barker Rd., and Wagon Wheel Rd. These areas were repaired to our road standards.

Another unexpected repair was a portion of Peddlers Bridge Rd. between Wagon Wheel Rd. and Willem Jewett's driveway. An area approximately 200' long was sliding and becoming hazardous. It was filled and paved by D&F Excavating & Paving. This was not a budgeted cost, but needed to be done.

The large culvert near the town shed received some money from FEMA for stone riprap to help protect the headwall that had fallen into disrepair. To prevent further damage, the selectboard decided to repair the headwall. Champlain Construction was awarded the project and rebuilt the upper headwall with concrete blocks. After the repair was done, the selectboard had complaints about two bumps that had been there for years.

We decided to dig up these bumps and repair. This work was done by the road crew. After about two months of letting gravel pack to see if there were any other problems, we had D&F repave over the culvert. These were all non-budgeted items.

These projects plus the ten FEMA projects completed in 2012 brought our road budget over by about \$30,000, but as of this report all monies are not in for all FEMA projects.

When construction season arrived we had two VTrans structures grants and a Better Backroads grant. Two of the three projects were completed.

The first structures grant replaced a 4' culvert on the Lincoln Rd. approximately 300 yards north of the Pearl Lee Rd. The culvert was rotted and too short which was dangerous if two vehicles met on it. We replaced it with a 5' heavy-wall plastic culvert, concrete block headwalls, and widened the road to make it safer.

The second structures grant will be done this summer. It is for work on three bridges, one on the Lincoln Rd., Natural Turnpike, and the Dugway. The scope of work is to add membrane on existing decks and pave approaches and decks. This will add years to the decks and help prevent potholes at approaches. Champlain Construction was awarded the contract.

The Better Backroads grant replaced a 30" culvert on Natural Turnpike near Bonnie Degray's with a 36" heavy duty plastic culvert 50' long. This widened the road, and with concrete block headwalls brought the area up to road standards.

Depending on the spring thaw, road gravel will be hauled as early as possible and graded. As of now there are no road grants being awarded. It looks like only budgeted road work will be done, so the board raised the Major Roadside Reconstruction budget line from 12,500 to 25,000, which it has been in past years.

Another increase area is chloride. Gorman Brothers, our chloride distributor, will supply the town with a 5,000 gallon storage tank and a 1,000 gallon slide-in spraying unit for a year lease. This will allow the road crew to spray chloride at the optimal time, especially after grading on new gravel.

Another slight increase is in roadside mowing. The line item has not been increased for years.

## Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances for 2012

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds		Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Debt Service Fund	Totals
			Reappraisal Fund	Town Buildings Fund	Major Project Fund	Floods 08 Escrow	Fire Station & Bond Bank	
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Tax-Based Income	295,609	35,007						<b>330,616</b>
Education Taxes	813,158							<b>813,158</b>
Fees, Licenses and Miscellaneous	24,947							<b>24,947</b>
Insurance Reimbursement	4,889							<b>4,889</b>
Grants & Special Projects	25,824	232,930	4,208					<b>262,962</b>
Rent Income	4,600							<b>4,600</b>
Interest	330		5	2	55	6		<b>398</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,169,357</b>	<b>\$267,937</b>	<b>\$4,213</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,441,570</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
General Town Expenses	172,673		3,009					<b>175,682</b>
Public Safety	6,643							<b>6,643</b>
Road Expenses		317,520						<b>317,520</b>
Voted Items	45,932							<b>45,932</b>
Taxes to Schools	813,158							<b>813,158</b>
Loans (Fire Station, Tanker Truck)								
Interest							9,898	<b>9,898</b>
Principal							47,650	<b>47,650</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,038,406</b>	<b>\$317,520</b>	<b>\$3,009</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$57,548</b>	<b>\$1,416,483</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$130,951</b>	<b>(\$49,583)</b>	<b>\$1,204</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>(\$57,548)</b>	<b>\$25,087</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>								
Transfer From Other Funds	4,000			4,700	66,500		57,548	<b>132,748</b>
Transfer To Other Funds	(62,248)	(66,500)				(4,000)		<b>(132,748)</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>	<b>\$72,703</b>	<b>(\$116,083)</b>	<b>\$1,204</b>	<b>\$4,702</b>	<b>\$66,555</b>	<b>(\$3,994)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,087</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, JAN 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$115,731</b>	<b>\$28,492</b>	<b>\$9,472</b>	<b>\$5,228</b>	<b>\$60,335</b>	<b>\$12,010</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$231,268</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES DEC 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$188,434</b>	<b>(\$87,591)</b>	<b>\$10,676</b>	<b>\$9,930</b>	<b>\$126,890</b>	<b>\$8,016</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$256,355</b>

### Capital Budget Statement

The Major Project Fund, established in 1999 to help pay for large road projects, has received annual payments from the town general fund most years since. In addition in 2012, \$60,000 was transferred to the Major Project Fund from the general fund to restore funds used in 2011 to help with flood repairs. The value of the Major Project Fund at the end of 2012 was \$126,890.15.

At the 2008 town meeting, the town voted to establish a reserve fund entitled Major Building and Equipment Fund, but as yet no monies have been deposited into this fund.

### Middlebury College Agreement

The town and Middlebury College are in the twentieth year of a twenty-year agreement which determines how the college compensates the town for its properties in Ripton. This agreement has three components: straight taxes on some parcels, a gift-in-lieu of taxes, and a gift-in-kind of goods and services. The selectboard will be negotiating a new agreement in 2013.

## Combined Balance Sheet for All Fund Types for 2012

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash	62,915		20,606	126,890	8,016	218,427
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	35,187					35,187
Delinquent Interest Receivable	1,348					1,348
Accounts Receivable - State		38,479				38,479
Due from Other Funds	126,069					126,069
Total Current Assets	225,519	38,479	20,606	126,890	8,016	419,510
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$225,519</b>	<b>\$38,479</b>	<b>\$20,606</b>	<b>\$126,890</b>	<b>\$8,016</b>	<b>\$419,510</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>						
Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable - Other	550					550
Due to Other Funds		126,070				126,070
Deferred Revenue (Del Tax/Int Rec'ble)	36,535					36,535
Total Liabilities	37,085	126,070				163,155
Fund Balances						
Unassigned	188,434	(87,591)				100,843
Committed			9,932	126,890		136,822
Restricted			10,674		8,016	18,690
Total Fund Balances	188,434	(87,591)	20,606	126,890	8,016	256,355
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$225,519</b>	<b>\$38,479</b>	<b>\$20,606</b>	<b>\$126,890</b>	<b>\$8,016</b>	<b>\$419,510</b>

## Federal and State Financial Assistance Received in 2012 and Estimated for 2013

<b>Federal Assistance</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Estimated 2013</b>
National Forest funds	54,781.00	54,500.00
FEMA (Irene)	113,371.19	5,632.74
FEMA (May 29, 2012 storm)	23,324.48	4,664.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,476.67</b>	<b>\$64,797.63</b>
<b>State Assistance</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Estimated 2013</b>
State aid for roads	35,702.83	48,218.29
Land use reimbursement	21,293.00	21,300.00
Listers' funding for reappraisal	4,208.50	3,604.00
Listers' funding for education	387.43	369.00
Better Backroads grant	8,250.00	8,800.00
Vtrans Class II Road grant	72,000.00	17,312.92
Vtrans Structures grant	75,557.57	33,309.00
Traffic signs grant	4,370.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$221,769.33</b>	<b>\$132,913.21</b>
<b>Total Federal &amp; State Assistance:</b>	<b>\$413,246.00</b>	<b>\$197,710.84</b>

## Statement of Town Indebtedness

**Short-term debt:** A tax anticipation line-of-credit for \$100,000 was secured in January 2012 to help with a cash shortfall at the beginning of the year. \$4,000 was used and repaid within a couple of months and the line was not required for the remainder of the year. Total interest paid: \$6.22. **Long-term debt:** The town continues to pay down long-term loans for the Fire Station and for 2008 flood expenses – detailed below.

<b>Fire Station Loan 2006-2016</b>					
\$176,500.00 at 4.32% interest					
	Payment Date	Principal	Interest	Payment Due	Payment Made
Loan Amount		\$176,500.00			
	5/22/07	\$17,650.00	\$7,624.80	\$25,274.80	\$24,815.22
Add'l Payment 2007	12/22/07	\$8,634.38	\$190.62	\$8,825.00	\$8,825.00
	12/22/08	\$17,650.00	\$6,489.31	\$24,139.31	\$24,235.58
	12/22/09	\$17,650.00	\$5,726.83	\$23,376.83	\$23,545.13
	12/22/10	\$17,650.00	\$4,964.35	\$22,614.35	\$22,781.00
	12/22/11	\$17,650.00	\$4,201.87	\$21,851.87	\$22,018.52
	12/22/12	\$17,650.00	\$3,439.39	\$21,089.39	\$21,258.40
	12/22/13	\$17,650.00	\$2,676.91	\$20,326.91	\$0.00
	12/22/14	\$17,650.00	\$1,914.43	\$19,564.43	\$0.00
	12/22/15	\$17,650.00	\$1,151.95	\$18,801.95	\$0.00
	5/22/16	\$9,015.62	\$389.47	\$9,405.09	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$176,500.00</b>	<b>\$38,769.97</b>	<b>\$215,269.97</b>	<b>\$147,478.85</b>

<b>Vermont Bond Bank 2010-2019 (for 2008 flood expenses)</b>						
\$275,000 at net 3.047251% interest cost						
	Payment Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Payment Due	Payment Made
Loan Amount	7/21/09	<b>\$275,000.00</b>				
	11/15/09		1.391%	\$2,605.02	\$2,605.02	\$2,605.02
	5/15/10			\$3,606.95		
	11/15/10	\$30,000.00	1.391%	\$3,606.95	\$37,213.90	\$37,212.90
	5/15/11			\$3,398.32		
	11/15/11	\$30,000.00	1.691%	\$3,398.32	\$36,796.64	\$36,796.64
	5/15/12			\$3,144.69		
	11/15/12	\$30,000.00	1.801%	\$3,144.69	\$36,289.38	\$36,289.38
	5/15/13			\$2,874.56		
	11/15/13	\$30,000.00	2.201%	\$2,874.56	\$35,749.12	\$0.00
	5/15/14			\$2,544.43		
	11/15/14	\$30,000.00	2.651%	\$2,544.43	\$35,088.86	\$0.00
	5/15/15			\$2,146.80		
	11/15/15	\$25,000.00	2.931%	\$2,146.80	\$29,293.60	\$0.00
	5/15/16			\$1,780.44		
	11/15/16	\$25,000.00	3.201%	\$1,780.44	\$28,560.88	\$0.00
	5/15/17			\$1,380.33		
	11/15/17	\$25,000.00	3.491%	\$1,380.33	\$27,760.66	\$0.00
	5/15/18			\$943.97		
	11/15/18	\$25,000.00	3.691%	\$943.97	\$26,887.94	\$0.00
	5/15/19			\$482.61		
	11/15/19	\$25,000.00	3.861%	\$482.61	\$25,965.22	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>		<b>\$47,211.22</b>	<b>\$322,211.22</b>	<b>\$112,903.94</b>

## REVENUES 2012 & Estimated 2013

SOURCE OF INCOME	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Variance	Budget 2013
Property Taxes	200,000.00	201,065.41	1,065.41	202,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	40,000.00	45,207.58	5,207.58	25,000.00
Delinquent Tax Fees	4,000.00	3,616.45	(383.55)	2,500.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	4,500.00	3,677.03	(822.97)	2,500.00
Delinquent Tax Legal Fees	700.00	0.00	(700.00)	500.00
College Gift-In-Lieu / Town	84,550.00	100,550.00	16,000.00	129,337.00
College Gift-In-Kind	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00
National Forest Payment	54,000.00	54,781.00	781.00	54,500.00
Land Use Compensation	20,388.00	21,293.00	905.00	21,300.00
State Aid To Roads	34,782.00	35,702.83	920.83	48,218.29
State Funds for Reappraisal	4,237.00	4,208.50	(28.50)	3,604.00
Lister Education Fund	387.00	387.43	0.43	369.00
Interest on Savings	300.00	330.19	30.19	300.00
Interest / Major Project Fund	75.00	54.68	(20.32)	55.00
Interest / Reappraisal Fund	8.00	4.74	(3.26)	4.00
Interest / Town Buildings Fund	1.00	2.61	1.61	2.00
Recording Fees	5,500.00	8,460.00	2,960.00	6,500.00
Copier & Vault Time	700.00	892.82	192.82	750.00
Dog License Fees	1,000.00	996.00	(4.00)	1,000.00
Liquor License Fees	150.00	250.00	100.00	150.00
Zoning Permit Fees	1,200.00	2,061.50	861.50	1,200.00
Recycling Fees	3,000.00	3,415.65	415.65	3,400.00
Speeding Fines	2,000.00	5,836.50	3,836.50	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	500.00	349.19	(150.81)	500.00
Rent Upstairs Town Office	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
Rent Community House	1,625.00	2,200.00	575.00	2,000.00
Old Office Mortgage	2,304.24	2,304.24	0.00	2,304.24
From Major Project Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept Share of Insurance	4,126.00	4,139.00	13.00	4,499.00
Road Comm Share of Insurance	750.00	750.00	0.00	256.00
From Reappraisal Fund	3,000.00	3,004.00	4.00	0.00
From Floods 08 Escrow	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
From Town Buildings Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$496,183.24</b>	<b>\$527,940.35</b>	<b>\$31,757.11</b>	<b>\$542,648.53</b>
<b>GRANT &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECT INCOME - General Fund</b>				
REAP Grant	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL GF Grant Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GRANT &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECT INCOME - Roads</b>				
VTrans Class 2 Road Grant	72,000.00	72,000.00	0.00	17,312.92
VTrans Structures Grant	75,557.57	75,557.57	0.00	33,309.00
Better Backroads Grant	8,250.00	8,250.00	0.00	8,800.00
MUTCD Traffic Sign Grant	4,370.00	4,370.00	0.00	0.00
Private Rd Repair reimbursement	2,113.80	2,113.80	0.00	0.00
Flood 2011 FEMA	40,000.00	113,371.19	73,371.19	5,632.74
FEMA Storm 052912	0.00	23,324.48	23,324.48	4,664.89
<b>TOTAL Road Grant Income</b>	<b>\$202,291.37</b>	<b>\$298,987.04</b>	<b>\$96,695.67</b>	<b>\$69,719.55</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN INCOME</b>	<b>\$698,474.61</b>	<b>\$829,427.39</b>	<b>\$130,952.78</b>	<b>\$612,368.08</b>

## EXPENDITURES 2012 & Budget 2013

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
Selectboard	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00	1,950.00
Board Clerk	13,000.00	13,353.00	353.00	15,000.00
Town Clerk	18,800.00	18,800.00	0.00	22,000.00
Treasurer	12,200.00	12,200.00	0.00	15,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk	10,000.00	8,729.18	(1,270.82)	6,000.00
Elections	1,600.00	1,539.63	(60.37)	300.00
BCA Hearings	100.00	880.89	780.89	200.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	4,000.00	3,721.32	(278.68)	2,500.00
Listers	3,000.00	3,798.00	798.00	8,000.00
Reappraisal 2010-11	3,000.00	3,004.00	4.00	0.00
Lister Training	500.00	535.00	35.00	1,000.00
Planning Commission	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00
Zoning Administrator	3,800.00	3,412.00	(388.00)	3,500.00
Dog Warden	400.00	475.52	75.52	400.00
Other Officers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Report Prep	2,500.00	2,495.08	(4.92)	2,200.00
Officers Training	1,000.00	346.63	(653.37)	1,000.00
Facilities	8,500.00	4,232.78	(4,267.22)	7,500.00
Emergency Mngmt Coordinator	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Payroll Taxes	7,500.00	6,273.71	(1,226.29)	7,500.00
<b>Total OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$93,450.00</b>	<b>\$87,346.74</b>	<b>(\$6,103.26)</b>	<b>\$95,650.00</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>				
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,002.38	2.38	1,000.00
Office Equipment & Furnishing	350.00	348.27	(1.73)	350.00
Photocopier	1,500.00	1,339.16	(160.84)	1,500.00
Computer	1,200.00	1,134.17	(65.83)	1,400.00
Telephone	1,365.00	1,176.47	(188.53)	1,100.00
Internet Service	660.00	660.00	0.00	660.00
Website	294.00	274.50	(19.50)	270.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,013.13	(186.87)	1,100.00
Legal Notices	300.00	130.52	(169.48)	300.00
Document Preservation	2,500.00	2,140.91	(359.09)	2,200.00
State Share of Fees	500.00	542.00	42.00	500.00
Lister Expenses	1,000.00	681.61	(318.39)	1,000.00
Planning & Zoning Expenses	1,500.00	1,855.78	355.78	1,500.00
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>\$13,369.00</b>	<b>\$12,298.90</b>	<b>(\$1,070.10)</b>	<b>\$12,880.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	5,797.00	6,022.50	225.50	6,022.50
Property Insurance	13,312.00	12,992.75	(319.25)	15,598.00
Worker's Compensation	549.00	568.25	19.25	570.00
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$19,658.00</b>	<b>\$19,583.50</b>	<b>(\$74.50)</b>	<b>\$22,190.50</b>

## EXPENDITURES 2012 & Budget 2013 (continued)

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
Town Report Print & Mail	1,500.00	1,547.58	47.58	1,350.00
Legal Services	8,000.00	2,663.75	(5,336.25)	10,000.00
Audit / Town & School	9,700.00	10,000.74	300.74	3,700.00
Generator Maintenance Contract	1,104.00	2,205.00	1,101.00	1,159.00
Recycling	10,508.00	10,887.15	379.15	11,000.00
Gift-in-Kind School Use	3,200.00	3,612.75	412.75	3,400.00
Animal Damage	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	200.00
Pay to Reappraisal Fund	4,294.00	4,208.50	(85.50)	3,604.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	499.76	(0.24)	500.00
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$39,006.00</b>	<b>\$35,625.23</b>	<b>(\$3,380.77)</b>	<b>\$34,913.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>				
Town Office Fuel	3,000.00	1,238.48	(1,761.52)	3,000.00
Town Office Electric	900.00	744.00	(156.00)	800.00
Office Maintenance & Repairs	8,000.00	5,090.19	(2,909.81)	5,000.00
Community House Fuel	4,500.00	3,502.15	(997.85)	4,500.00
Community House Electric	930.00	719.15	(210.85)	800.00
Comm House Maint & Repairs	7,500.00	2,089.69	(5,410.31)	10,000.00
Pay to Town Buildings Fund	4,700.00	4,700.00	0.00	4,700.00
Public Telephone	600.00	365.93	(234.07)	400.00
Street Lights	1,750.00	1,820.93	70.93	1,800.00
Town Shed	300.00	325.94	25.94	350.00
<b>Total BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$32,180.00</b>	<b>\$20,596.46</b>	<b>(\$11,583.54)</b>	<b>\$31,350.00</b>
<b>CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>				
Vt League of Cities & Towns	1,450.00	1,371.00	(79.00)	1,375.00
Regional Planning	635.04	635.04	0.00	652.68
Addison County Sheriff	6,900.00	6,643.02	(256.98)	6,800.00
County Tax	4,000.00	3,178.39	(821.61)	3,200.00
Humane Society	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance	1,175.00	0.00	(1,175.00)	0.00
Tax Map Update	950.00	950.00	0.00	950.00
Miscellaneous Dues	60.00	0.00	(60.00)	100.00
<b>Total CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>	<b>\$15,670.04</b>	<b>\$13,277.45</b>	<b>(\$2,392.59)</b>	<b>\$13,577.68</b>
<b>REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>				
Fire Station Loan	21,089.39	21,258.40	169.01	20,326.91
Vermont Bond Bank	36,289.38	36,289.38	0.00	35,749.12
<b>Total REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>	<b>\$57,378.77</b>	<b>\$57,547.78</b>	<b>\$169.01</b>	<b>\$56,076.03</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$270,711.81</b>	<b>\$246,276.06</b>	<b>(\$24,435.75)</b>	<b>\$266,637.21</b>

## EXPENDITURES 2012 & Budget 2013 (continued)

<b>ROADS</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>				
Summer Maintenance	62,750.00	66,072.68	3,322.68	67,056.00
Winter Maintenance	102,000.00	94,068.42	(7,931.58)	104,500.00
<b>Sub-total ROADS</b>	<b>\$164,750.00</b>	<b>\$160,141.10</b>	<b>(\$4,608.90)</b>	<b>\$171,556.00</b>
<b>SUMMER ROADWORK</b>				
Major Roadside Reconstruction	12,500.00	0.00	(12,500.00)	25,000.00
Summer Gravel Project	20,000.00	13,984.51	(6,015.49)	20,000.00
Resurfacing	26,000.00	27,199.25	1,199.25	26,000.00
Right-of-Way Mowing	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
Major washouts	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Pay To Major Project Fund	66,500.00	66,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
<b>Sub-total ROADS</b>	<b>\$127,600.00</b>	<b>\$111,483.76</b>	<b>(\$16,116.24)</b>	<b>\$81,100.00</b>
<b>ROADS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$292,350.00</b>	<b>\$271,624.86</b>	<b>(\$20,725.14)</b>	<b>\$252,656.00</b>
<b>VOTED ITEMS</b>				
Ripton Fire Department	31,600.00	31,600.00	0.00	35,200.00
Social Service Agencies	14,331.84	14,331.84	0.00	15,880.84
<b>Total VOTED ITEMS</b>	<b>\$45,931.84</b>	<b>\$45,931.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$51,080.84</b>
<b>GRANTS &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECTS - General Fund</b>				
Ripton Energy Assistance Program	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
<b>Total GF GRANTS &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GRANTS &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECTS - Roads</b>				
Better Backroads Grant	11,000.00	13,182.89	2,182.89	0.00
VTrans Structures Grant	0.00	18,886.58	18,886.58	37,010.00
Flood 2011	50,000.00	59,940.93	9,940.93	0.00
Storm 052912	0.00	20,384.67	20,384.67	2,018.73
Bridge study - Lincoln Rd. TH1 B2	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
<b>Total RD GRANTS &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$61,000.00</b>	<b>\$112,395.07</b>	<b>\$51,395.07</b>	<b>\$41,528.73</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>				
GENERAL FUND	270,711.81	246,276.06	(24,435.75)	266,637.21
GF GRANTS & PROJECTS	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>270,711.81</b>	<b>248,776.06</b>	<b>(21,935.75)</b>	<b>266,637.21</b>
ROADS	292,350.00	271,624.86	(20,725.14)	252,656.00
RD GRANTS & PROJECTS	61,000.00	112,395.07	51,395.07	41,528.73
<b>ROADS BUDGET</b>	<b>353,350.00</b>	<b>384,019.93</b>	<b>30,669.93</b>	<b>294,184.73</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND / ROADS BUDGET</b>	<b>\$624,061.81</b>	<b>\$632,795.99</b>	<b>\$8,734.18</b>	<b>\$560,821.94</b>
VOTED ITEMS	\$45,931.84	\$45,931.84	0.00	\$51,080.84
<b>TOTAL TO SPEND</b>	<b>\$669,993.65</b>	<b>\$678,727.83</b>	<b>\$8,734.18</b>	<b>\$611,902.78</b>



## Comparative Table of Revenues 2009 through Estimated 2013

<b>SOURCE OF INCOME</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
Property Taxes	225,984.67	247,842.60	203,435.62	201,065.41	202,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	33,187.66	76,684.84	79,157.49	45,207.58	25,000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	2,651.38	6,142.70	6,133.24	3,616.45	2,500.00
Delinquent Tax Fees	2,163.09	8,361.22	7,189.10	3,677.03	2,500.00
Delinquent Tax Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	878.10	0.00	500.00
College Gift-In-Lieu / Town	53,546.15	71,983.69	75,428.58	100,550.00	129,337.00
College Gift-In-Kind	15,928.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
National Forest Payment	50,840.00	53,230.00	53,670.00	54,781.00	54,500.00
Land Use Compensation	13,698.00	18,661.00	20,388.00	21,293.00	21,300.00
State Aid To Roads	46,541.20	46,438.61	58,310.24	35,702.83	48,218.29
State Funds for Reappraisal	4,246.50	4,237.00	4,227.50	4,208.50	3,604.00
Lister Education Fund	387.47	387.46	387.45	387.43	369.00
Interest on Savings	667.67	505.52	386.74	330.19	300.00
Interest / Major Project Fund	1,198.19	479.43	153.57	54.68	55.00
Interest / Reappraisal Fund	77.92	12.11	10.20	4.74	4.00
Interest / Town Buildings Fund	1.98	3.19	0.64	2.61	2.00
Recording Fees	3,412.50	5,501.00	6,184.00	8,460.00	6,500.00
Copier & Vault Time	783.37	780.39	694.57	892.82	750.00
Dog License Fees	940.00	1,000.00	1,008.00	996.00	1,000.00
Liquor License Fees	150.00	150.00	150.00	250.00	150.00
Zoning Permit Fees	1,301.00	1,050.00	1,757.50	2,061.50	1,200.00
Recycling Fees	3,781.10	3,657.59	2,993.43	3,415.65	3,400.00
Speeding Fines	1,153.63	3,211.50	2,002.00	5,836.50	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,507.84	1,056.03	924.00	349.19	500.00
Rent Upstairs Town Office	2,400.00	2,600.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Rent Community House	2,320.00	2,725.00	1,625.00	2,200.00	2,000.00
Old Office Mortgage	2,304.24	2,304.24	2,304.24	2,304.24	2,304.24
Misc Grants Total	7,200.00	60,421.04	120,395.06	299,373.24	69,719.55
FEMA 2008	111,186.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Major Project Fund	4,973.36	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
Private Road Repair	0.00	7,827.14	3,853.20	2,113.80	0.00
Fire Dept Share of Insurance	3,114.00	2,802.00	3,093.00	4,139.00	4,499.00
Road Comm Share of Insurance	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	256.00
From Reappraisal Fund	0.00	6,281.12	16,630.37	3,004.00	0.00
From Town Bldgs Fund	0.00	0.00	8,175.00	0.00	4,000.00
From Floods 08 Escrow	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN INCOME</b>	<b>\$601,397.75</b>	<b>\$657,086.42</b>	<b>\$764,695.84</b>	<b>\$829,427.39</b>	<b>\$612,368.08</b>

## Comparative Table of Expenditures 2009 through Budget 2013

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
Selectboard	2,275.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Board Clerk	12,237.00	7,870.59	10,559.14	13,353.00	15,000.00
Town Clerk	17,680.09	18,034.04	18,395.14	18,800.00	22,000.00
Treasurer	11,492.00	11,721.94	11,956.08	12,200.00	15,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk	4,602.00	6,332.12	8,799.97	8,729.18	6,000.00
Elections	536.00	1,594.20	519.53	1,539.63	300.00
BCA Hearings	0.00	90.00	0.00	880.89	200.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,582.39	6,050.50	5,955.71	3,721.32	2,500.00
Listers	6,968.63	5,357.70	2,019.80	3,798.00	8,000.00
Reappraisal 2010-11	0.00	6,281.12	16,630.37	3,004.00	0.00
Lister Training	65.65	385.00	0.00	535.00	1,000.00
Planning Commission	750.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Zoning Administrator	2,863.50	2,052.00	3,785.50	3,412.00	3,500.00
Dog Warden	341.40	431.50	379.17	475.52	400.00
Other Officers	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00
Town Report Prep	1,993.41	2,032.18	2,490.03	2,495.08	2,200.00
Officers Training	516.18	372.17	983.01	346.63	1,000.00
Facilities	1,210.00	4,614.50	2,050.25	4,232.78	7,500.00
Emergency Coordinator	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Payroll Taxes	5,224.75	5,864.46	7,140.93	6,273.71	7,500.00
<b>Total OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$72,338.00</b>	<b>\$82,634.02</b>	<b>\$95,259.63</b>	<b>\$87,346.74</b>	<b>\$95,650.00</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Office Supplies	1,003.14	983.14	947.60	1,002.38	1,000.00
Office Equipment & Furnishing	297.96	267.39	381.87	348.27	350.00
Photocopier	1,352.27	1,353.97	1,542.90	1,339.16	1,500.00
Computer	707.45	608.85	1,095.55	1,134.17	1,400.00
Telephone	1,635.43	1,252.22	1,624.58	1,176.47	1,100.00
Internet Service	1,094.40	800.68	660.00	660.00	660.00
Website	0.00	0.00	294.00	274.50	270.00
Postage	1,066.84	1,107.19	1,075.75	1,013.13	1,100.00
Legal Notices	315.25	56.19	225.56	130.52	300.00
Document Preservation	1,496.19	4,481.15	4,497.06	2,140.91	2,200.00
State Share of Fees	459.00	493.00	488.00	542.00	500.00
Lister Expenses	739.33	1,272.51	93.46	681.61	1,000.00
Planning & Zoning Expenses	1,357.32	1,251.84	3,776.59	1,855.78	1,500.00
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>\$11,524.58</b>	<b>\$13,928.13</b>	<b>\$16,702.92</b>	<b>\$12,298.90</b>	<b>\$12,880.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
Health Insurance	4,809.15	5,054.20	5,840.08	6,022.50	6,022.50
Property Insurance	10,742.25	12,787.00	11,821.00	12,992.75	15,598.00
Workers Compensation	1,219.75	1,326.00	851.00	568.25	570.00
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$16,771.15</b>	<b>\$19,167.20</b>	<b>\$18,512.08</b>	<b>\$19,583.50</b>	<b>\$22,190.50</b>

## Comparative Table of Expenditures 2009 through Budget 2013 (continued)

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
Town Report Print & Mail	1,963.89	3,082.96	1,508.78	1,547.58	1,350.00
Legal Services	13,434.44	3,866.25	6,471.83	2,663.75	10,000.00
Audit / Town & School	6,500.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	10,000.74	3,700.00
Generator Maintenance	1,815.00	1,174.95	679.40	2,205.00	1,159.00
Recycling	4,773.00	5,176.46	8,386.05	10,887.15	11,000.00
Gift-in-Kind School Use	950.00	0.00	2,527.25	3,612.75	3,400.00
Animal Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Pay To Reappraisal Fund	4,275.00	4,237.00	4,294.00	4,208.50	3,604.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	150.00	462.91	499.76	500.00
HAVA Funds	1,793.99	1,547.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACRPC Town Plan Revision	0.00	738.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$35,505.32</b>	<b>\$23,673.36</b>	<b>\$28,030.22</b>	<b>\$35,625.23</b>	<b>\$34,913.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>					
Town Office Fuel	1,968.05	2,431.85	1,696.49	1,238.48	3,000.00
Town Office Electric	709.94	703.51	751.00	744.00	800.00
Office Maintenance & Repairs	13,165.50	9,685.67	13,431.56	5,090.19	5,000.00
Community House Fuel	3,479.11	2,399.33	4,490.29	3,502.15	4,500.00
Community House Electric	679.37	663.61	922.65	719.15	800.00
Comm House Maint & Repairs	2,642.44	18,129.79	6,645.72	2,089.69	10,000.00
Pay To Town Buildings Fund	2,300.00	2,300.00	4,700.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
Public Telephone	614.49	608.54	572.79	365.93	400.00
Street Lights	1,566.32	1,614.50	1,723.74	1,820.93	1,800.00
Town Shed	514.93	294.28	268.14	325.94	350.00
<b>Total BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,640.15</b>	<b>\$38,831.08</b>	<b>\$35,202.38</b>	<b>\$20,596.46</b>	<b>\$31,350.00</b>
<b>CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>					
Vt League of Cities & Towns	1,056.00	1,257.00	1,440.00	1,371.00	1,375.00
Regional Planning	594.30	609.12	609.12	635.04	652.68
Addison County Sheriff	6,216.89	7,056.55	6,817.07	6,643.02	6,800.00
County Tax	4,092.56	3,845.03	3,805.71	3,178.39	3,200.00
Humane Society	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance	1,172.00	1,176.00	1,174.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Map Update	750.00	750.00	750.00	950.00	950.00
Miscellaneous Dues	50.00	55.00	55.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>	<b>\$14,431.75</b>	<b>\$15,248.70</b>	<b>\$15,150.90</b>	<b>\$13,277.45</b>	<b>\$13,577.68</b>
<b>REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>					
Fire Station Loan	23,545.13	22,781.00	22,018.52	21,258.40	20,326.91
Fire Tanker Truck Loan	3,778.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flood 2008 Loans	25,644.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VMBB Floods 2008	2,605.02	37,212.90	36,796.64	36,289.38	35,749.12
<b>Total REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>	<b>\$55,573.49</b>	<b>\$59,993.90</b>	<b>\$58,815.16</b>	<b>\$57,547.78</b>	<b>\$56,076.03</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$233,784.44</b>	<b>\$253,476.39</b>	<b>\$267,673.29</b>	<b>\$246,276.06</b>	<b>\$266,637.21</b>

## Comparative Table of Expenditures 2009 through Budget 2013 (continued)

<b>ROADS</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2012</b>	<b>Budget 2013</b>
Summer Maintenance	49,464.41	50,765.87	45,508.28	66,072.68	67,056.00
Winter Work	94,614.35	87,729.32	110,566.13	94,068.42	104,500.00
Major Roadside Reconstruction	9,010.00	11,059.12	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Summer Gravel Project	16,577.27	14,146.60	14,459.37	13,984.51	20,000.00
Resurfacing	10,980.00	3,118.50	27,489.00	27,199.25	26,000.00
Right-of-Way Mowing	2,437.50	2,795.00	2,880.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Major Washouts	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Pay To Major Project Fund	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	66,500.00	6,500.00
Miscellaneous (including Grants)	9,949.33	63,944.32	233,073.88	112,395.07	41,528.73
<b>Total ROADS</b>	<b>\$199,532.86</b>	<b>\$240,058.73</b>	<b>\$440,476.66</b>	<b>\$384,019.93</b>	<b>\$294,184.73</b>

## Ripton Cemetery Association Report

In addition to local bank accounts, the Ripton Cemetery Association holds 290.211 shares of Alliance Balanced Shares, a stock mutual fund. Value of these shares with a net asset value of \$16.48 per share as of December 31, 2012 was \$4,782.68. A check for the long-term capital gain earnings of \$339.34 was received and deposited into the cemetery savings account. Expenses for 2012 were \$1,500 for cemetery grounds maintenance and \$15 biennial report filing fee. The combination of all cemetery funds are as follows:

<b>Cemetery Funds December 31, 2012</b>			
<b>Bank Funds</b>			
Beginning Balance			<b>\$3,804.12</b>
Receipts			
Sale of plots	\$500.00		
Interest	\$1.78		
Investment Income	\$339.34		
Total Receipts		<b>\$841.12</b>	
Expenses			
Annual maintenance	\$1,500.00		
Biennial Non-Profit Fee	\$15.00		
Total Expenses		<b>\$1,515.00</b>	
Ending Bank Balance			<b>\$3,130.24</b>
<b>Invested Funds</b> (see narrative above)			<b>\$4,782.68</b>
<b>Total Cemetery Funds</b>			<b>\$7,912.92</b>



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## Independent Auditors' Report

To The Selectboard  
Town of Ripton, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Ripton, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the Town's nonmajor governmental funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Ripton, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Ripton, Vermont, as of December 31, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental fund of Town of Ripton, Vermont, as of December 31, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2013 on our consideration of Town of Ripton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 and 25 through 30 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town of Ripton, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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February 7, 2013

## **Ripton Community Coffee House Report**

The Ripton Community Coffee House is a nonprofit concert series held at the Ripton Community House at 7:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month (except August). Concerts start with an hour-long open mike set followed by the featured performer.

We hosted eleven concerts in 2012. We had an average attendance of about 120 people at the Community House. Of our eleven concerts, five were by performers from Vermont. We had more than fifty open mike performers, including many from Ripton. We continue to welcome everyone interested in performing to sign up for one of the ten-minute slots.

A couple of highlights included Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem, who sold out their show just twenty minutes after the doors opened. We have never had a show sell out so quickly before. Our July performers, After the Rodeo, actually played the open mike in January and the response to them was so overwhelming that we booked them for July. The Stray Birds from Western Pennsylvania were so impressed by Ripton that they talked about what a great time they had here in an interview in a magazine. They also used a photo taken of them on our stage in their publicity materials. All of the shows had something special to offer. If you haven't been to the coffeehouse, or haven't been for awhile, please come by for a friendly, all-ages evening and hear some great acoustic music. Our website is [www.rcch.org](http://www.rcch.org).

Our organization is completely volunteer-run. The refreshment sales at two-thirds of our concerts are fundraisers for area nonprofit organizations. In 2012 the beneficiaries included the Helen Porter Nursing Home, the Frost Mountain Nordic Ski Team, Otter Creek Day Care, the Brandon Town Hall Restoration Fund, the Middlebury Community Care Coalition and the Friends of the New Haven Library. If you are interested in running the refreshment sales to make money for your nonprofit, please contact Andrea Chesman at 388-9782.



The Bluegrass Gospel Project onstage at the Ripton Community Coffee House on February 4, 2012.

## Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response

Activity Report	Volunteer Hours
Total emergency or assistance calls: 43	
Medical calls: 27	276
Fire calls: 22 (including 6 motor vehicle incidents)	262
Medical training	705.25
Fire training	828.5
Meetings	294
Community Service Events:	163
<b>Total hours</b> (administrative activities such as paperwork, purchasing, not included)	<b>2,529</b>
Total dollar value of volunteer hours (as average for VT)	<b>\$44,384.00</b>

**ROSTER:** F = firefighter, FR = first responder, EMT= emergency medical technician

**Officers:** Chief: Erik Eriksen; Assistant Chiefs: Roland McGlashan (F), Jay Harrington (F);  
Captains: Ross Elliott (F), Will Mathis (F) Ceredwyn Alexander (EMT)

**Members:** Christine Carone (F, EMT), John Fontanilles (F, EMT), Erica Goodin (F, EMT), Marty Kulczyk (F), Brad Mathews (F), Emily Mathews, Ed Sullivan (EMT), Eric Warren (F), Kevin Mulholland (MD), Alison Joseph (Dept. Assistant), Dorothy Gelinas and William Cole (Dispatch), Gwynneth Alexander and Sarah Miller (cadets), Justin Allen (F/Salisbury), Reid Peck (F/Weybridge)

**REPORT:** We now have two firefighter level II members, Will Mathis and Erica Goodin, and two members newly qualified at firefighter level I, Jay Harrington and Brad Mathews. We also have one new member, Emily Mathews, who is taking the EMT course and two members who completed the EMT course, Christine Carone and John Fontanilles.

Because of the event of January 2012 we have increased our Search and Rescue training and some of us have been trained in man (people) tracking. Ceredwyn Alexander is trained as a wilderness EMT and an EMT instructor (State Instructor Coordinator). One of our cadets is seriously looking into Emergency Management as a career. The feedback from our two cadets about the cadet academy is very positive. The cadet academy has left Pittsford and is now held at the Vermont Technical College in Randolph.

**REMINDERS:** Everyone should have 911 numbers that are reflective and that can be viewed from either direction; clean chimneys yearly, burn only dry wood, have a chimney or pipe cap, have a temperature gauge on woodstoves and pipes; have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and remember to check and replace batteries.

**Erik Eriksen, Chief**



## Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response (continued)

2012 Vehicle & Major Equipment Inventory	
Pumper. 1986. KME/International	Ladders. 1-roof, 2-24', 1-8', 1-attic
Tanker. 2005. Freightliner	Chainsaw. Jonsered
Pumper. 1989. FMC with Hale pump (purchased 2012 for \$15,000 out of the Vehicle Replacement Fund)	Fan, positive pressure. SuperVac
First-Response ambulance. 1998. Ford	Fan, ventilation. GE
Pump, portable. Hale HPX400	Thermal Imaging Camera. Cairns Viper
Pump, portable. Hale HP300	Multi-gas Detector & calibration kit. Orion
Portable pond. 1,000 gallon	Air pump. Porter Cable
Portable pond. 2,000 gallon	Compressor. Porter Cable, 3 hp
Generator & light, portable. Honda	Defibrillator. Medtronic Lifepak 500 (2)
Generator, station. Honda	Defibrillator. Medtronic Lifepak 1000 (2)
Generator, portable. Generac	Defibrillator. Laerdal Heartstart

Assets December 31, 2012	
Vehicle Replacement Fund	15,028.76
Checking	3,203.30
Savings	10,273.20
	<b>Total Assets: \$28,505.26</b>

### RVFD Expenditures 2012 & Proposed Budget 2013

EXPENSES	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Variance	Budget 2013
Community Service	200.00	73.03	(126.97)	200.00
Gear/Tools/Equipment	5,000.00	8,987.11	3,987.11	8,000.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance/Fuel	6,000.00	5,663.85	(336.15)	6,000.00
Adminstration/Insurance/Dues	6,000.00	5,762.65	(237.35)	6,200.00
Training	3,000.00	3,136.70	136.70	3,300.00
Dispatch/Phone/Computer	2,500.00	1,571.90	(928.10)	2,000.00
Electricity	1,300.00	1,308.40	8.40	1,330.00
Heat	3,100.00	1,349.62	(1,750.38)	2,500.00
Furnishing & Equipment	100.00	57.00	(43.00)	100.00
Maintenance & Supplies	350.00	176.74	(173.26)	250.00
Hydrant Plowing	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
Base station grant	0.00	4,385.00	4,385.00	0.00
Repeater grant	0.00	5,628.00	5,628.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,800.00</b>	<b>44,350.00</b>	<b>10,550.00</b>	<b>36,130.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Carryover from previous year	1,702.57	1,702.57	0.00	20.00
Donations	482.00	1,045.00	563.00	905.00
Interest	15.43	9.87	(5.56)	5.00
Town Payment	31,600.00	31,600.00	0.00	35,200.00
Base station grant	0.00	4,385.00	4,385.00	0.00
Repeater grant	0.00	5,628.00	5,628.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,800.00</b>	<b>44,370.44</b>	<b>10,570.44</b>	<b>36,130.00</b>

## Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report

In late fall of 2012, our office lost a dear friend and co-worker. Joyce Henderson, assistant town clerk since 1999, passed away November 2 at the age of 60 after a four year battle with lung cancer. She was ahead in that battle for most of those years, and maintained a regular work schedule. She was in the office every week where her primary responsibility was to keep up with the document recording, and she was scheduled to work on election day, November 6, as she had most all election days from 2000 forward. Needless to say, her absence was felt immediately and acutely.

Joyce and her husband, Bill Pierce, owned the Chipman Inn for 27 years and had just sold the place in September 2012 and moved to Middlebury. Bill served on the Ripton planning commission from 1991-2001, for some of those years as chair, and recently held the position of "facilities coordinator" overseeing the maintenance of our town buildings. Joyce served several terms as our delegate to the Regional Planning Commission. Ripton bids farewell to Joyce and Bill with much appreciation for their many years of service.

Recording deeds requires meticulous attention to detail and I am so fortunate that Joyce had the patience and willingness to do it all these years. I am able to pick up where she left off by following her excellent example and crib notes. When the previous town clerk began the task of computerizing records, it was Joyce who pored over the old vital record books and entered every detail into the town database. That effort, which included the entry of over 8,000 names of Ripton residents since the mid 1800's, became the basis of our expanded database that now includes land records. With all those names in the system, data entry of our land records history goes much faster. Joyce was also the go-to-person for all things language and grammar; until her diagnosis four years ago, she was responsible for writing town meeting minutes and usually got first shot at proofing the town report (so, forgive us if it's not up to its usual high standard this year!) All her wonderful office contributions aside, however, I simply miss Joyce's wisdom, her laugh, her unique way of seeing things - and, of course, numerous conversations about cats, hedgehogs and knitting.

### Land Records

In the town report for 2001, then town clerk Tim Hanson wrote in his report, "We hope to start computer indexing the land records this year... the system we have now is antiquated and inefficient. We expect this project to take several years..." Well, I am happy to report that since November 2012, we are no longer continuing the "antiquated and inefficient" system of indexing land records on index cards. All documents received for recording are entered directly into a database from where an index is printed. The next step is to enter historical data from the existing index cards and general index until we have at least 40 years of history, the required time frame for a title search. The computerized record also includes a scanned image of each document.

Property sales have picked up in Ripton (see the listers report for details) and re-financing continues to be a popular activity while interest rates remain low.

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Property Transfers	18	26	44	24	18	18	26
# Pages Recorded	641	494	630	583	476	648	633

### Vital Statistics

In 2012, seven births, two marriages, and four deaths were added to our vital records. Additionally, three Ripton residents died elsewhere (and the record will reside in the town where the event occurred).

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Births	7	5	5	9	7	3	4	6	5	6
Marriages* / Civil Marriages	2	4	2	3	5	9	10	3	4	7
Civil Unions*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Deaths	4	3	4	3	4	1	4	3	4	7

\*in 2009, "civil union" and "marriage" were replaced by "civil marriage" as the legally recognized union of two people.

## Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report (continued)

### Tax Collection

Property tax bills go out around July 20<sup>th</sup> of every year, so if you don't receive your bill by August 1, please contact us to make sure we have your correct address. We can send you a bill electronically – just e-mail me at [townclerk@riptonvt.org](mailto:townclerk@riptonvt.org) to set that up. If you want to make partial tax payments anytime during the year, that is perfectly fine – it is no problem to track early payments of any amount. The tax due date is voted on every year at town meeting and is generally the first Thursday in November. The proposed tax due date for 2013 is Thursday, November 7 and postmarks are accepted. Any payments received or postmarked after November 7 are turned over to the collector of delinquent taxes for collection.

### Dog Licensing

108 dogs were licensed in Ripton in 2012. State law requires that all dog owners license any dog over six months of age with the town clerk on or before April 1 of every year. Fees are: \$8 for neutered/spayed dogs, \$12 for unneutered/unspayed dogs. Licenses issued after the deadline include a late fee. We need to have a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination certificate on file to issue the license. If your dog's rabies certification expires later in the year, get your license now based on the current certification and send us a copy of the new one when you get it. The law further requires the town clerk to turn over to the selectboard a list of any known unlicensed dogs on May 30 of each year; further action to enforce the law will then be up to the board.

### Elections

2012 saw three elections with average voter turnout by Ripton standards - we always have a higher than national average of voter turnout for general elections. Town meeting election day is Tuesday, March 5; the polling place will be in the town office from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. (Since it will be a moderately attended election and held in the town office, it's okay with me if you license your dog at the same time!) For further information about elections and election issues, contact the town office during office hours, visit the town website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org) or the Vermont Secretary of State's website at [www.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.sec.state.vt.us).

**Ripton Voter Participation**

Town Meeting			State & Federal Elections		
Year	Total Voters	Voted	Election	Total Voters	Voted
2012	450	153 (34%)	General 2012	472	337 (71%)
2011	447	116 (26%)	Primary 2012	454	96 (21%)
2010	446	125 (28%)	General 2010	451	291 (65%)
2009	433	137 (32%)	Primary 2010	447	167 (37%)
2008	424	269 (63%)	General 2008	444	355 (80%)
2007	424	172 (41%)	Primary 2008	431	48 (11%)
2006	450	110 (24%)	General 2006	453	316 (70%)
2005	436	107 (25%)	Primary 2006	428	92 (21%)
2004	405	152 (38%)	General 2004	444	332 (75%)
			Primary 2004	438	87 (20%)

### Personnel changes

After 17 years as assistant town clerk/treasurer, Alison Joseph will not continue that role in 2013. Alison became the clerk of the selectboard in August 2011 and, combined with her responsibilities as chair of the board of lists and planning commission membership, has plenty enough to do. There was a time when one person could wear many hats, but that is less and less the case as all town jobs have become more complicated and time-consuming in this complex age. I am especially grateful to Alison for getting me through my first years as town clerk, and as I am not losing her as an office mate, look forward to many more years of working together. Along with Joyce Henderson's passing, this means I will be appointing a new assistant clerk/treasurer following town meeting when annual appointments are made.

When Joyce Dicianna sold her home and left Ripton in 2012, she had to resign her positions as moderator and justice of the peace. JP's play an important role in elections and serve on the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). I want to thank Joyce for her willingness to serve above and beyond normal expectations by often working the early morning shift on election days, the late night shift counting ballots at the high school town meeting election day, and chairing the BCA.

## Board of Listers Report

Thank you for reelecting Bruce Malhotra in 2012. Unfortunately, Bruce resigned his office at the end of the year. He helped us through two reappraisals and 15 years. We'll miss him. Fortunately, we have a lot of talented, helpful people in town and we look forward to a new member on the board.

The listers prepare the grand list, a list of real property values and ownership as of April 1. In most years this requires determining values for properties where changes were made, notifying owners, hearing grievances, reviewing sales; and updating current use program values, ownership, and homestead declarations. To determine values we visit properties in the spring and enter data in a state-supported computerized mass appraisal system which generates cost reports. The state is promoting a lister certification program and has increased training opportunities. The work is interesting, necessary and paid. If you are interested in being a lister, please speak with Erik Eriksen or Alison Joseph. Information about the position is also available online at <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pvrlisters.shtml> and <http://www.valavt.org>.

**CLA and COD:** The common or certified level of appraisal (CLA) is the ratio of the grand list and its value to its "equalized" 100% value determined by a state study of property sales. For 2012 the CLA level of appraisal was 95.96%; for 2013 it is **99.17%**. The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of equity based on the same sales as the CLA. Percentages of 15% and less are considered good. The 2012 COD was 6.22%; for 2013 it is 4.36%.

**Grievances:** There were 2 grievances, both from 2011 but filed after deadline, and both denied. One owner appealed to the Board of Civil Authority. The board denied a change of value.

**Current Use exemptions:** There are 37 parcels and 3,400 acres enrolled in the Current Use Value Program. Owners saved \$106,580.00 in municipal and education property tax. The town was reimbursed \$21,293 for municipal revenue loss. The annual deadline for enrollment of parcels 25 acres and greater is Sept. 1. Information is available at <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pvrcurrentuse.shtml>.

**Statutory exemptions:** Some properties are exempt from property taxation by law. In 2011 our parcel count of exempt properties was 44. In 2012 the number of exempt properties was 27 because the state required us to merge all contiguously owned parcels. Because state payments for reappraisal and lister education are calculated by number of parcels, our revenue in 2013 will be lower than 2012.

**Locally voted (contract) exemptions:** The town voted partial property tax exemptions for the Vermont Elks and for disabled veterans, and pays state education tax for the exempt amounts. The Vermont Elks Silver Towers Camp exemption of \$273,900 of value was voted in 2012, a re-vote of a 2002 exemption. An exemption of \$40,000 of property value was voted for disabled veterans and surviving spouses in 2009. For eligibility requirements and applications, contact the Office of Veterans Affairs.

### **IMPORTANT – HOMESTEADS MUST BE DECLARED THIS YEAR**

Residents must again file homestead declarations ANNUALLY. The form is with the Vermont state income tax forms and at <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/formsproperty.shtml>. The information you file is sent by the state to the listers. Please be careful about declarations of business and rental use of your dwelling, and business or rental use of outbuildings. To receive property tax adjustments on time and without penalties applied, **file by April 15, 2013.**

## Board of Listers Report (continued)

**Sales Data and Property Transfers:** Of 18 property transfers, 10 were sales and 8 transfers between family members or to a trust. The following table shows sales data from 2010-2012. Its headings are described below.

- Location: street address. If there is no street number, it is because there is no building.
- Acres: the number of acres shown on the town tax maps.
- Category: M: miscellaneous, MH: mobile home, R: residential, S: seasonal. Letters followed by 1 contain less than six acres; letters followed by 2 have six or more acres.
- Seller: the seller listed on the property transfer form.
- Date: month and year of sale.
- Sale price: price reported on the property transfer form.
- Listed value: the property value in the town grand list as of April 1 of that year.
- Ratio: shows the ratio of the grand list value to the sales value

Location	Acres	Category	Seller	Date	Sale Price	Listed Value	Ratio
<b>2012 Sales Data</b>							
1125 Route 125	3.11	M	Schley	1/25	50,000	49,300	98.60
2812 Natural Turnpike	5.00	R1	Stiffler	2/13	135,000	133,000	98.74
Reichert Lane	9.12	M-land	Tobia	2/15	60,000	55,300	92.16
1090 Peddlers Bridge Rd	7.30	R2	Gerow	5/12	255,000	291,100	114.15
924 North Branch Rd	7.05	R2	Chicoine	6/12	150,000	161,000	107.33
289 Elzira Winter Rd	15.18	R2	Dicianna	6/12	419,000	380,600	90.84
668 Chandler Hill Rd	30.60	S2	Laroche	6/12	166,500	160,900	96.64
718 Lincoln Rd	5.0	R1	Orvis	7/12	155,000	154,300	99.55
1233 Route 125	5.9	C	Pierce	9/12	490,000	458,600	N/A
84 Ira Dow Rd	10.2	R2	Dragon	10/12	180,000	210,000	116.67
Natural Turnpike	17.7	M-land	O'Connor	10/12	105,000	61,400	58.48
905 Peddlers Bridge Rd	24.8	R2	Biederman	11/12	350,000	393,200	112.34
<b>2011 Sales Data</b>							
671, 683 North Branch Rd	1.00	R1	Brewer	04/11	170,000	176,500	103.82
931 Pearl Lee Rd	5.85	M	Cardon	08/11	20,000	29,100	145.50
100 Lincoln Rd	21.47	M	Durkee	08/11	127,500	113,900	89.33
202 Robbins Crossrd	10.01	R2	Matkowski	09/11	234,000	234,000	100.00
1625 Lincoln Rd	2.50	R1	Blanchette	11/11	148,500	117,100	78.85
<b>2010 Sales Data</b>							
1062 North Branch Rd	4.13	R1	Pounds	03/10	240,000	240,500	100.21
2571 North Branch Rd	1.00	S1	Livingston	05/10	75,000	74,400	99.20
935 North Branch Rd	2.27	R1	Caswell	05/10	200,000	209,100	104.55
2960 Natural Turnpike	10.00	R2	Wilson	05/10	260,000	240,700	92.58
254 North Branch Rd	16.00	R2	Posdamer	05/10	125,000	127,200	101.76
2189 North Branch Rd	20.04	R2	Bach	05/10	417,500	410,800	98.40
498 Scott Rd	27.38	S2	Maranhas	05/10	180,000	180,300	100.17
31 Burnt Hill Rd	3.40	R1	Poole	10/10	215,000	201,200	93.58

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	114	19,019,600	14,822,800	4,196,800	19,019,600
Residential II R2	120	34,634,700	27,865,900	6,768,800	34,634,700
Mobile Homes-U MHU	1	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
Mobile Homes-L MHL	13	1,161,200	941,500	219,700	1,161,200
Seasonal I S1	21	1,096,900	0	1,096,900	1,096,900
Seasonal II S2	27	2,525,600	0	2,525,600	2,525,600
Commercial C	19	2,244,000	267,300	1,976,700	2,244,000
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	937,800	0	937,800	937,800
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	20	3,662,900	169,400	3,493,500	3,662,900
Miscellaneous M	61	2,797,200	15,400	2,781,800	2,797,200
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>68,082,900</b>	<b>44,085,300</b>	<b>23,997,600</b>	<b>68,082,900</b>
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>68,082,900</b>	<b>44,085,300</b>	<b>23,997,600</b>	<b>68,082,900</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		30,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>40,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contracts Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	1	273,900			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>273,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Farm Stab Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
<b>Total FarmStab Contr</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	37	5,892,700	1,916,200	3,976,500	5,892,700
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>6,206,600</b>	<b>1,926,200</b>	<b>3,976,500</b>	<b>5,902,700</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>6,206,600</b>	<b>1,926,200</b>	<b>3,976,500</b>	<b>5,902,700</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>618,763.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>421,591.00</b>	<b>200,211.00</b>	<b>621,802.00</b>
NON-TAX 27 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

## Statement of Taxes for 2012

Property Tax Rates for 2012	
Municipal rate (muni)	0.3302
Education homestead rate (HS-ed)	1.5838
Education non-residential rate (NR-ed)	1.4381
<b>Total homestead rate (muni + HS-ed)</b>	<b>1.9140</b>
<b>Total non-residential rate (muni + NR-ed)</b>	<b>1.7683</b>

Tax Calculation			
<b>Grand list</b> (total taxable value of town property)	<b>\$68,082,900</b>	(less exemptions*)	
Homestead grand list	\$44,085,300	\$42,129,100	
Non-residential grand list	\$23,997,600	\$20,021,100	
1% of homestead grand list	\$421,291		
Homestead tax rate	1.9140		
<b>Total Homestead Taxes</b>	<b>\$806,351</b>		
1% of non-residential grand list	\$200,211		
Non-residential tax rate	1.7683		
<b>Total Non-Residential Taxes</b>	<b>\$354,033</b>		
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$1,160,384</b>		
VT tax adjustments (credits)	(\$150,366)		
Municipal tax credit to town	(\$4,423)		
Adjustments due to late-filed	(\$300)		
<b>TOTAL TO COLLECT</b>	<b>\$1,005,295</b>		
Collected by Nov. due date	\$966,650		
<b>Total turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$38,645</b>		
*Exemptions include: current use program, locally voted exemption, veteran's exemption			

Tax Breakdown			
Homestead Taxes	Tax Rate	\$ of Tax Bill	% of Tax Bill
Municipal property tax	0.3302	\$139,110	17%
Education property tax	1.5838	\$667,241	83%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$806,351</b>	
Non-Residential Taxes	Tax Rate	\$ of Tax Bill	% of Tax Bill
Municipal property tax	0.3302	\$66,110	19%
Education property tax	1.4381	\$287,923	81%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$354,033</b>	

Percent of taxes billed vs. taxes collected by the November due date									
Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>% Collected</b>	95.8	98.0	96.1	93.6	94.4	95.0	94.2	93.5	96.0

## Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

<b>2012 Delinquent Taxes</b>		
Taxes not collected by due date	Collected before Dec 31	<b>Balance Dec 31</b>
\$38,645	\$11,984	<b>\$26,661</b>

<b>Previous Years Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2012</b>	
Tax Year	Collected
2008	\$1,384
2009	\$1,666
2010	\$6,903
2011	\$23,005
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$32,959</b>

<b>Summary Report for Taxes Owed December 31, 2012</b>				
Tax Year	Tax	Penalty	Interest	<b>Total Due</b>
2009	\$283	\$23	\$20	<b>\$325</b>
2010	\$1,002	\$80	\$248	<b>\$1,330</b>
2011	\$7,241	\$579	\$548	<b>\$8,368</b>
2012	\$26,661	\$2,133	\$533	<b>\$29,327</b>
<b>Total for all years</b>				<b>\$39,350</b>

### Delinquent Taxpayer List as of December 31, 2012

Due to a new law regarding confidentiality and property taxes, we are advised to show only the total tax, penalty and interest due for all years for any single property.

Property Owner	Total Due	
Cynthia Altman	\$23.72	*
Shirley Badger	\$7.42	
Lawrence Brodeur	\$1,460.51	
Jos. Charest & C. Malzac	\$6,665.34	
Gordon Drummond	\$2,679.45	
Malcolm & Barb. Harding	\$770.27	
Harris Larocque	\$638.76	
Roger & Debra Larocque	\$4,689.10	
Virginia Lazarus	\$2,084.37	
George & Linda Leclair	\$970.61	
David & Melissa Manning	\$1,206.39	
Robert Moran	\$268.67	
Paonia N'Shaiha	\$1,046.13	
John Peck Sr. & Jr.	\$420.87	
Ian, Brian, John Sr. Peck	\$1,860.94	
Pamela Popp	\$1,130.11	
Kurt & Heidi Stahl	\$1,638.58	
Ronald Stevers	\$704.12	
James Thompson	\$1,181.13	
Mark & Connie Trudeau	\$9,143.76	*
Eugene Warner	\$760.07	
<b>Total tax, penalty, and interest due:</b>	<b>\$39,350.32</b>	

\*Paid in full before the printing of this report.



## Summaries of Town Ordinances

### Regulations Related to Roads and Trails

- Special Regulations Governing Obstructions to Highways: Effective October 1973. Regulates the construction of driveways that join town roads.
- Special Regulation as to Speed of Motor Vehicles: Effective October 1973.
- Speed Ordinance: Effective December 1989. Sets a 35 mph speed limit on all town roads.
- Speed Ordinance: Effective January 1999. The town's speed limit for Route 125 is identical to the speed limit set by the State.
- Trails Ordinance: Effective November 2004. Regulates the use of town trails for the general good of the town.
- Stop Sign Ordinance: Effective November 2009. Regulates the operation and use of motor vehicles at intersections controlled by stop signs.
- School Zone Ordinance: Effective April 2012. Establishes a school zone for Ripton Elementary School with a reduced speed limit of 25 mph.

### Health and Sewage Ordinances

- Health Ordinance: Effective November 1983. Sets standards for septic systems.
- Sewage Ordinance: Effective April 1989. Updates the 1983 Health Ordinance. Revised 2005. (Beginning July 1, 2007, sewage permits must be applied for directly from the State of Vermont.)

**Flood Related Ordinances** *As of October 2012, all flood related ordinances are included in the UDB (see below under Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances).*

- Flood Hazard Ordinance: Effective September 1985. Protects public health and safety from the hazards of flooding and is required for eligibility for Federal Flood Insurance.
- Flood Plain Ordinance: Effective May 1990. Revises the 1985 Ordinance.
- Flood Erosion Hazard Overlay District: Effective October 2009. Controls development within areas depicted on the most current Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FEH) maps.

### Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

- Zoning Ordinance: Effective March 1989. Regulates development. Historic district added in 1995. Revised 2003. Revised 2006. *As of October 2012, included in the UDB (see below).*
- **Town of Ripton Unified Development Bylaw (UDB):** Effective October 2012. "The Zoning Bylaw, Flood Hazard Regulations and Flood Hazard Map, Subdivision Regulations and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Bylaw and maps in effect prior to the adoption of this bylaw and map(s) are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this bylaw and map(s)." (from Article I, page 7 of the Town of Ripton Unified Development Bylaw).
- Subdivision regulations: Effective March 2003. Revised 2006. *As of October 2012, included in the UDB (see above).*

### Other Ordinances

- Open Container Ordinance: Effective February 1988. Regulates alcohol consumption in public places.
- Dog Ordinance: Effective November 1993. Dogs running loose and causing a nuisance may be controlled by the town.
- Junk Ordinance: Effective July 2005. Regulates the outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles. Revised 2006.

### Plans

- Town Plan: Adopted October 2012
- All Hazards Mitigation Plan: Adopted August 2012
- Basic Emergency Operations Plan: Adopted April 2012

*Complete copies of all ordinances and plans are available at the town office or at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org)*

# TOWN OF RIPTON YEAR-END ZONING REPORT CALENDAR YEAR 2012

The numbers and the distribution by type of the zoning applications that were received and processed in calendar year (CY) 2012 can be summarized as follows:

<i>New dwellings</i>	
<i>Permanent/seasonal houses</i> .....	<b>5</b>
<i>Camps</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Apartments/accessory dwellings</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Mobile homes</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Replacements</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Renovations/additions</i> .....	<b>3</b>
<i>Accessory outbuildings/structures</i> .....	<b>3</b>
<i>Exempt agricultural outbuildings</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Access drives/roads/work in right-of-way</i> .....	<b>3</b>
<i>Ponds/dams/other land development</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Renewable resource uses (wind turbines, solar panels)</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Temporary uses</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Signs</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Subdivisions</i>	
<i>Single-lot</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Multiple lot</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Boundary adjustments</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Planned unit developments (PUDs)</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Renewals of permit</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Conditional uses</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Certificates of occupancy</i> .....	<b>4</b>
<i>Verifications of compliance</i> .....	<b>12</b>
<i>Notices of Violation</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Hearing applications</i>	
<i>Zoning Board of Adjustment</i>	
<i>Conditional uses</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Variances/Waivers</i> .....	<b>1</b>
<i>Appeals</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Planning Commission</i>	
<i>Subdivisions/PUDs</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Site plan reviews</i> .....	<b>0</b>
<i>Historic District Commission</i>	
<i>Historic District developments</i> .....	<b>1</b>

**Thirty-six zoning applications** were received and processed during the year, including **two** requests for hearings before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for conditional-use and

variance approvals, and **one** before the Historic District Commission for site plan review of a project in the Town's Historic District.

**Thirty-one zoning permits** and other written instruments such as verification of zoning compliance letters were issued during the calendar year from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012. The direct costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the Town's zoning and subdivision bylaws involved a total invoiced cost of **\$4,296.18** in man-hours and expenses for the Administrative Officer's services, charged against a total of **\$2,596.93** in permit application fees that were assessed and collected, resulting in a net direct cost of administration of **\$1,699.25** for the calendar year.

These figures do not include the costs incurred in warning and convening hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, nor do they include attorneys' fees, when and if the Town elects to retain their services (as, for instance, to pursue litigation in zoning violation cases). For a complete summary of the Town's officially-posted zoning administration costs, please refer to the budget pages in Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Hanson  
Administrative Officer  
1 January 2013.

## **Permit Information**

**Zoning and Sewage** permits are required prior to any land development or change of use. Contact the zoning administrator. (Since 2007, sewage permits must be applied for directly from the State of Vermont. The zoning administrator or town office can provide information about this process.)

**Access/Driveway** permits are required before altering or building a driveway that connects to a town road. Contact the zoning administrator.

**Permits for burning brush** are required when there is no snow cover. Contact the fire warden. (Burning trash is illegal at all times.)

## **Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission**

The Planning Commission provides land use planning for the Town, the Zoning Board of Adjustment rules on applications for variances from the Zoning Bylaw and on conditional use applications, and serves as an appeal body for decisions by the Zoning Administrator. The Historic District Commission provides guidance on external changes to properties in the Historic District. The Town Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and State statutes guide the decisions of these commissions.

The Planning Commission gave final approval for a site plan and conditional use for a planned unit development of a commercial ten-unit rental cabin establishment. The Zoning Board of Adjustment approved conditional use for installation of snow-making equipment at Middlebury College's Rikert Nordic Center at the Bread Loaf Campus. The Zoning Board also approved a variance for a side yard setback for a new seasonal structure on Barrows Road. The Historic District Commission approved the design for a replacement handicapped-accessible walkway between the back of the Ripton Community Church and the community parking area in front of the church.

The Planning Commission gave final approval to a year-long revision of the Zoning Bylaw, incorporating into it the freestanding Subdivision Regulations as well as the freestanding Fluvial Erosion Hazard Bylaw. The revised document, called the Unified Development Bylaw, was heard and adopted by the Selectboard on 8 October 2012.

## **Report of the Ripton Conservation Commission**

On 11 June the Ripton Conservation Commission cooperated with the Green Mountain National Forest on a field trip along the Natural Turnpike (FR 54) to continue to control wild chervil, an aggressive invasive exotic member of the parsley family, for the fifth year. The purpose of this control program is to prevent chervil from moving north along the Natural Turnpike into South Lincoln, where there is a thriving roadside population of the state-threatened Appalachian Jacob's ladder. Chervil spreads vigorously along roadside ditches and poses a significant threat to overrun the threatened population in South Lincoln. A follow-up visit by a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps group removed most of the larger plants along the 3-mile stretch, but small nonflowering plants and next spring's sprouts will require attention in 2013.

On 14 November the Ripton Conservation Commission hosted a presentation at the Ripton Community House by Dan Conant of SunCommon, a Vermont-based company spun off from the Vermont Public Interest Research Group in 2012. SunCommon designs and arranges for installation of solar hot water and photovoltaic panel arrays. Twenty-five Ripton residents and three visitors from other Addison County towns attended.

On 27 November the Ripton Conservation Commission received from the Green Mountain National Forest a scoping letter on a project to move portions of the Catamount Nordic Ski Trail to provide an alternative ski route to the Steam Mill Road (FR 59), where skiers run the risk of encounters with snowmobiles, sometimes at high rates of speed. A second purpose of the rerouting was to provide an alternative ski route for the Catamount Trail during times when the Rikert Center's new homologated nordic racing trail was tied up during races. Conservation Commission members walked the proposed trail reroute, made suggestions to Michael Hussey, the Rikert Center Director, walked the reroute a second time with Mr. Hussey, and approved the changes made to the reroute. The Conservation Commission commented in writing on the Forest Service's scoping letter on 18 December.

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2012

**The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2012 fiscal year:**

### Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

### Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted an educational workshop series in conjunction with VLCT, presented at the Town Officers Educational Conferences (TOEC) and hosted monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Co-sponsored an Educational Series on locally available renewable energy and conservation options.
- Community outreach/advisor role for Environmental Seminar/College Class

### Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted quarterly "Local Emergency Managers Roundtables" to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted local post-disaster recovery efforts following spring flooding.
- Assisted in development and final adoption of local Hazard Mitigation Plans

### Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Conducted audits on municipal buildings and worked with municipalities to implement energy savings
- Worked with municipalities to generate local power for municipal use
- Conducted feasibility studies on electric car usage and natural gas as a vehicular fuel
- Installed 2 public electric vehicle charging stations.
- Supported the adoption of municipal PACE programs to support energy efficiency

### Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on regional priorities.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies and supported municipal capital budget development

### Natural Resources Planning

- Implemented a program to assess Brownfields within the region.
- Completed and adopted the Natural Resource section of the Regional Plan and readopted the entire plan
- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County Watershed Collaborative.
- Developed a regional Forest Stewardship Plan to assist municipalities and landowners.

Addison  
Lincoln  
Salisbury

Bridport  
Middlebury  
Shoreham

Bristol  
Monkton  
Starksboro

Cornwall  
New Haven  
Vergennes

Ferrisburgh  
Orwell  
Waltham

Goshen  
Panton  
Weybridge

Leicester  
Ripton  
Whiting

Town of Ripton Annual Report for 2012



## Report of the Ripton Energy Coordinator

In January the Energy Coordinator organized an informational meeting on PACE (Property-Assessed Clean Energy) in the Community House. The presentation was made by the Efficiency Vermont PACE Coordinator Peter Adamczyk. The Energy Coordinator spoke at Town Meeting in support of PACE, and the town approved the article calling for Ripton to become a PACE District by voice vote.

With help from the Conservation Commission the Energy Coordinator organized an informational session in the Community House on solar photovoltaic panels, attended by 25 residents. Dan Conant of SunCommon made the presentation. SunCommon is collaborating with Bristol Electronics to design and install solar panel arrays that pay for themselves.

The Energy Coordinator worked with Jeremy Grip to bring a proposal from Caleb Elder of AllEarth Renewables for a solar photovoltaic tracker array to be ground-mounted behind the elementary school in what is now a stand of red pine. The financial arrangements and the proposed impact on the landscape resulted in an unfavorable decision by the school board.

The Energy Coordinator and Jeremy Grip again are collaborating to arrange a presentation by Roger Wallace and John McNerney of Addison Renewable Energy (ARE). Their proposal featured a 50 kilowatt roof-mounted solar array. Following a request for proposals distributed by the Addison Central Supervisory Union business manager Laura Nassau, the school board awarded a contract to ARE pending approval of the bond, to install the proposed solar array in collaboration with reroofing of the school by an unrelated company during the summer of 2013. Roger, John and Laura were instrumental in reserving a significant state subsidy from a rapidly dwindling funding pool, resulting in a favorable financial arrangement when combined with a pair of bonds for the roof and solar panels respectively.

The Ripton Energy Assistance Program (REAP) continues its activities although last winter's moderate temperatures reduced requests for heating assistance. REAP received two grants and community contributions to construct a 16' x 24' woodshed using all local volunteer labor. The woodshed is located next to the Fire Station on the Dugway. The REAP firewood supply, 20 cords, is now under secure cover, thanks to the 30 residents who participated in "Moving Day". REAP now awaits requests from Ripton residents in need during a more normal winter.

The Energy Coordinator made a presentation on REAP and the woodshed at the annual conference of the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network in Fairlee, Vermont. Over 250 Vermonters attended the energy conference.



## Recycling Report

Recycling and trash drop-off is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the first and third Saturdays of each month at the town shed on Peddlers Bridge Road. The recycling charge is \$3 per load; trash disposal is \$3-4 per bag. Trash drop-off ends at 11:45 a.m. Please take advantage of these services. Remember that burning household waste in burn barrels is illegal; the fumes pose a serious danger to downwind neighbors and violators are subject to a fine.

### **The following may be recycled in the big red roll-off:**

- \* Clean metal food or beverage containers, preferably flattened, labels OK
- \* Aluminum foil, pie and baking tins
- \* Glass bottles and jars, no caps
- \* Plastic containers and lids with a triangular recycling symbol (any number 1-7)
- \* Mixed paper, including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, boxboard, paperback and telephone books, white or colored office paper, junk mail, construction paper, paper towels, unrecusable paper bags and egg cartons, paper-lined (no plastic liner) grain sacks, wrapping paper (except metallized paper)

### **Into the brown dumpster outside the shed:**

- \* Corrugated cardboard only, flattened

### **Elsewhere in the shed:**

- \* Books
- \* Hazardous household batteries: lithium, nickel-cadmium, nickel metal hydride, sealed lead acid and button. Alkaline batteries are not hazardous waste and should be put in the trash. Check carefully that you are not throwing away a hazardous battery. If in doubt, bring it in.
- \* Redeemable cans and bottles (proceeds go to Friends of the Ripton School)
- \* Clean brown paper bags, whole cardboard egg cartons
- \* Styrofoam packing peanuts (no blocks, chunks or sheets)
- \* Scrap metal of all shapes and sizes

### **We will have to reject:**

- \* Any container with food residue
- \* Plastic containers without the recycling symbol
- \* Plastic shopping bags may be recycled at the community food stores; we will no longer take them
- \* Bottle and jar caps
- \* Sheet glass, dishware, goblets and drinking glasses, Pyrex, light bulbs
- \* Coated cardboard milk or juice containers, waxed, carbon or metallized paper, ribbon, plastic-lined grain sacks
- \* Car batteries (take to the transfer station on Route 7 South, Middlebury)
- \* Fluorescent bulbs (contain trace amounts of mercury, take to transfer station)

In 2012 the average number of households using the recycling center each drop-off was 43.4, an increase from 2011's 39.8 but a decrease from 50.8 in 2010. More residents are using the recycling center during hours when it is not officially open for business, which accounts for the apparent decline in use, at least in part. There has been a slight drop in the amount of materials recycled. If you wish to drop off materials when the center is not open, please obtain the recycling coordinator's approval beforehand, and bring your \$3 fee to the Town Clerk or to the next recycling drop-off.

Under assumptions similar to those made since 1994, Ripton's total waste stream in 2012 was 216.5 tons, a decrease from 237.24 tons in 2011. Recyclable waste comprised 46.9 percent of the total, slightly lower than 48 percent in 2011, a satisfactory percentage.

Ripton's residents support recycling through their use of the service and their willingness to volunteer three hours every three years to keep it running. Contact the Town Clerk (388-2266) or the recycling coordinator (388-4082) if you would like to help.

**Green Up Day** In 2013 Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4. Contact Steve Zwicky (388-2301) or Warren King (388-4082) to find out how you can participate.

Recycling Committee: Barry King, Warren King, Millard Cox, Steve Zwicky



# ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 19 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3d Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

### District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

### District Office and Transfer Station

**Telephone:** (802) 388-2333

**Fax:** (802) 388-0271

**Website:** [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

**E-mail:** [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)

**Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM

**Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

**HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–Noon & Sat, 9 AM–Noon

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and transfers it to out-of-District disposal facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** program accepts reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

### 2012 Highlights

**Planning.** In 2012, District staff completed the third Implementation Report of its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The Report shows that in the past two years, the District has been able to continue and in some cases expand its diversion programs despite the economic downturn. The combination of a “pay-as-you-throw” pricing system for waste and the “single stream” collection of recyclables resulted in a 53.82% diversion rate, surpassing the State goal of 50%. The full Report is available on the District's website.

**Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District strives to find new ways in which industry and government can partner to solve some of the most difficult solid waste issues that we face every day. Recently, the District helped to lead efforts to adopt two new extended producer responsibility laws for electronic wastes (such as televisions and computers) and for fluorescent light bulbs. VT now bans these wastes from landfill disposal and requires the manufacturers to pay to recycle them. The District Transfer Station is one of the statewide collection locations, offering free recycling for most electronics and bulbs. **Act 148 – State Universal Recycling Law.** The VT Legislature unanimously adopted Act 148 - the Universal Recycling Law - this year, the most significant change to VT solid waste law since 1987. Act 148 focuses on recyclables and organics by establishing new statewide mandates. Bans on disposal of certain recyclables, leaf & yard waste and food residuals will be phased in, as will mandatory recycling and food collection by haulers and facilities. Recycling containers will be required in publicly owned places. The District is in a strong position to transition to the new solid waste law, as most of the elements of the new law are systems already adopted and enforced by the District in our member municipalities. The District Transfer Station is equipped to serve as a hub for collecting and managing the increased types and volumes of materials collected by haulers and town drop-offs. As more information and data become available, the District will assist its member towns, haulers and the general public in comprehending and adapting to the new system. **Recycling Collection.** On 1/1/12, the District Transfer Station opened its doors for the first time to accept single stream recyclables from licensed commercial haulers. As of October, 280 tons of single stream recyclables were received. **Illegal Dumping.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2012 to patrol and enforce its ordinance against illegal dumping and burning of waste. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 32 illegal burning & dumping complaints. On Green-Up Day, the District served once again as County Coordinator. In addition to assisting the many area volunteers who organize collection of roadside litter, the District provided free gloves, prizes and - most importantly - free disposal of the roadside waste. This year, the District subsidized disposal of 18.34 tons of trash, 14.17 tons of tires, 8 appliances, 10 propane tanks and other abandoned hazardous wastes for a total economic benefit of \$5,916.

### 2013 Budget

The District's 2013 Annual Budget is \$2,667,844, a 3% increase over the 2012 Annual Budget. The District Transfer Station will reduce the tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste and Construction & Demolition Debris to \$123/ton. Several other rates will be reduced effective 1/1/13, including \$10/ton for single stream recycling from licensed commercial haulers. There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2013. For a copy of the full 2012 Annual Report, please call the District, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).



**Transfer Station Hours:**  
 Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
 Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**2013 TRANSFER STATION  
 APPROVED RATE SCHEDULE**

**HazWaste Center Hours:**  
 Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM – Noon  
 Saturdays: 9:00 AM – Noon

**A \$1.00 admin fee is charged on all monetary transactions in addition to prices listed below.**

<b>WE ACCEPT:</b>	<b>PRICE/UNIT</b>	
<b>MSW (Trash), Construction &amp; Demolition Debris</b>	\$123/ton	
Minimum Fee -- Minimum Load Size -- 1/2 ton for regular MSW only	\$61.50	
Minimum Fee -- 100 lbs. or less -- mixed debris	\$6.15/load	
<b>Appliances w/ CFCs</b> (frig, freezer, AC, fountain, vending machine, dehumidifier) .....	\$10/ea.	
Commercial-Grade A/C Units .....	At Cost	
<b>Appliances - no CFCs</b> (furnace, washer/dryer, hot water heater, stove, dishwasher, microwave, woodstove) .....	No Charge	
<b>Asbestos, Non-Friable</b> (packaging requirements apply) .....	\$200/ton	
<b>Batteries</b> (wet-cell, automotive).....	No Charge	
<b>Batteries</b> (small dry-cell, cell phones, rechargeable, button cell, lithium, lithium ion, NiMH, NiCad).....	No Charge	
<b>Books</b> (hard and soft cover).....	No Charge	
<b>Clean Wood</b> , natural wood or raw lumber/pallets (untreated, unpainted) – Residential Customers – Car/Truck ....	\$2.50/load	
Residential Customers w/ Trailer .....	\$5/load	
Business Customers.....	\$45/ton	
Mulch loading assistance (upon request).....	\$5/load	
<b>Electronics</b> (larger items or quantities may be charged by weight at the discretion of the scalehouse operator) ....	\$0.23/lb	
Computers, whole systems (includes everything) .....	\$11/ea.	No Charge*
Computers, by piece (monitor or CPU or printer) .....	\$6/pc.	No Charge*
Televisions (Regular size TV).....	\$7/ea.	No Charge*
(Console size TV) .....	\$15/ea.	No Charge*
Desktop Photocopier .....	\$11/pc.	
Small Electronics (Fax, VCR, DVD, Stereo, CD Player, Shredder) .....	\$2.50/pc.	
Mixed Bag (cords, adapters, CDs, tapes, cassettes, DVDs, chips, cards - grocery bag size) .....	\$5/bag	
<b>Fire Extinguishers</b> – >5 lbs .....	\$5/ea.	
<b>Fluorescent Light Bulbs</b> – Compact Fluorescent Lamps.....	No Charge	
U-Tube, Circular or Straight Tubes 4 ft. or shorter .....	\$0.25/ea.	No Charge**
Straight Tubes longer than 4 ft., or HID .....	\$0.50/ea.	No Charge**
UV, Neon or other Specialty Lamps .....	\$1.95/ea.	
<b>Food Waste</b> (Residential only) .....	No Charge	
<b>Hazardous Waste</b> – Residential not including latex paint or joint compound .....	No Charge	
Residential including latex paint or joint compound .....	\$2/load	
<b>Hazardous Waste</b> -- Business (CEG) -- Must call ahead .....	Actual Cost + \$5 Fee	
<b>Leaf &amp; Yard Waste</b> (grass clippings, leaves, small twigs) .....	\$1/load	
<b>Light Ballasts</b> (containing PCBs) .....	\$2.25/ea.	
<b>Maple Tubing</b> (call for acceptance guidelines) .....	No Charge	
<b>Mercury Devices</b> (thermometers, thermostats and all other <b>intact</b> devices) .....	No Charge	
<b>Motor Oil</b> (uncontaminated only, drums by appointment) .....	No Charge	
<b>Oil Filters</b> (Residential) .....	No Charge	
Business – Individual filters.....	\$0.25/ea.	
– 55-gallon drum full (crushed or uncrushed) .....	\$45/drum	
<b>Pressurized Cylinders</b> – 1-lb Cylinder – Residents/Businesses.....	No Charge/\$1 ea.	
20-lb Cylinder (grill size) .....	\$3/ea.	
<b>Recycling</b> – Single Stream Recyclables from Commercial Haulers, and Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) .....	\$10/ton	
Minimum Fee – 100 lbs or < of SS Recyclables and/or OCC .....	\$2/load	
<b>REUSE IT OR LOSE IT!</b> (for items accepted at the discretion of the scalehouse operator)		
Household goods weighing 50 or < lbs .....	No Charge	
Household goods weighing >50 lbs.....	\$3/ea.	
Construction Materials (reusable dimensional lumber, doors, fixtures, windows).....	No Charge	
<b>Scrap Metal</b> .....	No Charge	
<b>Tires</b> – Passenger Tires.....	\$2/ea.	
Large Truck Tires .....	\$6/ea.	
Agricultural Tires .....	\$20/ea.	
Earthmoving Tires, Extra Large Tires, Large Quantities of Any Tires .....	\$0.06/lb.	

**District Fee** - \$33.40/ton for MSW, C&D (included in Transfer Station tip fee) and \$10/ton for contaminated soils used as ADC.

\* VT E-Waste Law – No charge for households, 501(c)(3) charities, school districts, small businesses (10 or < employees) **OR** 7 or < covered items/visit.

\* \*VT Mercury Lamp Law – No charge for general purpose mercury bulbs, 10 or </visit.

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## Green Mountain National Forest Report

*What follows is a summary of GMNF activities that included Ripton. The complete 10-page report of GMNF activities statewide is available at the Ripton town office.*

This year many Vermont communities in and around the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) dedicated a lot of time and resources toward repairing extensive damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. We have come a long way – today nearly all GMNF roads and trails have been repaired and forest users are again enjoying the recreational opportunities that the GMNF has to offer. We were lucky to escape severe damage from Hurricane Sandy; however, the GMNF did suffer from several blow-downs and minor infrastructure damage. We would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in the management of the 400,000 acre GMNF which serves several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts and is critical to your local economy.

We are proud that the Green Mountain National Forest is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people - people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to visit every year. Highlights of GMNF activity in Ripton during 2012 are:

- The Forest grew by 424 acres through the acquisition of lands in the Towns of Readsboro, Manchester, Winhall and Ripton.
- Forest Road Improvement Projects: Improved 7.01 miles of National Forest system roads in the Towns of Chittenden, Ripton, Rochester, Pittsfield, Goshen, Mount Tabor, Lincoln, Weston, Peru, Winhall, Granville, Woodford, and Woodstock. This work included the rehabilitation or reconstruction of nine road bridges.
- Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained 76.89 miles of National Forest System roads in the Towns of Ripton, Rochester, Chittenden, Goshen, Lincoln, Hancock, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Sunderland, Woodford, Winhall, Stamford, Wallingford, and Readsboro. This work included grading, ditching, culvert cleaning, and brushing.
- Road Decommissioning: Decommissioning planned for 2.38 miles of already closed (gated) roads in Granville, Hancock and Ripton. These were portions of Forest Road 25, 42, and 67A within Wilderness Management Areas.
- Chittenden, Leicester, Lincoln, Mendon, Middlebury, Ripton and Salisbury, VT: Analysis was completed enabling the future construction/opening of scenic vistas along trails.
- Middlebury and Ripton, VT: Working cooperatively with the Middlebury High School Diversified Occupations Program, improvements and repairs were completed to the Abbey Pond Trail. Further improvements to reduce erosion and improve the trail are being planned with funding provided by private donations.
- Ripton, VT: Working with local contractors, repairs and site upgrades were completed at the Robert Frost Interpretive Site. Further site improvements are in the planning stage. Redundant, outdated toilet infrastructure was removed at Robert Frost Wayside.
- Receipts retained from Stewardship Contracting were used to hire the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) to pull wild chervil along three miles of Forest Road 101 in Granville. Using a mix of funding sources, the VYCC crew and one volunteer event, another three and a half miles of wild chervil were pulled along Forest Road 54 in Lincoln and Ripton, and along one mile of Forest Road 27 in Goshen.
- In addition, the National Wild Turkey Federation was awarded our first Stewardship agreement sale for partners. The National Wild Turkey Federation contracted with a local company for the logging and service work in the North Branch sale in Ripton.

Colleen Madrid, Forest Supervisor: 802-747-6700

District Ranger office, north half – Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts: 802-767-4261

Middlebury Ranger Station: 802-388-4362

## 2013 Funding Requests

The following organizations request funds to be voted by ballot on March 5, 2013 at the town office. Names, mission, 2012 service for Ripton residents and amount requested are below. Detailed descriptions and reports are available at the town office.

**Addison Central Teens (ACT).** Mission: “to offer a safe, supportive, substance-free, and wholly supervised space for our teenagers to grow and mature.” Ripton teens served: 12 who made 336 visits to drop in hours, and 43 visits to special events. **Request: \$1,500.**

**Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects, Inc.** Mission: “ACCDJCJP provides a restorative community justice response to low level crime and underage drinking. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the Court Diversion Program or the Teen Alcohol Safety Program has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience.” Ripton service: 2 individuals. **Request: \$170.**

**Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.** Mission: “From children with medical issues, to adults struggling to remain independent at home, to those approaching completion of their lives, Addison County Home Health and Hospice is here to help. Day in and day out our staff help people recover from their surgeries, manage long term chronic illnesses and advocate for those who are unable to do so for themselves.” Learn more at [achhh.org](http://achhh.org) or 388-7259. Ripton service: 408 patient visits. **Request: \$587**, based on \$1 per resident.

**Addison County Parent/Child Center.** Mission: “to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all children get off to the right start with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive. The Center provides parenting education classes and workshops, community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation, and childcare.” Ripton service: estimated 23 residents. **Request: \$600** to support classes, transportation, infant care and family education services used by town residents.

**Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR).** Mission: “All of our transportation programs enable our riders to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.” Ripton service: 1,557 Dial-a-Ride trips for Ripton residents and more than 1,582 rides to or from Ripton on the Snow Bowl Shuttle Bus. **Request: \$1,550.**

**Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA).** Mission: “committed to providing the vital services that the eldest community members need in order to remain in their own homes. Ripton service: 6 residents with Case Management, Meals on Wheels, Senior Community Meals, Transportation, Senior Help Line.” **Request: \$750.**

**Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC).** Mission: provides services to those with mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. “CSAC’s Emergency Service, 388-7641, is available 24 hours a day, seven days per week. We are a non-profit organization. Although we receive support from state and third party payers, almost all our funding is designated and doesn’t allow us to fully meet the many needs of the people we serve. We are committed to making our services available to people regardless of their ability to pay.” Ripton service: 8,100 hours. **Request: \$1,300.**

**Elderly Services, Inc.** Mission: “committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to each individual’s needs, and promoting a sense of caring fellowship. It is our mission to provide high-quality programs to help elders live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities.” Ripton service: 244 hours of care, 77 meals, 76 van rides, equal to a cost of \$3,660. **Request: \$600.**

**Green Up Vermont.** Mission: Vermont’s spring clean-up. **Request: \$50** for town populations under 1,000.

**Helping Overcome Poverty’s Effects - HOPE.** Mission: to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with opportunities for becoming more self-reliant through emergency, basic and enrichment programs delivered in an environment of recognition and respect. **Request: \$2,750.**

## 2013 Funding Requests (continued)

**Homeward Bound - Addison County Humane Society.** Mission: “dedicated to improving the lives of homeless animals.” Programs include: Adoption, Fostering and Behavior Modification; Spay/Neuter; Cruelty Response; Humane Education and Outreach; Lost and Found Services and Micro-Chipping; Feral Cat Program; Shelter Care; Meals on Wheels. Ripton service Jan. 1 – Sept. 30, 2012: 2 animals adopted; 1 animal stray taken in. The cost of care for these animals was \$475. **Request: \$750.**

**Hospice Volunteer Services.** Mission: “to provide terminally ill people and their loved ones in Addison County with physical and emotional support.” Ripton service: 3 hospice or palliative patients with volunteers for a total of 289 days; 1 person with 12 hours of bereavement support; 2 families invited to Service of Remembrance; discussion with MUHS students including some from Ripton; public events and support groups. 1 Wellspring sing for 4 people; 2 residents are active volunteers. **Request: \$450.**

**John W. Graham Emergency Shelter.** Mission: serve Addison County’s homeless families and individuals, and prevent homelessness. Provided more than 5,000 bed nights of food, shelter and hope to more than 200 people at our shelter; provided transitional housing, helping people move from homelessness; helped dozens find permanent housing; assisted 15 families to prevent them from becoming homeless. **Request: \$1,600.**

**Open Door Clinic.** Mission: provide free health care to low-income, uninsured, and under-insured town residents. Ripton service: 9 residents used the clinic for 40 visits and case management. **Request: \$500.**

**Otter Creek Child Care Center.** Mission: to provide quality, affordable early care and education to the Addison County community. Ripton service: 3 families currently use the center. **Request: \$1,000** to support need-based tuition assistance.

**Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District.** Mission: to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment. Programs include workshops, Conservation Field Day, Aerways, scholarships, Tree Sale, Envirothon. **Request: \$48.84**, 0.11 per resident.

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).** Mission: recruit, place, train and support volunteers in non-profits organizations. Ripton service: free income tax return preparation services, community meals sites, services by volunteer drivers, and Toys for Tots. **Request: \$375.**

**Vermont Adult Learning.** Mission: to help adults achieve their educational goals through free, confidential programs. Ripton service: 3 residents. **Request: \$300.00.**

**WomenSafe, Inc.** Mission: work toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change. Programs include: 24-hour hotline, advocacy and outreach services, support groups, supervised visitation and monitored exchange, education. Ripton service: at least 3 residents including parents of children exposed to domestic violence. **Request: \$1,000.**

## Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2012

The legal voters of Ripton met at the Community House on Monday March 5, 2012 to act upon articles 1-8 of the 2012 Town Warning; approximately 57 people attended. Selectboard members present were Laurie Cox, Ron Wimett and Dick Collitt. Moderator Joyce Dicianna called the meeting to order at 8:55 p.m.

**Article 1:** Will the Town vote the sum of \$624,061.81 to pay General Fund and Road expenses for the ensuing year, and pay outstanding orders or obligations of the Town, with interest, the tax rate on the 2012 Grand List to be determined by the Selectboard, divided as follows: Roads (including winter work): \$353,350.00, General Fund Costs: \$270,711.81, Total: \$624,061.81.

The article was moved and seconded by Bryan Alexander and Warren King. Laurie Cox spoke of the difficulty to compare one year's budget to the next given the timing of reimbursement of road grant expenses. The bottom line is that the budget is a little less than last year and anticipated income about the same. The road budget is increased because FEMA reimbursement for repairs related to Tropical Storm Irene are not yet known and there is work that still needs to be done. To date, only about 10% of total storm costs have been reimbursed. The town has also applied for assistance to upgrade vulnerable areas so money is budgeted to cover match costs should those grants be awarded. She explained that \$60,000 was used from the Major Project Fund to help cover 2011 costs, especially for the Bridge #16 project which cost more than originally anticipated, and the board has included \$60,000 in the road budget to restore that fund. She spoke of the importance of maintaining a high balance in the Major Project Fund given the frequency of flood events and how expensive it could be for the town if damage amounts did not meet the threshold to qualify for FEMA assistance.

Ron Wimett spoke about the need to identify and repair vulnerable areas of town road infrastructure and how that will be a focus in 2012 and beyond. In response to a question from Tim Hanson, Mr. Wimett noted that such upgrades done in the past 15-20 years have not failed as long as they were maintained. He commented that flood events can cause problems years later in ways that are not clearly apparent now; hidden water pockets can freeze and thaw and undermine bridge abutments, for example.

The moderator asked if the group was ready to vote and Article 1 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 2:** Will the Town vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

The article was moved and seconded by Warren King and Richard Ruane. Laurie Cox explained that this article was recommended to the board by our auditors, Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the town treasurer, and that it basically formalizes what happens anyway; that a surplus from the previous fiscal year carries over into the current fiscal year and helps us get through a low cash flow period until tax revenues come in. Such a surplus reduces the amount required to raise in taxes for the current year and reduces the need to borrow.

Discussion followed with questions from Tom Smith, Bill Ford, Michael Seligmann, Robert Wagner, Walter O'Donoghue, Mac Cox and Ray Pazckowski. It was asked whether the town had a reserve fund as the school did and couldn't the voters decide to put a surplus into a reserve fund instead, or apply it to our bond debt. The town has several reserve funds to which payments are made annually and a surplus could be deposited into one of these funds as well. There is no benefit to paying the bond debt sooner, as the interest will be the same. There were questions about how to find the surplus amount in the financial reports and if the exact amount were known, it would be easier to make a decision about it. Also, does this article apply to just this year or to all years going forward. Ron Wimett and treasurer, Sally Hoyler, explained that this article addresses routine general fund surplus amounts that by law cannot be carried over into the next fiscal year without voter approval as to how it would be spent as a highway fund surplus can. This article is meant to be a housekeeping task to be voted on every year at town meeting to deal with this legality. Bill McKibben and Tim Hanson moved and seconded to postpone the article after it was discussed that there would be no consequences to not passing it, and the group seemed to feel that a better understanding of the intent of the article was needed. Molly Witters and Barry King suggested that

## **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2012 (continued)**

we vote it down rather than postpone it. By voice vote, the group unanimously voted not to postpone the article. Article 2 was then defeated by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 3:** Will the Town vote the sum of \$31,600.00 to Ripton Fire and First Response to help pay Fire Department and First Response expenses for the year?

The article was moved and seconded by Carol Ford and Richard Ruane. Fire chief, Erik Eriksen, spoke of the virtues of the new (used) pumper truck purchased in 2011 to replace the mini-pumper. He noted that 2 firefighters and 2 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) joined Ripton Fire & First Response last year. Ceredwyn Alexander, EMT, spoke about DNR/COLST forms which stand for Clinician Orders for DNR/CPR and Other Life Sustaining Treatment. If one has specific needs and desires regarding care during a medical crisis, one needs to complete a DNR/COLST form and have it readily available in the home for first responders to find. This form is in addition to an "advanced directive" which is a legal document; the DNR/COLST form is a medical document completed with one's doctor and provides clear instructions for emergency personnel to follow. Ms. Alexander, Edmund Sullivan and John Fontanilles, all of Ripton Fire & Rescue, suggested that this form along with a list of prescription medications be posted on one's refrigerator and one's person for easy access. The DNR/COLST form may be downloaded from the Vermont Department of Health website and a link to it will be posted on the town website.

Other discussion: Andrea Chesman inquired should someone become lost in the woods before the Vermont legislature enacts new guidelines, what is the thing to do for fastest results. Erik Eriksen responded that sheriff dispatch at 388-4306 should be called first, then Ripton personnel will be called out and that Ripton is trained in search and rescue. Robert Wagner asked who has keys to the forest service gates and Mr. Eriksen replied that he did. Wendy Leeds noted that until she read the article "Hurricane Irene: Lessons Learned" in town report, she had not realized how much the fire department was doing during the first hours and days of that event and said "thank you". Jane Levesque said she used Ripton first responders many times last year and also gave her thanks.

The moderator asked if the group was ready to vote and Article 3 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 4:** Will the Town have current property taxes collected by the Treasurer with a tax due date of Thursday, November 8, 2012?

The article was moved and seconded by Warren King and Erik Eriksen. There was no discussion, the moderator asked if the group was ready to vote and Article 4 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 5:** Will the Town vote to reduce the property tax for the Silver Towers Camp owned and operated by Vermont Elks Association, Inc., to 33% of the total taxes that would be due?

The article was moved and seconded by Richard Ruane and Laura McIntosh. Laurie Cox read a letter addressed to the residents of Ripton from Joe Montcalm of the Vermont Elks Charities, Inc. (VEC) which explained that Silver Towers Camp, owned and operated by VEC, is a not-for-profit organization that has received partial tax exempt status from Ripton for many years. Mr. Montcalm wrote of the positive relationship between the town and the camp and expressed gratitude for town assistance and tax relief. When Ed Sullivan asked about the history of this tax exemption, Alison Joseph explained that Ripton voted for this local exemption in 2002 and must re-vote it every ten years. Robert Wagner asked how this compares to what Middlebury College pays in taxes for the Bread Loaf Campus, and Bill Ford commented that it is an apples and oranges comparison because the town's agreement with the college is based on three sets of criteria; Laurie Cox pointed out that a description of the college agreement is in town report.

Richard Ruane and Erik Eriksen called and seconded the question. The group voted to vote on the article and Article 4 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

## **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2012 (continued)**

**Article 6:** Shall the voters designate the Town of Ripton as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax or other municipal bill, as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.), to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Efficiency Vermont a) to administer the PACE program on behalf of the Town, and b) to provide financing for PACE participants provided that the financing requires no indebtedness to be incurred by the Town?

The article was moved and seconded by Michael Seligmann and Bill Ford. Warren King distributed handouts to the group about the PACE program and reviewed the main points. PACE offers an alternative form of financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy whereby the homeowner enters into an assessment contract with the town. The town advances the cost of the improvements to the contractor and places an assessment lien on the homeowner's property, and bills and collects repayments from the homeowner in the same manner as property taxes. Towns may contract with Efficiency Vermont to perform most of the administrative functions associated with PACE and this cost is incorporated into the assessments charged to individual participants. To be able to offer this program, a town must first vote to be a "PACE district" and hence this article.

Participating in related discussion with Mr. King and the selectboard were Jeremy Grip, Charles Billings, Lisa Whitman, and Alice Clark. It was clarified that the program does indeed include alternative and renewable energy upgrades. Borrowing money through PACE differs from a home equity loan in that with PACE the calculated energy savings is counted as income when determining eligibility. If a property owner becomes delinquent with PACE repayments, the town pursues collection under the same policy guidelines as for collecting delinquent taxes, and there is a fund established from fees from PACE participants to cover the cost of a foreclosure if necessary. However, the PACE assessment follows the property as does property taxes, so a new owner would resume making payments.

The moderator asked if the group was ready to vote and Article 6 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 7:** In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the town urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a 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 the passage of this measure?

The article was moved and seconded by Bill McKibben and Rick Klein. Rick Klein spoke to the article with questions and comments from Charles Billings, Robert Wagner, Michael Seligmann and Jeremy Grip. This article is being voted on in 50 town meetings around the state and up for discussion under "other business" in another 20. Positive results could ultimately support the process of an amendment to the United States constitution that would reverse the "Citizen's United" decision via a bill currently in committee in the Vermont senate.

The moderator asked if the group was ready to vote and Article 7 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 8:** Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Warren King stated that there were no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority in 2011 regarding the town-wide reappraisal and thanked the listers for doing a fine job and saving the town \$25,000 by doing it in-house. Mr.

## **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2012 (continued)**

King then announced that the recycling committee was looking for a replacement for Dave Konopke whose role has been to clean up the recycling shed every other week.

Robert Wagner said that he drafted and submitted to the Ripton selectboard a model ordinance to prevent the use of smart meters in Ripton by our local electrical utility. He provided copies of the draft and other literature and welcomed anyone to contact him with further questions.

David Disque asked if the selectboard was negotiating a new property tax agreement with Middlebury College and if Ripton residents will be getting any reports. Laurie Cox replied that they are working on it with the town's attorney and cannot openly discuss negotiations in process but will inform residents when possible.

Mac Cox spoke in favor of two human rights efforts underway at this time: health care as a human rights campaign and an effort by state childcare workers to organize as a bargaining unit. Handouts were made available and both efforts will be addressed at a rally to be held on May 1 in Montpelier.

Laurie Cox announced that the selectboard had recently adopted a School Speed Zone Ordinance that reduces the speed on Lincoln Road to 25 mph from about the top of the hill (going north) to the Wagner house after the school, and invited anyone to try it out. She also pointed out that dog licenses are due and emphasized their importance, that it is not a great expense. Molly Witters, Ripton resident and veterinarian, offered to vaccinate dogs if asked. Ms. Cox concluded with a request on the behalf of the folks who have been taking care of the flowers on the Bridge of Flowers, for assistance with that task.

Bill McKibben and Rick Klein moved and seconded to adjourn; the town meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m. The meeting will recess until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012 to vote for town officers and requests for town funding by Australian ballot. Polls in the Ripton town office are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Joyce Dicianna  
Moderator

Sally Hoyler  
Town Clerk

Laureen Cox  
Selectboard Chair



**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF RIPTON**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 4, 2013 at 7:30 pm**

The legal voters of the Town of Ripton are warned to meet at the Community House in Ripton on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. to transact the following business:

- Article 1:** Will the Town vote the sum of \$561,316.00 to pay Road and General Fund expenses for the ensuing year, and pay outstanding orders or obligations of the Town, with interest, the tax rate on the 2013 Grand List to be determined by the Selectboard, divided as follows:

<b>Roads, including Winter Work</b>	<b>\$294,679.00</b>
<b>General Fund Costs</b>	<b>\$266,637.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$561,316.00</b>

- Article 2:** Will the Town vote the sum of \$35,200.00 to Ripton Fire and First Response to help pay Fire Department and First Response expenses for the year?
- Article 3:** Will the Town have current property taxes collected by the Treasurer with a tax due date Thursday, November 7, 2013?
- Article 4:** Shall the Town vote to approve the following resolution: Keep Vermont Tar Sands Free?
- Article 5:** Shall the Town vote to adopt a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, as provided by 24 V.S.A. § 1683?
- Article 6:** Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

**The Meeting will recess until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2013.**

Polls in the Ripton Town Office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to act upon the following articles by Australian Ballot.

**Article 1:** To elect the following officers:

<b>Town Moderator</b> for a one year term	<b>Selector</b> for a three year term
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</b> for a one year term	<b>Constable</b> for a one year term
<b>Town Agent</b> for a one year term	<b>Town Grand Juror</b> for a one year term
<b>Agent to Convey Real Estate</b> for a one year term	<b>Lister</b> for a three year term
<b>Town Clerk</b> for a three year term	<b>Lister</b> for a two year term
<b>Treasurer</b> for a three year term	

**Article 2:** To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund. The total amount to be allocated is **\$15,880.84**.

Addison Central Teens (ACT)	\$ 1,500.00
Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects	\$ 170.00
Addison County Home Health and Hospice	\$ 587.00
Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$ 600.00
Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR)	\$ 1,550.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$ 750.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$ 1,300.00
Elderly Services	\$ 600.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)	\$ 2,750.00
Homeward Bound - Addison County Humane Society	\$ 750.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$ 450.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$ 1,600.00
Open Door Clinic	\$ 500.00
Otter Creek Child Care Center	\$ 1,000.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$ 48.84
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	\$ 375.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 300.00
WomenSafe, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,880.84</b>

Laureen Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt

Selectboard for the Town of Ripton  
January 28, 2013

*Article 4 of the town meeting warning, "Shall the Town vote to approve the following resolution: Keep Vermont Tar Sands Free?" is a question abbreviated from a longer resolution shown here:*

## **Petition to Keep Vermont Tar Sands Free**

**We, the undersigned voters in the Town of Ripton, request that the Selectboard warn the following resolution for our 2013 Town Meeting:**

Shall the voters of the Town of Ripton instruct the Selectboard to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health and safety, water bodies and other natural resources, in relation to tar sands oil transport through Vermont?

WHEREAS, the oil industry appears to be planning to use an aging oil pipeline, built in 1950, to bring Canadian tar sands diluted bitumen through Vermont on its way to Portland, Maine for export; and

WHEREAS, the mining, drilling, and processing of tar sands requires a vast and destructive industrial operation that emits 3-5 times more carbon pollution per barrel than conventional U.S. crude oil, among many other problems; and

WHEREAS, pipelines carrying tar sands have a greater likelihood of leaks and spills because of the corrosive properties of tar sands, and such spills are more costly and difficult to clean up than conventional oil spills, as demonstrated by a 2010 tar sands spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River in Michigan.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Town expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values, and our natural resources; and
2. That the Town shall require every fuel vendor, as a precondition for doing business with Town, to provide complete and current lists of the refinery sources of origin for all fuel the vendor sells, and thereby direct the Town's purchases as much as possible toward vendors whose refinery sources do not use any material derived from tar sands; and
3. That the Town encourage the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands, and support policies such as a Clean Fuels Standard to help keep such fuels out of the region's fuel supply; and
4. That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands-related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills, along with clear guidelines for tracking the origins and chemical composition of pipeline contents and feedstocks; and
5. That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and Canadian officials, and the CEOs of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, Montreal Pipe Line Limited, Imperial Oil, ExxonMobil, and Enbridge Inc.

# ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT

**MARCH 5, 2013**

**Instructions to voters:** To vote for a person whose name is on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

<b>Moderator</b> (Town & School) for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one Timothy Hanson ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lister</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one Erik Eriksen ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Selector</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one Richard Collitt ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lister</b> for a 2 year term Vote for not more than one _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Town Clerk</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one Sally Hoyler ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one Kathleen Sullivan ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Town Treasurer</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one Sally Hoyler ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Town Agent</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one Chris Smith ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>School Director</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Grand Juror</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one Richard "Kim" Kimler ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<b>Agent to Convey Real Estate</b> for a 1 year term Willem Jewett ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Town of Ripton  
Annual Report for 2012

**School Section**

## RIPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



We have many new and different faces in the school this year, and our intimate school community has adjusted nicely to the needs and interests of all our students. We have welcomed four new families into Ripton, and two new tuition students from Hancock and Granville. Our current enrollment is 42 students preK through sixth grade. Our new staff members include a paraprofessional in the preK/K classroom, Amy Tucker, our new Spanish teacher, Natasha Causton, nurse Elissa Close, music teacher Sonia Kulhowvick, and Speech and Language Pathologist, Alisa Breau. Sara Lesperance has taken on the role as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, after being hired to teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the second half of last school year. Ripton Elementary School remains dedicated to offering students unique, and creative learning opportunities in small groups, with individualized attention and support. This is one of the many advantages of being a small school.

Spanish has been very successful this year. We are fortunate to have a talented and dedicated teacher to help us develop a comprehensive elementary-level second language program. Students receive two instructional periods per week in Spanish, and the January progress reports included student data relative to performance standards in Spanish language development and cultural awareness.

Our After School Program continues to be popular for many students and families. The program is now running Monday through Thursday and serves children of working parents, as well as provides academic and social supports for all students. An average of fifteen students participate each day with a lead teacher and an assistant on staff.

Our School Action Plan for the current year has four goals, 1) Increase the percentage of students who meet or exceed the standard in the NECAP reading assessment as the result of effective instructional practices and interventions, 2) Improve student performance in writing on the NECAP in part through the incorporation of writing into integrated thematic studies, 3) Successful integration of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBiS) curriculum within the larger Vermont MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Supports) framework of social and academic support for students, and 4) Increase student proficiency in technology use and application throughout the content areas, primarily through the use of iPads.

**Literacy and Math:** We continue to schedule all students with a full hour block of math and literacy each morning. Literacy has many components including daily opportunities to write, read independently, read common texts in small groups, practice grammar, vocabulary and spelling (both individually and through the reading of literature and informational text). The teachers and staff have received training in the Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Framework and we continue to work closely with Laura King, ACSU Literacy Specialist, in implementing effective and authentic literacy instruction. We have multiple assessment tools that have enabled us to monitor student progress in spelling, phonemic awareness, reading fluency and comprehension, and in response to this data, we provide appropriate interventions to students who need it.

Our kindergarten through fifth grade teachers continue to teach math using the Bridges curriculum, which has been in place throughout the supervisory union for at least five years. Ripton teachers and administration have been working in partnership with Weybridge teachers and administration this year

to broaden the context of mathematics professional development. The teachers and principals have been collaborating around instructional methods and practices in multi-grade classrooms, as well as partnering with mentor teachers, doing classroom observations and participating in joint discussions around mathematics instruction.

The Common Core State Standards (intended to replace the Vermont Framework of Standards) is a lengthy and comprehensive document outlining content and practice standards K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in mathematics and English language arts (ELA). Teachers in ACSU have been given multiple opportunities this year to meet in grade cluster groups and begin the work of exploring these new standards and discussing their impact on our current instructional practices and units of study.

***Use your head, and Be SMART:*** This year's theme for our school-wide PBiS social curriculum is Be SMART, which stands for Be Safe, Be Mindful, Be A Good Sport, Be Respectful and Try Your Best. The research-based program is designed to reduce student problem behaviors through the frequent, timely and specific recognition of positive student behaviors. It provides a structure for the school to establish clear expectations for student behavior, consequences for problem behavior, and opportunities for class-based and school-wide celebrations of positive behaviors. We are also grateful for an ACEEF grant which has enabled us to work with a consultant around Social Thinking, which is a growing field aimed at teaching individuals how their own social minds work -- why they and others react the way they do, how their behaviors affect the way others perceive and respond to them, and how this affects their own emotions, responses to and relationships with others. Our goal is to help provide students with the skills to regulate their behavior and understand the importance of demonstrating socially expected behaviors in different settings.

**Technology Trail Blazers:** After careful exploration of various approaches to technology integration in schools, and consideration of how students at RES best use technology to enrich their academic learning, we invested in twenty iPads between this year and last. It has been a very successful project so far and Ripton is serving as a model in the supervisory union, as we are the first school to purchase iPads for whole-school use.

**Building improvements and keeping our students safe:** In response to the school shooting this December in Connecticut, and in light of the fact that our school building is nearing 25 years of age, we have had many opportunities to discuss school safety, building repairs and maintenance. We appreciate the involvement of community members in discussing plans for improved security measures in and around the school, researching alternative energy projects and helping secure sizeable rebates, and designing and installing a new play structure and covered sandbox area just to name a few.

We want to thank Willem Jewett and Michael Hussey for their countless hours of dedication to our students and school community as members of the school board. We wish them well as they move on, in anticipation of new adventures and responsibilities. In turn, we welcome new members to the school board, to our FORS parent group, and to other niches of our school community. Each of us plays a vital role in the education and growth of our Ripton children and youth; thank you again for your continued support of our students at Ripton Elementary School.

**The Staff and School Board of the Ripton Elementary School**

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Tracey Harrington	Principal
Melissa Giroux	PreK and Kindergarten Teacher
Charlotte Holmquist	Grades 1 and 2 Teacher
Susan Ogilvie	Grades 3 and 4 Teacher
Sara Lesperance	Grades 5 and 6 Teacher
Natasha Causton*	Spanish Teacher
Cathy Clarke	Physical Education Teacher
Christine Jenkins*	Art Teacher
Sonia Kulhowvick*	Music Teacher
Alisa Breau**	Speech/Language Pathologist
Elissa Close*	School Nurse
Linda Kautzman*	Library/Media Director
Wendy Whaley-Sauder*	Learning Specialist/Guidance Counselor
Jorene Doria	Classroom Paraprofessional
Sarah Harrison Lynn	Classroom and Speech/Language Paraprofessional and First Aid Designee
Amy Tucker	Early Education Paraprofessional
Nancy Whittemore	Classroom Paraprofessional
Julie Allen	Meals Program Director/Cook
Geoffrey Booth	Custodian/Maintenance
Wendy Leeds	Administrative Assistant
Angela Scavo	After School Program Director
Marty Whittemore	Bus Driver

\*Shared District Personnel

\*\*Independent Contracted Service



**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2012-2013 PreK-12 ENROLLMENT**

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

Sophia Allen  
Luca Barakat Craine  
Mary Harrington

**KINDERGARTEN**

Charlotte Christner  
Addison Dunakin  
Anika Heppell  
William Maheu  
Elizabeth McIntosh  
McKenna Raymond  
Payton Rose Rigley  
Rhys Thomas

**GRADE 1**

Molly Allen  
Kaylee Dutton  
Baxter Harrington  
Laurieann Lancot  
Eric Poploski

**GRADE 2**

Maggie Christner  
Goshen Corbett  
Audrey Dutton  
Elise Heppell  
Jacob Terrien

**GRADE 3**

Alyza Alger  
Mollee Coddington  
Phoebe Hussey  
Natalie Steadman  
Henry Swan  
Robert Henry Wrede Black

**GRADE 4**

Jack Christner  
Hannah Jean Rospond  
Henry Wagner

**GRADE 5**

Kyle Booska  
Kelsey Buteau  
Jadah Corbett  
Rosemary Maheu

**GRADE 6**

Tristan Durante  
Nanja Horning  
Justin Jackson  
Wesley Miller  
Ethan Poploski  
Joshua Randall  
Taylor Sylvester  
Harley Williams

**GRADE 7**

Treed Brooks  
Anna Buteau  
Alyson Chione  
John David Goettelmann  
Krystian Gombosi  
Scherina Havens  
Emma Jones  
Kayli Manning

**GRADE 8**

Owain Alexander  
Ryan Cook  
Bryce Kowalczyk  
Thomas Martindale  
Hannah Williams

**GRADE 9**

Keith Charbonneau  
Sebastian Durante  
Harlee Gero  
Justin Seguin  
Jesse Trudeau

**GRADE 10**

Oliver Clark  
Jordan Coddington  
Jennifer Cyr  
Jessica Cyr  
Alec Jones  
Jesse Wolfman

**GRADE 11**

Justina Baker  
Jacob Coddington  
Jeffrey Cook  
Keith Gilmore  
Naina Horning  
Anneke Jewett  
Yared Lacey  
Peter Manning  
Gabrio McCarty

**GRADE 12**

Lydia Allen  
Nathan Billings  
Hannah Osborne  
Ashley Smith  
Katelyn Williams  
Austin Wyrocki

## FRIENDS OF RIPTON SCHOOL

Friends of the Ripton School (FORS) is a group of volunteers who work together to make the Ripton Elementary School the best it can be. We organize fundraising and other events at the school and in the community. This past year FORS fully or partially funded a variety of activities and events including: a week of Taiko Drumming artist in residency, 5/6 class trip, 5/6 week at Keewaydin, basketball jerseys, teacher supplies, field trips and Ripton Summer Day Camp.

**FORS mission statement:** The Friends of Ripton School provide the Ripton Elementary School support through volunteering and funding to enhance and enrich the school environment by facilitating academic programs, extracurricular activities, events, and materials, which are designed to meet the expectations and changing needs of the school throughout and beyond the academic school year.

FORS meets bi-monthly to plan events, approve funding requests, and discuss a variety of issues. Members are typically parents of Ripton Elementary School students' **however we cordially invite all interested community members to join us.** We know Ripton is rich with diversely talented people who might be interested in spending time at the school. We welcome your interest and involvement at any level. Some examples of participation have included; the community garden, pottery, reading a story, helping at recess, driving for field trips, cooking, art projects, or Friday activity period. The school belongs to the community, and we warmly invite you to experience the happenings at Ripton Elementary. **Also, FORS greatly appreciates and thanks all those involved in the Ripton Ridge Run** (see report on the Ridge Run below contributed by Barry King).

For more information please contact Lesley Dunakin at [lllaroche@yahoo.com](mailto:lllaroche@yahoo.com) or Anne Barakat at [barakat.anne@gmail.com](mailto:barakat.anne@gmail.com). For a weekly calendar of school events contact Wendy Leeds at [wleeds@addisoncentrasu.org](mailto:wleeds@addisoncentrasu.org).

**Ripton Ridge Run report:** In 2012, we celebrated the 25th annual Ripton Ridge Run and the participants, sponsors, friends and volunteers who have been involved throughout the years. There were special awards, prizes and shirts commemorating the milestone we've achieved. This annual fundraiser for FORS raised nearly \$7000 at October's event. Once again, the Ripton community turned out in force: at least 70 adults volunteered their time in a wide variety of tasks before, during or after the race. For information about volunteering or running/walking in the 2013 event (Sunday, October 6,) go to the Ridge Run website, <http://www.riptonridgerun.org>, contact Barry King at 388-4082 or talk with Wendy Leeds at school.

## **RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NARRATIVE 2013-2014**

Ripton voters will be asked to approve the budget for the 2013-14 school year on Monday night, March 4<sup>th</sup>. However, on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an Australian vote on two items regarding the school roof.

The first item (Article 6) asks the voters to approve an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to replace the roof on the Ripton Elementary School with a standing seam metal roof. It is important to note that the building is now 23 years old, and the original shingle roof has already exceeded its expected lifetime. It makes sense to plan a roof replacement now, rather than to deal with an emergency repair in the event of failure. Additionally, because we will ask voters on Monday night to approve the use of \$100,000 from our Capital Reserve Fund to help finance the roof replacement project, we would only need to borrow \$150,000.

The second item (Article 7) to be voted on March 5<sup>th</sup> asks the voters to approve an amount not to exceed \$207,400 to put a solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the school, if and only if Article 6 is approved. It is estimated that the solar panels will provide enough power to greatly reduce our annual cost of electricity in the school, and it is estimated that this savings will offset the loan payments for the duration of the bond. If we approve this project now, we will receive a \$77,000 Renewable Energy Incentive payment. This money will not be available in the future. Thus, our total cost for the solar project would be reduced to \$130,400.

If you would like further information on either of these projects, please feel free to contact a school board member, or come to our informational meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, right before Town Meeting.

As for the proposed school budget, we are asking for an increase of 4.3% in total spending, although our education spending, upon which tax rates are based, would actually be reduced by 0.62% due to an increase in our anticipated receipts.

- 1100 Regular Programs: Salaries are budgeted for a 3% increase over the current year's spending for four full time classroom teachers and one 0.20 FTE special area teacher, the same as this current school year. Aides' salaries are also budgeted for a 3% increase in rates for 1.2 positions, with a reduction of 0.4 from the current year due to the retirement of a long time employee. Substitute spending will increase because of an anticipated maternity leave. Health insurance rates are expected to increase by 14%. Teachers contribute 13% of the cost of health insurance, and aides contribute 7%. Spanish Instruction appears under 1190 Shared Personnel, as our Spanish teacher also works in another school in the Supervisory Union.
- 1190 Shared Personnel: This represents the salaries of 0.62 Special Area teachers.
- 1200 Special Education: Our 0.2 Special Educator is shown under Shared Personnel. Aides are reduced to 0.6 from 1.2 in the current school year, again due to retirement.
- 1400 After School Programs: Salaries cover a teacher and assistant working a total of 0.25 FTE.
- 2100 and 2105 Support Services, Regular and Special Education: Adjustments based on student needs.
- 2120 Guidance: Represents the salary of a 0.3 Counselor.
- 2220 Media Service: Represents the salary of a 0.4 Librarian.

- 2410 Principal's Office: Covers the salaries of a 0.6 Principal and full time Administrative Assistant.
- 2600 Maintenance: Represents the salary of a full time building custodian, who will be taking over the duties of water testing and lawn mowing, which were previously contracted out.
- 2700 Transportation: This includes part of the cost of running an additional bus to Hancock and Granville. Tuition payments from those students exceed the expense of the bus.
- 5310 Food Service Subsidy: The reduction is based on our recent experience.



**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	
	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>					
110 Salaries - Teachers	184,000	207,006	196,241	205,332	
112 Salaries - Aides	24,016	30,712	33,797	25,997	
113 Salaries - Summer	0	600	0	0	
115 Salaries - Spanish	10,000	0	12,500	0	
118 Early Separation	10,379	10,379	0	0	
120 Substitutes	3,000	5,041	3,000	16,275	
210 Health Insurance	43,814	49,111	60,605	65,780	
220 Social Security	17,702	18,581	17,598	18,942	
230 Life Insurance	243	187	213	212	
240 Municipal Retirement	496	1,191	1,352	1,061	
270 Course Reimbursement	3,000	2,865	3,000	5,364	
280 Dental Insurance	1,648	1,994	2,149	2,044	
290 Disability Insurance	572	499	664	590	
320 Professional Services	500	0	500	500	
430 Repair & Maintenance	2,500	2,322	2,500	2,500	
610 Supplies	4,000	4,336	4,000	4,000	
640 Books & Periodicals	1,500	1,271	1,500	1,500	
650 A.V. Materials	200	30	100	0	
660 Manipulatives	800	1,176	800	800	
730 Equipment	200	0	200	500	
810 Field Trips	1,000	1,161	600	600	
<b>1100 Total</b>	<b>\$309,570</b>	<b>\$338,462</b>	<b>\$341,319</b>	<b>\$351,997</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>1190 SHARED PERSONNEL</b>					
270 Course Reimbursement	0	500	0	0	
332 Shared Personnel	27,975	25,492	25,318	37,762	
<b>1190 Total</b>	<b>\$27,975</b>	<b>\$25,992</b>	<b>\$25,318</b>	<b>\$37,762</b>	<b>49.2%</b>
<b>1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>					
110 Salaries - Teacher	11,904	9,702	12,596	0	
112 Salaries - Aides	27,832	22,342	24,623	12,264	
114 Summer Salaries	0	0	0	200	
120 Substitutes	0	0	0	150	
210 Health Insurance	8,703	7,005	7,889	4,432	
220 Social Security	3,040	2,451	2,847	965	
230 Life Insurance	18	0	0	0	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,113	893	985	500	
270 Course Reimbursement	200	0	200	400	
290 Disability Insurance	39	0	44	0	
330 EEE Assessment	5,927	5,927	9,766	7,649	

		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	
		<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Change</b>
332	Shared Personnel	0	0	0	18,666	
580	Travel	100	57	100	100	
610	Supplies	200	163	200	200	
730	Equipment	0	0	0	200	
	<b>1200 Total</b>	<b>\$59,076</b>	<b>\$48,540</b>	<b>\$59,250</b>	<b>\$45,726</b>	<b>-22.8%</b>
<b>1400 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>						
110	Salaries	0	616	6,500	7,986	
220	Social Security	0	47	497	611	
610	Supplies	0	0	1,500	0	
	<b>1400 Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$663</b>	<b>\$6,997</b>	<b>\$8,597</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES - REGULAR</b>						
321	Contracted Speech Services	2,000	0	2,000	1,000	
322	Occupational Therapy	200	0	200	200	
323	Physical Therapy	200	320	200	200	
324	Psychological Services	200	0	200	200	
	<b>2100 Total</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$320</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>-38.5%</b>
<b>2105 SUPPORT SERVICES - SPECIAL</b>						
321	Contracted Speech Services	4,550	6,450	4,550	7,500	
322	Occupational Therapy	1,000	1,454	1,000	750	
323	Physical Therapy	500	120	500	750	
324	Psychological Services	200	0	200	200	
	<b>2105 Total</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>	<b>\$8,024</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>	<b>47.2%</b>
<b>2120 GUIDANCE</b>						
332	ACSU Shared Personnel	25,985	26,065	26,701	27,999	
	<b>2120 Total</b>	<b>\$25,985</b>	<b>\$26,065</b>	<b>\$26,701</b>	<b>\$27,999</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
<b>2130 HEALTH</b>						
332	ACSU Shared Personnel	13,647	14,583	14,906	14,588	
730	Equipment	50	0	50	50	
	<b>2130 Total</b>	<b>\$13,697</b>	<b>\$14,583</b>	<b>\$14,956</b>	<b>\$14,638</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<b>2220 MEDIA SERVICE</b>						
110	Salaries	19,987	20,341	21,148	21,782	
210	Health Insurance	6,387	6,245	6,366	7,284	
220	Social Security	1,529	1,556	1,618	1,666	
230	Life Insurance	24	12	21	21	
270	Course Reimbursement	100	0	100	100	
280	Dental Insurance	165	200	206	204	
290	Disability Insurance	66	65	61	66	
580	Travel	50	44	50	50	

		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	
		<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Change</b>
610	Supplies	100	0	100	100	
640	Books & Periodicals	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,200	
650	A.V. Materials	200	0	200	200	
730	Equipment	50	10	50	50	
810	Dues and Fees	100	0	100	100	
	<b>2220 Total</b>	<b>\$30,358</b>	<b>\$30,073</b>	<b>\$31,220</b>	<b>\$32,823</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>2250 TECHNOLOGY</b>						
430	Equipment Repair	200	0	150	150	
530	Internet Access/Telephone	4,000	3,919	4,000	4,000	
670	Software	0	0	0	700	
730	Equipment	3,000	4,006	3,000	2,000	
	<b>2250 Total</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>	<b>\$7,925</b>	<b>\$7,150</b>	<b>\$6,850</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
<b>2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>						
119	Board Salaries	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	
220	Social Security	103	103	103	103	
250	Workers' Compensation	2,630	2,190	2,630	2,906	
260	Unemployment	3,112	0	3,171	2,000	
291	Health Care Assessment	0	0	0	200	
310	Payroll Service	1,513	1,519	1,527	0	
360	Legal Fees	200	14	200	200	
370	Audit	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,200	
810	Dues & Fees	850	850	850	850	
891	Miscellaneous	200	0	200	200	
	<b>2310 Total</b>	<b>\$12,958</b>	<b>\$9,026</b>	<b>\$13,031</b>	<b>\$11,009</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>
<b>2313 TREASURER</b>						
110	Salaries	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	
220	Social Security	84	84	84	84	
610	Supplies	50	0	50	50	
	<b>2313 Total</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>\$1,184</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>2320 ACSU ASSESSMENT</b>						
331	Administration	32,677	32,677	34,234	35,108	
333	Prof Dev/Student Assessment	702	702	788	1,117	
334	Technical Support	10,761	10,761	10,625	13,314	
335	Student Information System	301	301	0	95	
336	Insurance Pool	96	96	95	144	
337	Advertising Assessment	441	441	305	915	
339	Special Education	3,169	3,169	2,996	4,011	
	<b>2320 Total</b>	<b>\$48,147</b>	<b>\$48,147</b>	<b>\$49,043</b>	<b>\$54,704</b>	<b>11.5%</b>

		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	
		<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b>						
110	Salaries - Principal	44,316	46,396	45,644	47,013	
111	Salaries - Secretary	19,077	21,392	22,034	22,814	
210	Health Insurance	9,896	6,263	6,574	7,387	
220	Social Security	4,850	5,153	5,177	5,342	
230	Life Insurance	219	93	181	166	
240	Municipal Retirement	763	856	881	931	
245	Administrative Retirement	443	0	0	470	
270	Course Reimbursement	1,600	1,100	1,200	1,788	
280	Dental Insurance	247	0	247	0	
290	Disability Insurance	146	56	160	143	
295	Volunteer Criminal Check Fees	50	0	50	50	
530	Communications/Postage	500	357	500	500	
580	Faculty/Staff Travel	500	47	500	500	
610	Supplies	100	0	100	200	
640	Books & Periodicals	50	45	50	60	
810	Dues & Fees	500	535	500	500	
	<b>2410 Total</b>	<b>\$83,257</b>	<b>\$82,293</b>	<b>\$83,798</b>	<b>\$87,864</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
<b>2600 MAINTENANCE</b>						
110	Salaries	25,056	27,357	25,808	26,582	
210	Health Insurance	6,261	6,183	6,574	7,387	
220	Social Security	1,917	2,057	1,974	2,034	
240	Municipal Retirement	1,002	1,008	1,032	1,085	
316	E-Rate Contracted Svc	180	0	180	0	
321	Water Testing	500	2,318	500	0	
421	Disposal Services	300	412	325	750	
422	Snow Plowing	3,000	2,580	3,000	3,000	
424	Lawn Mowing	3,200	3,670	3,200	500	
430	Repairs & Maintenance	3,700	2,655	3,700	3,700	
490	Contract Services	100	0	100	100	
523	Property/Liability Insurance	4,378	4,181	4,378	4,277	
522	Volunteer Insurance	225	238	225	161	
530	Communication	500	0	500	0	
610	Supplies	4,500	3,531	4,500	4,500	
622	Electricity	10,497	11,927	10,936	11,251	
623	Propane	8,400	6,889	11,000	10,000	
730	Equipment	60	120	60	100	
810	Dues & Fees	150	0	150	150	
	<b>2600 Total</b>	<b>\$73,926</b>	<b>\$75,126</b>	<b>\$78,142</b>	<b>\$75,577</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>



	BUDGET 2011-12	ACTUAL 2011-12	BUDGET 2012-13	PROPOSED 2013-14	Change
<b>2700 TRANSPORTATION</b>					
510 Contracted Services	21,175	20,720	21,810	36,478	
511 Fuel Surcharge	1,539	1,105	1,539	1,573	
519 Field Trips	500	145	0	300	
<b>2700 Total</b>	<b>\$23,214</b>	<b>\$21,970</b>	<b>\$23,349</b>	<b>\$38,351</b>	<b>64.3%</b>
<b>5310 FOOD SERVICE</b>					
918 Food Service Subsidy	10,000	0	5,000	2,850	
919 Paid Lunch Equity Subsidy	0	0	0	150	
<b>5310 Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>-40.0%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$735,446</b>	<b>\$738,393</b>	<b>\$775,360</b>	<b>\$808,931</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

### Audit

Title 16 V.S.A. Section 563 (17) requires School Boards to employ public accountants to audit their financial statements annually. Ripton School District records were audited in October 2012. The report is in draft form and under review. A copy of the audit will be available on the Addison Central Supervisory Union website at a later date.



**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2013-14 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	Budget 2011-12	Budget 2012-13	Proposed 2013-14	Change
<b><u>Estimated Education Spending:</u></b>				
Elementary Budget	\$735,446	\$775,360	\$808,931	4.33%
Special Article - Playground Upgrade	-	10,000	-	-100.00%
Special Article - Education Reserve	-	-	25,000	
Special Article - To Capital Improvement Reserve	27,962	14,000	-	-100.00%
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$763,408</b>	<b>\$799,360</b>	<b>\$833,931</b>	4.32%
<b>Less Anticipated Receipts</b>				
Special Education Block Grant	12,989	12,695	14,331	12.89%
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	17,362	23,014	11,747	-48.96%
Small Schools Grant	61,256	62,723	62,630	-0.15%
Interest Income	350	350	350	0.00%
Transportation Aid	10,779	7,732	9,350	20.93%
U. S. Forestry	20,264	19,000	19,000	0.00%
E-rate Reimbursement	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Town Audit Reimbursement	3,000	-	-	
Tuition	10,500	44,000	62,000	40.91%
Prior Year Fund Balance	37,962	41,198	69,511	68.72%
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>(176,962)</b>	<b>(213,212)</b>	<b>(251,419)</b>	17.92%
<b>Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>\$586,446</b>	<b>\$586,148</b>	<b>\$582,512</b>	-0.62%
<b><u>Tax Rate Estimates</u></b>				
Equalized Pupils*	40.42	40.01	37.91	-5.25%
Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,509	\$14,650	\$15,366	4.88%
Estimated Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide	0	0	0	
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,509</b>	<b>\$14,650</b>	<b>\$15,366</b>	4.88%
Adj for FY14 Spending above \$8,544/\$8,723/\$8,915 Base Per Pupil	169.81%	167.95%	172.36%	2.63%
Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate**	\$0.87	\$0.89	\$0.92	3.37%
Adj Total/Elementary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.477	\$1.495	\$1.586	6.09%
% Elementary pupils	44.66%	45.81%	44.98%	-1.81%
Est Elementary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$0.660	\$0.685	\$0.713	4.17%
Adjusted Secondary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$1.487	\$1.541	\$1.607	4.28%
% Secondary pupils	55.34%	54.19%	55.02%	1.53%
Est Secondary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized	\$0.823	\$0.835	\$0.884	5.88%
Estimated Total Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized***	\$1.483	\$1.520	\$1.597	5.11%
Estimated Common Level of Appraisal****	90.92%	95.96%	99.17%	3.35%
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate*****	\$1.631	\$1.584	\$1.611	1.70%
Base Non-Residential Equalized Tax Rate**	\$1.36	\$1.38	\$1.41	2.17%
Estimated Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.496	\$1.438	\$1.422	-1.13%
Est Elementary & Secondary Percentage for Income Sensitivity	3.07%	3.07%	3.13%	1.95%

\* Equalized pupils are pre-kindergarten to Grade 6 average daily membership averaged over two years and weighted for poverty factors, and English proficiency.

\*\* As recommended by Tax Commissioner, and pending legislative action.

\*\*\* Under Act 130, effective in FY 2008-09, elementary and secondary schools calculate spending per pupil and equalized education tax rates separately and are pro-rated by % of equalized pupils to towns.

\*\*\*\* Common Level of Appraisal, as determined by the state, adjusts for property values reported at other than fair market value.

\*\*\*\*\* Tax rate is estimated per \$100 of equalized value. One cent on tax rate equals approx. \$10 on \$100,000 value.

District: **Ripton**  
County: **Addison**

**T167**  
**Addison Central**

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estimated homestead base  
rate for FY2014. See note  
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**8,915**

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**Expenditures**

		FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$763,567	\$735,446	\$775,360	\$808,931	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	\$15,940	\$27,962	\$24,000	\$25,000	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$779,507	\$763,408	\$799,360	\$833,931	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if <b>not</b> included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	\$779,507	\$763,408	\$799,360	\$833,931	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$48,840	\$48,147	\$49,043	\$54,704	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

**Revenues**

10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$190,258	\$176,962	\$213,212	\$251,419	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	NA	NA	12.
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	\$190,258	\$176,962	\$213,212	\$251,419	14.

15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$589,249	\$586,446	\$586,148	\$582,512	15.
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	42.98	40.42	40.01	37.91	16.

17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$13,709.84	\$14,508.81	\$14,650.04	\$15,366	17.
18.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	NA	-	23.
24.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,549	threshold = \$14,733	threshold = \$14,841	threshold = \$15,456	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,710	\$14,509	\$14,650	\$15,366	26.
27.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b> <b>(\$15,366 / \$8,915)</b>	160.462% based on \$8,544	169.813% based on \$8,544	167.947% based on \$8,723	172.357% based on \$8,915	27.

**Prorating the local tax rate**

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (172.357% x \$0.920)	\$1.3800 based on \$0.86	\$1.4774 based on \$0.87	\$1.4947 based on \$0.89	\$1.5857 based on \$0.920	28.
29.	Percent of Ripton equalized pupils not in a union school district	45.830%	44.660%	45.810%	44.98%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (44.980% x \$1.59)	\$0.6325	\$0.6598	\$0.6847	\$0.7132	30.
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	78.27%	90.92%	95.96%	99.17%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (0.713 / 99.17%)	\$0.8081 based on \$0.860	\$0.7257 based on \$0.87	\$0.7135 based on \$0.89	\$0.7192 based on \$0.92	32.
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (172.357% x 1.80%)	2.89% based on 1.80%	3.06% based on 1.80%	3.02% based on 1.80%	3.10% based on 1.80%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (44.980% x 3.10%)	1.32% based on 1.80%	1.37% based on 1.80%	1.38% based on 1.80%	1.39% based on 1.80%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Middlebury UHSD	54.17%	55.34%	54.19%	55.02%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$9,151. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.94 and \$1.43. The tax commissioner has suggested allowing one year of inflation, resulting in a base amount of \$8,915 and base tax rates of \$0.92 and \$1.41. The administration also has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.89 and \$1.38 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,915. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

# RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2011-12 FUND BALANCE REPORT

### GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Education Spending Revenue from Town & State	\$586,446.00	
Education Jobs Fund Grant	10,159.00	
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	60,728.00	
State Aid - Transportation Aid	8,951.00	
Special Education - Block Grant	12,989.00	
Special Education - Intensive	25,756.00	
U. S. Forestry	18,814.53	
Interest Income	283.42	
Regular Education Tuition	61,571.02	
Town Audit Reimbursement	6,000.00	
Rental	4,300.00	
Miscellaneous Income	1,906.17	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$797,904.14</b>

### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Regular Programs	\$364,454.23	
Special Education	56,563.24	
After School Program	662.91	
Support Services	320.00	
Guidance	26,065.00	
Health Service	14,583.00	
Media Services	30,072.62	
Technology	7,925.11	
Board of Education	9,026.36	
Treasurer	1,184.16	
ACSU Assessments	48,147.00	
Principal's Office	82,293.23	
Operations & Maintenance	75,126.18	
Transportation	21,969.88	
Transfers to Playground Upgrades voted 3/12	10,000.00	
Transfers to Capital Reserve voted 3/12	14,000.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>(\$762,392.92)</b>

Excess Revenue over Expenditures	35,511.22
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2011	51,198.49
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2012	<u><u>\$86,709.71</u></u>

The Fund Balance is committed as follows:

For FY 2012-13 Tax Reduction	17,198.15
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**General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance at June 30, 2012**

**\$69,511.56**

**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2011-12 FUND BALANCE REPORT**  
**Continued**

<b><u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Food Service Program	<b>\$2,349.84</b>	<b>\$24,070.83</b>	<b>(\$25,801.86)</b>	<b>\$618.81</b>

<b><u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u></b>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Capital Reserve*	107,953.55	14,000.00	0.00	121,953.55
Efficiency Vermont Rebate	2,788.02	0.00	0.00	2,788.02
Playing Fields	1,684.16	0.00	0.00	1,684.16
Playing Fields-voted 3/09	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Playing Field Fence-voted 3/10	939.69	0.00	0.00	939.69
Playing Fields Upgrade-voted 3/12	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$113,765.42</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$137,765.42</b>

<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u></b>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
Library Fund	1,440.80	1,067.99	(1,421.46)	1,087.33
NC FCU Educator	15.57	0.00	0.00	15.57
Essential Early Education	0.00	3,441.00	(3,441.00)	0.00
ACSU IDEA-B EYS ARRA	0.00	1,073.48	(1,073.48)	0.00
ACSU CFP School Wide Program	0.00	3,969.34	(3,969.34)	0.00
VAC Artist in Residence	1,312.13	1,300.00	(2,612.13)	0.00
ACSU VEHI Pathpoints	0.00	981.68	(981.68)	0.00
ACSU Medicaid	0.00	699.72	(699.72)	0.00
ACSU Act 230	0.00	3,802.95	(3,802.95)	0.00
After School Program	-	1,630.00	(1,630.00)	-
Artist in Residence Donation	0.00	1,970.73	(1,800.00)	170.73
VT Stars Award	1,150.00	0.00	0.00	1,150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,918.50</b>	<b>\$19,936.89</b>	<b>(\$21,431.76)</b>	<b>\$2,423.63</b>

\* Requires voter approval to spend funds

<b><u>DEBT FUND</u></b>	Beg. Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	End. Balance
VT Water Planning Loan	4,340.70	0.00	0.00	4,340.70
VT Water Construction Loan	9,711.96	0.00	0.00	9,711.96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,052.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$14,052.66</b>

## MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES FY 2011-2012

Medicaid money is available each year as a reimbursement for some school-based services provided to students eligible for special education. The amount of money in any given fiscal year varies widely and is very difficult to project due to this variation. Because of this, ASCU utilizes funds generated from the previous fiscal year. For example, the Medicaid money utilized in FY2012 was generated during the 2010–2011 school year. For FY2012, ACSU spent \$242,946.68 in Medicaid money on the following:

Medicaid Claims Administration, a portion of a 1.0 FTE Integration Consultant, a portion of 1.6 FTE English as a Second Language teachers, a portion of 1.3 FTE School Psychologists, facilities maintenance for the ACSU Early Education program, some summer services, along with other services for at-risk students throughout the supervisory union. Various courses, conferences, in-service training, supplies, materials, consortium fees, and travel reimbursement were also included in the overall expenditures.

## FEDERALLY FUNDED SERVICES to Ripton Students 2012-2014

<u>Service</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Anticipated * 2013-2014</u>
Pre-K Program Staff (.8 FTE)	13,000	13,000
Afterschool Program	\$4,600	\$4,600
Leveled Books	3,200	0
iPads	2,040	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,840</b>	<b>\$17,600</b>

Federal Funds Include: Title I, Title IIA, IDEA-B and Medicaid

In addition to the services shown here, federal funds also pay for:

- 1) a portion of the salary and benefits of three elementary level Teacher Leaders in the areas of Math (.5 FTE), Literacy (.5 FTE) and Science (.2 FTE);
- 2) academic software; and
- 3) off-setting the cost of in-service training in the areas of Math, Reading, and Writing.

\*These dollar amounts are anticipated. Actual amounts will not be determined until the summer of 2013 and may vary. There are a number of determining factors that come into play when allocating funds.

# **ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury ID#4, Ripton, Salisbury,  
Shoreham, Weybridge, and Union District #3**

Dear ACSU Students, Parents and Citizens:

As I complete my second year as Interim Superintendent, I can report that our Addison Central Supervisory Union schools continue to provide a very positive and broad educational program for all of our students. Pressures from tight budgets and declining enrollments have not “derailed” or reduced the quality of our educational opportunities. However, these pressures will be a major factor in our future.

The ACSU central office continues to provide excellent support for our eight district school boards and to the teachers and administrators of our nine schools. In the immediate future, we will be adopting the change to the common core curriculum for all of our students and teachers as well as the state mandated change of transferring all of our special education staff to central office contracts. We will continue to provide support and leadership to our dedicated teachers through positive professional contract negotiations. Our present contract expires on June 30, 2013.

A thank you to our volunteer school board members and to our entire educational and support staff is due. I appreciate my two years of work for the students of the Addison Central Supervisory Union.

Dr. Gail B. Conley,  
Superintendent of Schools

## ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

### PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET

	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
	<b><u>Spent</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u></b>			
Salaries	699,868	714,078	722,338
Health Insurance	96,929	124,623	141,959
Social Security	53,208	52,434	54,547
Life Insurance	1,517	2,895	2,900
Retirement	18,442	23,550	13,384
Workers Compensation	4,037	3,767	4,184
Unemployment	1,322	10,000	5,000
Tuition Reimbursement	3,468	0	1,788
Dental	8,987	11,027	10,826
Disability	1,896	2,339	2,186
Inservice	0	1,100	1,100
Audit	2,830	3,090	3,245
Professional Services	20,090	5,295	4,957
Technology Support	5,044	4,934	6,144
Legal	12,121	3,000	6,000
Payroll/HR/Time clock Software	5,378	1,928	600
CO Equipment Repairs	199	400	200
Copier Lease	5,714	6,475	5,154
Postage Meter Rental	1,550	1,514	1,581
Telephone	7,890	7,630	7,614
Postage	3,986	3,394	4,066
ACSU Schools Report	210	500	300
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	5,054	4,809	5,155
Office Supplies	6,999	9,000	7,139
Books	689	1,500	1,000
Central Office Software	1,579	1,000	1,000
Central Office Equipment	4,766	5,000	5,000
Conferences & Dues	7,935	9,000	9,000
Finance Professional Services	4,400	4,840	4,488
Finance Accounting System Support	16,882	16,634	25,629
Finance Office Server Software	10,229	10,154	14,605
Finance Office Server Equipment	8,307	8,307	11,949
Finance-Software Training/Conferences	4,265	4,206	4,206
Technology Professional Services	7,318	4,000	4,000
Technology Equipment Repairs	549	1,000	1,000
Technology Supplies/Replacement Parts	1,817	2,500	2,500
Technology Office Software	1,996	2,000	2,000



	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
	<b><u>Spent</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Technology Books and Periodicals	1,260	1,000	1,000
Technology Server/Networking Equip.	4,543	10,000	10,000
Technology Conferences	1,284	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	2,285	1,680	2,331
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000
Purchased Services	10,518	12,628	9,800
Monitoring System	162	187	165
Water & Sewer	453	940	466
Maintenance	267	1,500	1,500
Building Upgrade	4,175	3,000	3,000
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000
Property/Liability Insurance	2,624	2,729	2,586
Furniture/Equipment	0	750	750
Electricity	9,348	10,444	9,535
Telephone System Equipment/Legal Fees	1,010	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,079,401</b>	<b>\$1,119,781</b>	<b>\$1,146,877</b>

### **PROPOSED 2013-14 REVENUE**

Prior Year Reserved Fund Balance	15,000	25,000
Grant Administration Fees	18,000	18,000
AS400 Budget Use/Setup Revenue	0	3,300
Assessments	1,086,781	1,100,577
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,119,781</b>	<b>\$1,146,877</b>



## ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET

<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u></b>	<b><u>2011-12 Spent</u></b>	<b><u>2012-13 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2013-14 Proposed</u></b>
Salaries	189,587	246,667	254,901
Health Insurance	26,298	45,965	40,219
Social Security	14,344	18,870	19,500
Life Insurance	480	1,006	1,030
Retirement	2,583	2,243	6,034
Workers Compensation	2,279	2,416	2,879
Unemployment	691	1,000	1,000
Dental	3,384	4,952	4,008
Disability	468	813	776
Professional Services	3,228	3,158	3,932
Audit	1,535	2,740	2,795
Legal	144	1,000	1,000
Copier/Equipment Repair	2,548	2,688	2,315
Liability Insurance	1,016	1,057	1,114
Advertising	234	150	150
Mileage Reimbursement	2,497	5,000	5,000
Office Supplies/Software	7,841	10,000	10,000
Equipment	238	1,000	1,000
Conferences & Dues	2,600	6,000	6,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$261,995</b>	<b>\$356,725</b>	<b>\$363,653</b>

### PROPOSED 2013-14 REVENUE

Prior Year Fund Balance	0	0
Grants & Administration Fees*	261,624	237,920
Assessments	95,101	125,733
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$356,725</b>	<b>\$363,653</b>

\*IDEA-B, Title I, Diversified Occupations,  
Early Children/EEI Grant, Regional I-Team Grant, etc.

**ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS  
BASED ON PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET**

	<b>Professional Count</b>	<b>% of ACSU Budget</b>	<b>2013-14 ACSU Assessment</b>	<b>2012-13 ACSU Assessment</b>	<b>ACSU Incr/(decr)</b>	<b>2013-14 Special Ed Assessment</b>	<b>2012-13 Special Ed Assessment</b>	<b>Special Ed Incr/(decr)</b>	<b>Total Assess Incr/(dec)</b>
Bridport	13.33	6.55%	\$72,088	\$72,162	(\$74)	\$8,236	\$6,315	\$1,921	\$1,847
Cornwall	12.00	5.89%	\$64,824	\$64,446	\$378	\$7,406	\$5,640	\$1,766	\$2,144
ID#4	42.05	20.65%	\$227,269	\$223,986	\$3,283	\$25,964	\$19,600	\$6,364	\$9,647
UD#3-MUHS	59.88	29.40%	\$323,570	\$316,253	\$7,317	\$36,965	\$27,674	\$9,291	\$16,608
UD#3-MUMS	38.16	18.74%	\$206,248	\$200,728	\$5,520	\$23,562	\$17,565	\$5,997	\$11,517
Ripton	6.50	3.19%	\$35,108	\$34,234	\$874	\$4,011	\$2,996	\$1,015	\$1,889
Salisbury	12.33	6.06%	\$66,695	\$63,142	\$3,553	\$7,619	\$5,525	\$2,094	\$5,647
Shoreham	12.00	5.89%	\$64,824	\$65,207	(\$383)	\$7,406	\$5,706	\$1,700	\$1,317
Weybridge	7.40	3.63%	\$39,951	\$46,623	(\$6,672)	\$4,564	\$4,080	\$484	(\$6,188)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>203.65</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,100,577</b>	<b>\$1,086,781</b>	<b>\$13,796</b>	<b>\$125,733</b>	<b>\$95,101</b>	<b>\$30,632</b>	<b>\$44,428</b>

**UNION DISTRICT #3**  
**PROPOSED 2013-14 BUDGET-COMPOSITE**

	<b>2011-12 Actual</b>	<b>2012-13 Budget</b>	<b>2013-14 Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>Regular Programs</b>					
High School	4,075,096	4,021,802	4,160,080	138,278	3.44%
Middle School	2,433,312	2,269,521	2,342,522	73,001	3.22%
<b>Course Accounts</b>					
High School	300,194	328,972	344,724	15,752	4.79%
Middle School	72,728	107,333	99,819	-7,514	-7.00%
<b>Special Education</b>					
High School	1,377,404	1,578,409	1,459,027	-119,382	-7.56%
Middle School	943,875	851,352	902,609	51,257	6.02%
<b>Technical</b>	24,221	24,157	21,039	-3,118	-12.91%
<b>Athletics/Co-Curricular</b>					
High School	545,316	555,717	595,255	39,538	7.11%
Middle School	93,867	113,150	105,938	-7,212	-6.37%
<b>Support Services</b>					
High School	30,820	48,511	36,479	-12,032	-24.80%
Middle School	151	10,000	66,650	56,650	566.50%
<b>Guidance/School to Work/Prevention</b>					
High School	509,375	520,142	554,607	34,465	6.63%
Middle School	247,357	254,876	262,485	7,609	2.99%
<b>Health Services</b>	192,885	200,179	226,879	26,700	13.34%
<b>Media</b>					
High School	176,506	180,139	158,003	-22,136	-12.29%
Middle School	91,719	95,864	107,978	12,114	12.64%
<b>Board of Education &amp; Treasurer</b>	84,518	135,962	122,266	-13,696	-10.07%
<b>Central Office Assessments</b>	695,090	740,670	826,173	85,503	11.54%
<b>Administration</b>					
High School	467,415	520,338	529,003	8,665	1.67%
Middle School	400,659	398,092	441,893	43,801	11.00%
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>					
High School	1,324,681	1,276,878	1,352,206	75,328	5.90%
Middle School	593,510	588,612	564,646	-23,966	-4.07%
<b>Transportation</b>	685,008	685,096	679,464	-5,632	-0.82%
<b>Short and Long Term Debt</b>	500,111	504,407	534,111	29,704	5.89%
<b>Computer Services</b>	79,899	94,245	91,662	-2,583	-2.74%
<b>UNION DISTRICT #3 TOTALS</b>	<b>15,945,717</b>	<b>16,104,423</b>	<b>16,585,518</b>	<b>481,095</b>	<b>2.99%</b>

**UNION DISTRICT #3**  
**2013-14 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	<b>Actual 2011-12</b>	<b>Budget 2012-13</b>	<b>Proposed 2013-14</b>	
<b><u>Estimated Education Spending:</u></b>				
Middle and High School Budget	15,608,111	16,104,423	16,585,518	2.99%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Base Payment	553,313	529,538	527,489	-0.39%
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical Center Tuition Assessment	629,964	630,138	650,516	3.23%
Special Article - Education Reserve	253,112	-	-	
Special Article - Capital Reserve and Replacement Fund	-	100,000	100,000	0.00%
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,044,500</b>	<b>\$17,364,099</b>	<b>\$17,863,523</b>	<b>2.88%</b>
<b><u>Less Anticipated Receipts:</u></b>				
Special Education Block Grant	330,555	328,542	330,564	0.62%
Special Education Intensive	754,233	815,013	771,823	-5.30%
Special Education Extraordinary	439,905	299,823	272,502	-9.11%
Interest Income	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.00%
Transportation Aid	164,935	206,104	173,621	-15.76%
Shared Maintenance Reimbursement	5,536	5,498	5,894	7.21%
Rental Income	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Driver Education Grant	8,875	8,875	8,875	0.00%
Tuition	-	-	126,000	
Fund Balance	253,112	201,316	314,026	55.99%
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>(1,969,151)</b>	<b>(1,877,171)</b>	<b>(2,015,305)</b>	<b>7.36%</b>
<b>Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>\$15,075,349</b>	<b>\$15,486,928</b>	<b>\$15,848,218</b>	<b>2.33%</b>
<b><u>Tax Rate Estimates</u></b>				
<b>Equalized Pupils*</b>	1,031.99	1,025.35	1,017.84	-0.73%
<b>Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,608</b>	<b>\$15,104</b>	<b>\$15,570</b>	<b>3.09%</b>
<b>Est Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,608</b>	<b>\$15,104</b>	<b>\$15,570</b>	<b>3.09%</b>
<b>Adj for Spending above \$8,544/\$8,723/\$8,915 Base Per Pupil</b>	170.97%	173.15%	174.65%	0.87%
<b>Estimated Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate**</b>	<b>\$0.87</b>	<b>\$0.89</b>	<b>\$0.920</b>	<b>3.37%</b>
<b>Estimated Secondary Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized***</b>	<b>\$1.487</b>	<b>\$1.541</b>	<b>\$1.607</b>	<b>4.27%</b>

\* Equalized Pupils are average daily membership for secondary students averaged over two years and weighted for poverty factors, English proficiency and secondary students as provided by the State of Vermont.

\*\* As recommended by Tax Commissioner and pending legislative action.

\*\*\* Actual member town homestead education tax rates will be elementary and secondary equalized homestead education tax rates pro-rated by percent of equalized pupils and adjusted by Common Level of Appraisal. Tax rate is estimated per \$100 of equalized value. One cent on tax rate equals approx. \$10 on \$100,000 value.

## Minutes of the Annual School Meeting March 5, 2012

The legal voters of Ripton met at the Community House on Monday March 5, 2012 to act upon articles 1-5 of the 2012 School District Warning; approximately 70 people attended. Moderator Joyce Dicianna welcomed the gathering, especially new town members and newly eligible voters, and read an invocation. She reviewed meeting procedures including how articles are addressed, rules and courtesies regarding speaking, voting procedures, and encouraged questions if anything was unclear. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

The floor was turned over to Willem Jewett, Ripton resident and state representative, for his annual update from the state house. Copies of his newsletter, "Town Meeting Legislative Update", were handed out. Mr. Jewett noted that Montpelier is dominated by bills and issues defined by Tropical Storm Irene. He said the state house was energized to get things done, that a lot of tough legislation has been passed with strong bipartisan votes. In general, he continues to receive questions and input from his constituency and welcomes that involvement.

Robert Wagner asked about the tuition town education tax, specifically, of the portion of taxes paid to the state, how much comes back to Ripton? Willem Jewett explained that the section about tuition town education tax in his newsletter was specifically about towns that tuition their students to other towns and does not apply to Ripton. He noted that the education tax rate in tuition towns can vary widely from year to year depending upon the number of students, that the "smoothing mechanisms" available to towns that operate schools are not there for tuition towns. He could not say exactly how many dollars were shipped out compared to how many shipped in, but feels the funding formula of Act 68 works for Ripton.

Charles Billings asked if all states will implement the Affordable Care Act at the same time with the same structure, or if Vermont has its own structure. Mr. Jewett reminded the group that this is the federal act under which states are asked to create health care exchanges. He said that all states will not implement these exchanges the same way, and some states not at all which makes federal funding relief unavailable to them. The amount of this relief for Vermont is estimated to be \$350 million.

Marty Kulczyk asked for an update regarding search and rescue for lost recreational persons. Mr. Jewett responded that hearings about this have just begun and it has been noted that there are no statutes directed at search and rescue, only at missing persons and there are important differences between the two. It is planned to create a search and rescue chapter and set a standard that addresses speed of response. There is also discussion about unifying the four arms of state law enforcement under one command structure.

Mr. Jewett thanked the voters and left the meeting. The school meeting resumed at 7:51 p.m. with the reading of the first article. School board members present were Carol Ford, Amy McGlashan, and Michael Hussey.

**Article 1:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

The article was moved and seconded by Tim Hanson and Barry King. Carol Ford explained that it is "boiler plate" language from the new ACSU administration that allows the school board to act to borrow money, and noted that the situation has not come up in the past and is not anticipated at this time. The question was called and seconded by Tim Hanson and Ed Sullivan and it was unanimously voted to vote on the article. Article 1 was adopted by voice vote with one "nay".

**Article 2:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of \$775,360 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing school year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

The article was moved and seconded by David Disque and Laurie Cox. Carol Ford noted that the proposed budget is a 5.43% increase over the current year but that after receipts are figured in, net proposed spending is about \$300 less than current and this is primarily due to increased revenue from tuitioned students from other towns. The budget is increased to meet the needs of these students, but is then offset by that increased revenue. Ms. Ford continued to explain that the same number of teachers and paraprofessionals is budgeted for as for the current year's budget, though the anticipated final for salaries for aides will be about \$33,800 rather than the \$24,016 budgeted due to the amendment on the floor at last year's annual meeting where it was decided to maintain an aide position that had been proposed to be cut. Following questions from Dick Collitt and Charles Billings it was

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clarified that although a teacher had been added for this current school year because of an influx of students in the 5/6 classroom, the position will not be required next year when many of those students will graduate. The overall increase of about 3% in teacher salaries represents a different mix of positions rather than an increase of persons.

Ms. Ford said that although the Spanish language program was rejected at last year's annual meeting, it is proposed again with support from the supervisory union and Ripton staff. Robert Wagner spoke in favor of the program and asked if the budget was for time and materials or for more staff. It was explained that the school is following guidelines from ACSU and is not yet fully designed, but the budget will likely cover a 20% teacher position plus supplies which will translate to about one hour of instruction per class per week.

A question from Michael Seligmann clarified that the "early separation" payment in the budget is the final of a discontinued program to offer payments to teachers retiring early. The answer to Bryan Alexander's question about the nature of the large reduction in "math inservice" was that these funds are administered at the supervisory level and likely had to do with a combination of availability of funds and Ripton School's need for them.

Andrea Chesman, Dick Collitt and Charles Billings had questions about the anticipated student enrollment for next year and tuitioned students. Principal, Tracey Harrington, said that they expect roughly 40 students, 4 of which will be tuitioned. Carol Ford noted that there are three tuition towns adjacent to Ripton - Hancock, Granville and Goshen – and many of the students from these towns go to other area schools. We have no control how many students will come to Ripton; we can only make our school attractive through what we offer. Examples of this are the newly offered after-school program which is attractive for people who work, and the Spanish program which is offered by only one other school in the supervisory union. Ms. Ford further noted that Ripton school is proud of the interdisciplinary thematic units in place since the school was built, and feels that this makes Ripton stand out in the region.

Some additional budget increases were explained – health insurance due to a change in plan, EEE Tuition due to the discontinuance of federal funds, and Internet Access which now includes telephone service but is offset by the E-Rate Reimbursement. Tim Hanson and Robert Wagner called the question and seconded, the group voted to vote on the article and Article 2 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to place \$14,000 from the FY 2011 Unreserved Fund Balance (of \$41,198) into the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

Carol Ford explained that the \$14,000 is proposed to be added to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (which now has about \$108,000). This fund has been used in the past for things like a new roof. The next article proposes to use \$10,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance for playground improvements. The remaining \$17,198 (\$41,198 minus \$14,000 minus \$10,000) will essentially reduce the amount of money to be raised by taxes.

Charles Billings asked what other things the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund is anticipated to be used for other than a new roof and what might a new roof cost. The response was that there are no immediate needs known at this time and that estimates for a new roof will not be gathered until it is time to replace it. Responding to a question from Robert Wagner to clarify the amount of the budget, Ms. Ford explained that on page 66 of town report the warned proposed budget amount for next year of \$775,360 plus the special articles equals the spending total of \$799,360, and that these corresponding figures for the current and previous year also appear there. It was further noted that these numbers are for the Ripton school only, not for the middle and high schools.

The moderator asked if the group was ready to vote, and Article 3 was adopted by unanimous voice vote. (It was clarified around this time that if the moderator asks if the group is ready to vote, then the group can move directly to a vote; if the question is called, the group must vote that it is ready to vote.)

**Article 4:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to use up to \$10,000 from the FY 2011 Unreserved Fund Balance (of \$41,198) for playground upgrades.

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The article was moved and seconded by Barry King and Warren King. Bonnie DeGray asked what specifically were the upgrades being proposed and Tracey Harrington responded. She said that a committee is determining the specifics but that one of the greatest needs is to provide equipment for pre-kindergarten age children. The school currently does not have age-appropriate equipment for pre-K and as a licensed pre-school should provide a fenced-in play area for this group. It is also hoped to enhance existing equipment, with shading and benches for instance, and have imaginative equipment that ties to the landscape allowing students to relate to the outdoors. Jeff Wulfman asked how the \$10,000 number was arrived at. Carol Ford and Amy McGlashan explained that the number is based upon some rough estimates from the previous year's research into new equipment and from determining what seemed to be a fair amount to use from the unreserved fund balance. The playground committee will then come up with a plan that stays within the \$10,000 budget.

The moderator asked if the group was ready to vote, and Article 4 was adopted by voice vote with one "nay".

**Article 5:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Carol Ford acknowledged former school board member, Connie Trudeau, who served for 10 years and tendered her resignation in the fall of 2011, which the board received with regret. Ms. Trudeau also served on the ACSU board, volunteered in Ripton school classrooms, worked with FORS, chaperoned field trips – basically did everything the ideal classroom parent can do. The Ripton school board thanks Connie Trudeau for her service and has a gift for her, but noting that she was not present at this meeting Ms. Ford commented that they can certainly find her at the school.

Amy McGlashan invited the group to come to a community forum on March 13 about the future of education in Ripton. She acknowledged the members of the committee that have been helping put the forum together and explained that the March 13 meeting will begin a process to identify immediate and long-term educational issues, and prepare the community for decisions it may face in coming years concerning education in Ripton and the Addison Central Supervisory Union. This meeting will continue the discussion that long-range planning meetings by the local community began two years ago. This meeting is one of several "study circles" to be held in the school district and participants will be asked to commit to three additional meetings to complete the process. Cindy Seligmann spoke of her positive experience with the Ripton School and encouraged everyone to attend this meeting.

Mike Hussey extended an invitation (on behalf of Willem Jewett who forgot to mention it during his presentation) to a governor's lunch at the Bread Loaf campus Barn on Monday, March 12 at noon. The charge is \$7.00 and local foods will be featured.

Andrea Chesman spoke of the contested race for the open position on the school board. She asked that the school board consider restructuring the way positions open in the future suggesting that positions could be chosen from a pool of candidates rather than separately filled individual offices. Ms. Ford, Laurie Cox and Sally Hoyler contributed to the explanation that on a five-member board there are two 3-year positions and three 2-year positions so that every year, one 2-year position and one 3-year position are on the ballot. This year there is an additional race to complete two years of a vacated 3-year term. Current law requires that a candidate must specify one of the five positions for which they are running and the ballot is formatted accordingly. Carol Ford said she did not know if there is an option to do it any other way, but will look into it.

Bill McKibben and Erik Eriksen moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting and following a unanimous voice vote, the school annual meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at 7:00 a.m. on March 6, 2012 at the Ripton town office to vote by Australian ballot for school directors and moderator, and for warned articles from the UD#3 district and Hannaford Center.

Joyce Dicianna  
Moderator

Sally Hoyler  
Town Clerk

Carol Ford  
School Board Chair



**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 4, 2013**

The legal voters of the Ripton Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Community House in said Ripton on Monday, March 4, 2013, at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following business:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of **\$808,931** to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing school year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to spend up to **\$100,000** from the Capital Reserve Fund (of \$121,954) for roof replacement.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to transfer **\$25,000** from the FY 2012 Unassigned Fund Balance (of \$69,511) to the Education Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, in the Ripton Town Office for the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

**Polls will be Open 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Ripton School District in an amount not to exceed **\$250,000**, subject to reduction in an amount equal to the voter approved Capital Reserve Fund appropriation, and/or from available local and state appropriations, be issued for the purpose of financing replacement of the roof and related improvements to the Ripton Elementary School building.

**ARTICLE 7:** If Article 6 is approved, shall general obligation bonds of the Ripton School District in an amount not to exceed **\$207,400**, subject to reduction from available local and state appropriations, and the anticipated Vermont Small Scale Renewal Energy Incentive Program in an amount not to exceed \$77,000 be issued for the purpose of financing a rooftop solar photovoltaic system and related improvements to the Ripton Elementary School building.

**ARTICLE 8:** To elect a Moderator for the Town School District for a term of one year.

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 10:** To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of two years.

**RIPTON SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Carol Ford, Chair

Michael Hussey

Willem Jewett

Amy McGlashan

Laura Murphy McIntosh

# Town of Ripton

## Road Names

