

# **LEICESTER, VERMONT 2014 TOWN REPORT**

January 2014 – December 2014



**TOWN MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 at 7:30PM**  
(OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL MEETING WHICHEVER IS LATER)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING  
THIS REPORT WITH YOU**

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**TOWN INFORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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Monday 9:00am - 2:00pm  
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**AUDITORS**

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**BOARD OF LISTERS**

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Tuesday 9:00am - 12:00pm

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

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Monday 9:00am - 12:00pm

**RECYCLING** : 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month 09:00am - 12:00pm at Town Garage

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

Held at Town Office

**SELECTBOARD**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month at 6:30pm

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 6:00pm

**ZONING BOARD**

Last Tuesday of month at 6:00pm

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE** (Apr - Oct)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month at 6:30pm

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

(AS OF 1/1/2015)

Julie Delphia	Town Clerk/Treasurer	247-5961	Beth Ripley	Del. Tax Collector	247-0075
Diane Benware	Selectboard Chair	247-3786	Jeff McDonough	1 <sup>st</sup> Constable	247-5212
Tom Barke	Selectboard Member	247-3160	Mike Rakowitz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Constable	247-3281
Brad Lawes	Selectboard Member	465-8065	Ricky Nicklaw	Fire Warden	247-8357
Ken Young	Selectboard Member	247-3375			
Ron Fiske	Selectboard Member	247-4856	Diane Benware	Temporary Health Officer	247-3786
Arlan Pidgeon	Road Foreman	247-6361			
Brad Lawes	Road Commissioner	465-8065	David Atherton	Zoning Admin	236-0890
Dianne Harvey	Lister Chair	247-5961			
Jeff Lee	Lister Member	247-5961			
Amy Quenneville	Lister Member	247-5961			

A **Drop Box** is located under the bulletin board on the front of the Town Office. Payments and correspondence may be placed in the **Drop Box** after office hours.

**FRONT COVER:** Geese on Bullock Road  
*Photo by Donna Pidgeon*

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## CHANGES TO THE TOWN REPORT

Due to changes in legislation, the Leicester Town Report is now separate from the Leicester School District Report. The Town Report is compiled and distributed by the Town, and the Leicester School District Report is compiled and distributed by the Leicester School Board (and RNESU).

In an effort to save money on printing and mailing, the Town and School have opted to print both reports in one booklet. The Town Report is in the front, and the School District Report is in the back. Each report has its own cover page and table of contents.

If you have questions regarding this change, or with the Town Report, please contact Julie Delphia, Town Clerk, at (802) 247-5961 x 3. If you have questions regarding the School District Report, please contact the Leicester School Board.

## LEICESTER TOWN OFFICIALS

<b>ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS</b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>	<b>APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS</b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
<b>Auditors</b>		<b>Cemetery Sexton</b>	
Dot D'Avignon	March 2017	Donna Pidgeon	March 2015
Deb Miner	March 2015	<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	
Donna Pidgeon	March 2016	Raymond Lalumiere	May 2015
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>		<b>Energy Coordinator</b>	
Elizabeth Ripley	March 2015	Raymond Lalumiere	May 2015
<b>First Constable</b>		<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	
Jeff McDonough	March 2015	Richard C. Nicklaw	June 30, 2016
<b>Justices of the Peace</b>		<b>Regional Planning Representative</b>	
Cheryl Morrison	February 2017	Diane Benware	June 30, 2015
Diane Benware	February 2017	Ron Fiske	June 30, 2015
Peg Oliver	February 2017	<b>Road Commissioner</b>	
Thomas Barker	February 2017	Brad Lawes	March 2015
Greg Bernhardt	February 2017	<b>Road Foreman</b>	
<b>Listers</b>		Arlan Pidgeon	Hired
Dianne Harvey	March 2017	<b>Solid Waste Representative</b>	
Jeff Lee	March 2015	Richard Reed	March 2015
Amy Quenneville - Appt'd	March 2015	<b>Tree Warden</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>		Arlan Pidgeon	March 2015
Richard Reed	March 2015	<b>Town Health Officer</b>	
<b>OVUHS Directors</b>		Vacant	August 2015
Angela Ouellette	March 2015	Kathy Eastwood - Deputy	April 2015
<b>School Directors</b>		<b>Town Services Manager</b>	
Hannah Sessions	March 2017	Kathy Eastwood	April 2015
Connie Carroll	March 2015	<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	
Mark Raishart	March 2015	David Atherton	Hired
Mathew Brush	March 2016	<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	
Michele Pierpont	March 2016	Peter Fjeld - Chair	November 2015
<b>Second Constable</b>		Donna Swingleton	November 2016
Mike Rakowitz	March 2015	Vacant	November 2016
<b>Selectboard</b>		Jeff McDonough	November 2017
Ken Young	March 2017	Bill Shouldice	November 2017
Thomas Barker	March 2015	<b>Planning Commission</b>	
Brad Lawes	March 2015	Peter Fjeld	November 2015
Ron Fiske	March 2016	Donna Swingleton - Chair	November 2016
Diane Benware, Chair	March 2016	Vacant	November 2016
<b>Town Agent &amp; Grand Juror</b>		Jeff McDonough	November 2017
Jeff McDonough	March 2015	Bill Shouldice	November 2017
<b>Town Clerk</b>		<b>Town Treasurer</b>	
Julie Delphia	March 2017	Julie Delphia	March 2017

## LEICESTER TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Leicester, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Leicester Meeting House in said Town on Monday, **March 2, 2015** at **7:30 pm or immediately following the School District Meeting (whichever is later)** to transact the following business:

1. To hear the auditor's report.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester vote to approve a sum of **\$574,282.88** to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, divided as follows:

<b>General Town Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 271,947.88</b>	<b>Amount to be raised by taxes: \$ 201,612.18</b>
<b>Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 302,335.00</b>	<b>Amount to be raised by taxes: \$ 237,876.09</b>

Note: The amount to be raised may increase based on the result of the vote on Article 3.  
The Selectboard will set the tax rate at a later date.

3. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester approve an additional sum of \$20,000 for road paving?
4. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.
5. To do any further business that is proper to be done when met.

**The Town Meeting shall adjourn until 10 AM Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Leicester, Vermont are further warned and notified to meet at the **Leicester Town Office** in said Town on **March 3, 2015** between the hours of **10 AM and 7 PM** when the polls will be open to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year

- A Moderator for a one (1) year term
- A Selectboard Member for a three (3) year term
- A Selectboard Member for a two (2) year term
- A Lister for a three (3) year term
- A Lister for one (1) year to fill an unexpired term
- An Auditor for a three (3) year term
- A Delinquent Tax Collector for a one (1) year term
- A First Constable for a one (1) year term
- A Second Constable for a one (1) year term
- A Town Grand Juror for a one (1) year term
- A Town Agent for a one (1) year term

Leicester Selectboard:

Diane Benware – Chair (2016)  
Tom Barker (2015)  
Brad Lawes (2015)  
Kenneth Young (2017)  
Ron Fiske (2016)

January 19, 2015

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### BEFORE ELECTION DAY

#### CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Sunday, February 1, 2015 (or 30 days before your town meeting), the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections, or from your town clerk).

#### REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 (or the Wednesday before your town meeting), or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

#### EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office or pick up your ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's office or to the polling place no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a ballot be delivered to you by two Justices of the Peace. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices of the Peace. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

#### SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Saturday, February 21, 2015

### ON ELECTION DAY

- If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.
- If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
- If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683 for more information.
- If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
- If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

#### THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW

- DO NOT knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- DO NOT mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
- DO NOT display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
- DO NOT solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
- DO NOT interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

#### FOR HELP OR INFORMATION

Call the Secretary of State's Office

1-800-439-VOTE (-8683) (Accessible by TTY)

## LEICESTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### TOWN RECEIPTS

Balance, Jan. 1, 2014		31,568.68
Selectboard Loans	65,000.00	
Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Loans & Transfers		65,000.00
Current Taxes for Town & School	2,284,714.31	
Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Fees	131,658.52	
Zoning Fees	2,425.00	
Licenses & Fines	4,003.79	
Reimbursements	1,345.45	
Grants	87,980.00	
Other	<u>11,192.96</u>	
Total Income		<u>2,523,320.03</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2,619,888.71</b>

### TOWN DISBURSEMENTS

Loan Repayment	65,000.00	
Transfers to Restricted Funds	30,447.81	
Schools	2,030,367.00	
Tax Allocation for State	100,000.00	
Payments covered by Restricted Funds	1,895.00	
Selectboard Orders & Appropriations	<u>331,008.20</u>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>2,558,718.01</u>
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2014</b>		<b>61,170.70</b>

## LEICESTER HIGHWAY SUMMARY

### HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

Balance Jan 1, 2014		6,825.86
Transfers to Highway Funds	55,402.80	
Current Taxes for Highway	214,502.14	
State Aid - Highway	66,200.30	
Grant Income	0.00	
Other	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Income		<u>336,355.24</u>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS</b>		<b>343,181.10</b>

### HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Restricted Funds	47,500.00	
Selectboard Orders	<u>291,452.19</u>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>338,952.19</u>
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2014</b>		<b>4,228.91</b>

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

<b>Tax Rate:</b>	<b>Homestead</b>		<b>Non-residential</b>	
Town	0.1356		0.1356	
Town Highway	0.1234		0.1234	
Veteran Exemption	0.0013		0.0013	
Education	1.3887		1.4542	
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>1.6490</b>		<b>1.7145</b>	
<b>Grand List</b>	1,738,265.96			
<b>Taxes billed:</b>				
Town	1,738,265.96	x	0.1356	235,708.74
Highway	1,738,265.96	x	0.1234	214,502.14
				450,210.88
Education Taxes:				
Veteran's Exempt	1,738,265.96	x	0.0013	2,259.76
Homestead	744,754.56	x	1.3887	1,034,240.70
Non-residential	997,269.15	x	1.4542	1,450,228.90
				2,486,729.36
Total Taxes Billed				<u>2,936,940.24</u>
Less State Rebates				362,292.06
<b>Balance to be collected</b>				<b><u>2,574,648.18</u></b>
<b>Taxes Accounted for as Follows:</b>				
2014 Current Taxes				2,452,016.58
2014 Payments from previous year				2,075.06
2014 Delinquent Collected				56,501.78
2014 Delinquents Outstanding				64,054.76
				<b>2,574,648.18</b>
<b>Total</b>				-

NOTE: Tax amounts vary from 2014 budget requirements due to a Grand List changes due to late homestead declarations and tax credit submissions.

**% of Property Tax: Town vs. Education  
Homestead Property Tax Bill**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Town & Highway	16%	14%	15%
Education Homestead	84%	86%	85%

**% of Property Tax: Town vs. Education  
Non-Residential Property Tax Bill**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Town & Highway	15%	14%	15%
Education Non-Residential	85%	86%	85%

**GRANT SPENDING**

In 2014, the town received a Milfoil grant in the amount of \$87,980.00 from the Department of Environmental Conservation. The money was directed to the Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association.

The town received a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development to update the Zoning Bylaws.

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2013 BUDGET</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Balance in General Fund	<b>31,470.22</b>	<b>31,470.22</b>	<b>31,568.68</b>	<b>31,568.68</b>	<b>61,170.70</b>	After receivables/payables
<b>Loans and Transfers:</b>						
Selectmen's Loans		40,000.00		65,000.00		Tax Anticipation Loan
Transfer from Records Maint		5,268.00				See Funds Page 15
Transfer from Cemetery Fund		1,666.00		1,895.00		See Funds Page 15
Tax Account Allocation Refund		21,007.00		22,913.00		Allocated for State Ed pmt
<b>Grants &amp; State Direct Deposits</b>						
Milfoil Grant		28,000.00		87,980.00		Grant Spending - See Pg 6
State DD Lister Fund				391.01		See Funds Page 15
State DD Reappraisal Fund		7,609.50		7,638.00		See Funds Page 15
<b>TOTAL LOANS AND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>103,550.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>185,817.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Fines, Fees &amp; Licenses:</b>						
Civil Fines from Sheriff Patrol		3,762.50		1,084.79		<b>Register your dog by April 1st See report page 21</b>
Dog Licenses / Fines	2,000.00	3,098.00	2,000.00	2,854.00	2,500.00	
License - Liquor / Junkyard	45.00	50.00	45.00	65.00	65.00	
<b>TOTAL FINES, FEES, &amp; LICENSES</b>	<b>2,045.00</b>	<b>6,910.50</b>	<b>2,045.00</b>	<b>4,003.79</b>	<b>2,565.00</b>	
<b>Taxes:</b>						
OV/LCS Reimbursements		7,549.18		0.00		
Current Taxes - Town		207,795.86		235,708.74		
Current Taxes - Education		1,864,332.10		2,001,805.70		
Tax prepayments		2,075.06		77.48		
Current Use		6,653.00		7,440.00		
Delinquent Taxes, Interest, Penalties		138,047.67		131,658.52		Penalty pays DTC
Education Tax True-Up/Municipal Adj		7,091.21		9,157.26		
Railroad Tax	100.00	136.18	100.00	106.43	100.00	
Fed Bureau Land Mgt - PILOT	6,000.00	7,148.00	6,000.00	7,505.70	6,500.00	
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>2,240,828.26</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>2,393,459.83</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	
<b>Zoning:</b>						
Zoning Certificate of Compliance Fees		350.00		0.00		No longer required
Zoning Permit Fees		4,675.00		2,425.00		Fees to Zoning expense
<b>TOTAL ZONING</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,025.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,425.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Reimbursement : Fires		1,719.50		0.00		
Reimbursement: Insurance		1,914.00		1,343.00		
Reimbursement: Postage		0.92		2.45		
250th Celebration Donations		10.00		35.00		
Interest on Checking		942.96		823.95		
Rental of Town Hall/Meeting House		385.00		210.00		
Other		10.00		200.00		
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,982.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,614.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,145.00</b>	<b>2,257,746.14</b>	<b>8,145.00</b>	<b>2,402,503.02</b>	<b>9,165.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS</b>	<b>39,615.22</b>	<b>2,392,766.86</b>	<b>39,713.68</b>	<b>2,619,888.71</b>	<b>70,335.70</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Loans:</b>						
Loan Payments		40,000.00		65,000.00		Tax Anticipation Loan
<b>Transfers:</b>						
Transfer to Records Restoration	4,435.00	4,435.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Clerk Education/Software		575.00		418.80		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Cemetery Fund			5,000.00	5,000.00		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Lister Education Fund				391.01		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Professional Audit Fund			2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00	17,609.50	10,000.00	17,638.00	10,000.00	See Funds Page 15
<b>Allocated Funds:</b>						
Transfer to Tax Account		22,913.00		100,000.00		State Education Tax Pmt
<b>Payments covered by Restricted Fund Transfers:</b>						
Cemetery - Stone Cleaning		1,666.00		1,895.00		See Funds Page 15
Records - Plat Cabinet		5,268.00				See Funds Page 15
<b>LOANS AND TRANSFERS TOTAL</b>	<b>14,435.00</b>	<b>92,466.50</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>197,342.81</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	
<b>Auditing:</b>	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	
Salaries		735.00		462.00		
<b>AUDITING TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>735.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>462.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	
<b>Selectboard:</b>	4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00	Rate set by Auditors
Diane Benware, Chair		1,000.00		1,000.00		
Brad Lawes		750.00		750.00		
Ron Fiske		750.00		750.00		
Ken Young		750.00		750.00		
Tom Barker		750.00		750.00		
Selectboard Secretary	2,000.00	1,680.00	2,000.00	1,720.00	2,000.00	
<b>SELECTBOARD TOTAL</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>5,680.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>5,720.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	
<b>Listing:</b>	8,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00	
Salaries		3,204.00		4,578.60		
Consulting	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	Contract with NEMRC
Mileage				247.50		
Computer Purchase		1,573.78				
Tax Map Update	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	Update & Maintain Maps
<b>LISTING TOTAL</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>11,277.78</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>13,326.10</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	
<b>Recycling:</b>						
Solid Waste	7,320.00	7,320.00	7,320.00	7,331.00	7,500.00	Solid Waste Fee Increase
<b>RECYCLING TOTAL</b>	<b>7,320.00</b>	<b>7,320.00</b>	<b>7,320.00</b>	<b>7,331.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Buildings Expenses:</b>			10,500.00		10,500.00	
Meeting House	500.00	304.06		887.90		
Town Office	500.00	255.00		514.24		
Town Hall	10,000.00	7,725.00		6,530.26		
<b>Fuel:</b>						
Meeting House	3,500.00	2,979.61	3,500.00	3,218.99	3,350.00	
Town Hall	2,500.00	2,016.44	2,500.00	2,617.42	2,650.00	
<b>Grounds Care:</b>						
Cemetery	5,400.00	5,575.00	5,700.00	5,250.00	5,500.00	
Office ,Town Green, Fern Lake Access	3,200.00	3,265.00	3,400.00	3,666.00	3,600.00	
<b>TOTAL BLDGS &amp; GRNDS EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>22,120.11</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>22,684.81</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	

Note: Clerk fees for recording, vault usage, and licenses are set by State Statute. Depending upon the types of transactions, total fees collected can vary greatly year to year. These fees are paid by individuals or firms based on the statute fee schedule posted at the Town Office. Fees collected in 2014 were \$13681.00.

<b>Town Clerk / Treasurer / Assistant:</b>						
Town Clerk, Julie Delphia	7,750.00	7,750.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,500.00	
Treasurer, Julie Delphia	8,250.00	8,250.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	9,000.00	
Clerk / Treasurer Training	1,000.00	425.00	1,000.00	581.20	1,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Assistant	3,500.00	3,383.25	3,500.00	3,201.25	3,500.00	
<b>CLERK / TREAS / ASSIST TOTAL</b>	<b>20,500.00</b>	<b>19,808.25</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>20,282.45</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	

<b>Office Expenses:</b>						
Cleaning Services	600.00	600.00	600.00	599.00	600.00	
Cleaning Supplies	150.00	159.96	200.00	177.75	200.00	
Computer Tech Support / License	3,000.00	2,614.84	3,000.00	2,941.25	3,000.00	
Copier	1,680.00	1,416.59	1,500.00	1,491.97	1,500.00	
Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,686.06	3,000.00	3,034.05	3,000.00	
Postage	2,500.00	2,491.16	2,500.00	2,469.42	2,500.00	
Printing	3,000.00	2,355.50	3,000.00	2,373.40	3,000.00	
Records Restoration & Maintenance	565.00	565.79		0.00		Moved to transfers page 8
Town Web Page	600.00	350.00	600.00	375.00	400.00	
<b>Disaster Recovery / Maintenance:</b>						
NEMRC Disaster Recovery Contract	1,030.00	1,060.90	1,100.00	1,092.72	1,200.00	Annual Contract
Server Monthly Maintenance	1,540.00	1,540.00	1,600.00	1,640.00	1,700.00	Annual Maintenance Contract
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,665.00</b>	<b>15,840.80</b>	<b>17,100.00</b>	<b>16,194.56</b>	<b>17,100.00</b>	

<b>Insurance:</b>						
Property & Casualty	13,246.00	13,226.00	14,433.00	14,432.00	12,946.00	Figures are actuals for 2015
Workman's Comp	4,050.00	4,050.00	5,087.00	5,088.00	4,953.00	Figures are actuals for 2015
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>17,296.00</b>	<b>17,276.00</b>	<b>19,520.00</b>	<b>19,520.00</b>	<b>17,899.00</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Zoning:</b>	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Zoning Administrator		3,937.50		2,580.00		Partial Offset by zoning fees
Recording Fees		550.00		310.00		
Printing	2,000.00	362.53	2,000.00	215.68	1,000.00	Updating Zoning Regulations
Secretary	1,800.00	1,387.54	1,800.00	1,284.42	1,500.00	
<b>ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>6,237.57</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>4,390.10</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	
<b>Utilities:</b>						
Electricity	5,200.00	5,555.39	5,600.00	5,703.52	5,600.00	
Telephone	1,800.00	1,517.75	1,600.00	1,547.87	1,600.00	
Water - Rent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
<b>UTILITIES TOTAL</b>	<b>7,005.00</b>	<b>7,078.14</b>	<b>7,205.00</b>	<b>7,256.39</b>	<b>7,205.00</b>	
<b>Public Safety:</b>						
Addison County Humane Society Contr	500.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	Annual Contract
Law Enforcement Expenses	2,000.00	6,474.20	2,000.00		2,000.00	No Contract 2014
Animal Control	600.00	539.73	600.00	111.28	600.00	
Dog Census	300.00		300.00		300.00	
<i>Dog Licenses - Tags</i>		168.40		149.52		<i>Covered by Dog Income</i>
<i>Dog Licenses - State Fees</i>		1,096.00		1,048.00		<i>Covered by Dog Income</i>
<i>Dog Licenses - Clerk Fees</i>		548.00		524.00		<i>Covered by Dog Income</i>
Fire Protection Contract - BFD	20,000.00	20,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	See Fire Chief's Rpt Page 21
Fire Warden - Richard Nicklaw	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Health Officers	350.00	0.00	350.00		350.00	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>23,850.00</b>	<b>29,476.33</b>	<b>35,900.00</b>	<b>34,482.80</b>	<b>35,900.00</b>	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>						
Trash Removal - Bullock Rd	100.00	15.15	100.00	172.60	150.00	
<i>Delinquent Tax Collector - Beth Ripley</i>		9,489.59		8,999.00		<i>Covered by DTC penalty Pg 16</i>
Elections / Payroll & Supplies	500.00	346.20	500.00	1,352.51	500.00	
<b>Grants:</b>						
Milfoil Grant to LDFLA		28,000.00		87,980.00		See Grant Info Page 6
Planning Grant				550.00		
Writing & Research Grant	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00	
Interest / Bank Fees	500.00	150.73	500.00	356.26	500.00	
Legal Fees	5,000.00	7,328.16	5,000.00	1,815.78	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	50.00	200.00	100.00	200.00	
Town Moderator	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
<b>Payroll Liability:</b>						
Payroll Tax Liability - FICA / Medicare	10,000.00	7,608.11	10,000.00	8,043.86	10,000.00	
Abatements		3,787.23				
Workshops / Training - Town Officers	1,000.00	90.00	1,000.00	835.00	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,950.00</b>	<b>57,015.17</b>	<b>17,950.00</b>	<b>110,355.01</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2013 BUDGET</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Assessments:</b>						
Addison County Humane Society	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Animal Holding Facility
Addison County Regional Planning	1,221.00	1,221.00	1,287.00	1,287.00	1,330.80	See Report Pg 27
Addison County Tax	13,000.00	7,193.45	13,000.00	7,735.90	13,000.00	County tax
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	See Report Pg 29
BLSG Insect Control District	14,177.00	14,177.00	15,073.00	15,073.00	15,073.00	See Report Pg 30
Brandon Area Rescue Squad	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	Changed to a per capita basis
Brandon Library	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	See Report Pg 29
Green - Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	See Report Pg 33
Lake Dunmore / Fern Lake Assoc	16,125.00	16,125.00	16,125.00	16,125.00	19,000.00	See Report Pg 35
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,879.00	1,879.00	1,944.00	1,944.00	2,002.00	Municipal Assistance Center
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>54,877.00</b>	<b>49,070.45</b>	<b>56,154.00</b>	<b>50,889.90</b>	<b>59,130.80</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Addison County Court Diversion	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	Requests on file at TC See Report Pg 26
Addison County Home Health Care	1,138.00	1,138.00	1,138.00	1,138.00	1,138.00	See Report Pg 26
Addison County Parent/Child Center	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	See Report Pg 26
Addison County Readers	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	See Report Pg 26
Addison County Transit Resources	1,532.00	1,532.00	1,532.00	1,532.00	1,532.00	See Report Pg 29
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	See Report Pg 31
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	See Report Pg 32
Elderly Services Inc.	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	See Report Pg 32
Foxcroft Harvest Program	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	See Report Pg 34
HOPE formerly ACCAG	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	See Report Pg 34
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	See Report Pg 35
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	See Report Pg 35
Maple Leaf Farm	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	See Report Pg 36
NeighborWorks of Western VT	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	See Report Pg 36
Open Door Clinic	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	See Report Pg 37
Otter Creek Natural Resources	113.08	113.08	113.08	113.08	113.08	See Report Pg 37
RSVP Addison County	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	See Report Pg 38
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	See Report Pg 38
Vermont Adult Learning	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	See Report Pg 38
Vermont CARES - Aids Research	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	See Report Pg 39
VT Center for Independent Living	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	See Report Pg 39
Women in Crisis - Women Safe	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	See Report Pg 39
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>13,113.08</b>	<b>13,113.08</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	
<b>LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		<b>965,021.00</b>		<b>980,562.00</b>		
<b>OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL</b>		<b>1,018,749.00</b>		<b>911,696.00</b>		
<b>STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>		<b>22,913.00</b>		<b>138,109.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL TOWN DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>247,411.08</b>	<b>2,361,198.18</b>	<b>275,662.08</b>	<b>2,558,718.01</b>	<b>271,947.88</b>	

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY RECEIPTS**

ACCOUNT	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in Highway Fund	27,176.27	27,176.27	6,825.86	6,825.86	4,228.91	
<b>Transfers and Loans</b>						
Transfer From Culvert Fund		5,017.00				See Funds Page 15
Transfer From Equipment Fund				7,902.80		See Funds Page 15
Transfer from Highway Fund		30,871.26		47,500.00		See Funds Page 15
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS AND LOANS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>35,888.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55,402.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Agency of Transportation Highway Aid	55,000.00	66,316.58	55,000.00	66,200.30	60,000.00	
Current Taxes to Highway Fund		192,428.73		214,502.14		
Road Permits	230.00	245.00	230.00	250.00	230.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>55,230.00</b>	<b>258,990.31</b>	<b>55,230.00</b>	<b>280,952.44</b>	<b>60,230.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>82,406.27</b>	<b>322,054.84</b>	<b>62,055.86</b>	<b>343,181.10</b>	<b>64,458.91</b>	

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS**

ACCOUNT	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Loans and Transfers:</b>						
Transfer to Highway Fund				47,500.00		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Paving Fund		2,011.89				See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Equipment Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00			20,000.00	See Funds Page 15
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>22,011.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>47,500.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	
<b>Equipment Repairs:</b>	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	
Loader		650.82		558.91		
Plow & Wing - Shoes/Blades/Parts		4,263.04		3,338.21		
Sander		1,474.83		248.69		
Truck				928.46		
Other Parts & Labor		10.61		799.54		
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRS</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>6,399.30</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>5,873.81</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	
<b>Highway Purchases:</b>						
Sander - From Restricted Fund				7,902.80		
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY PURCHASES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,902.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Equipment Rental:</b>	75,000.00		80,000.00		80,000.00	
Other		2,500.00		400.00		
Arlan Pidgeon		82,531.00		82,430.00		
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>	<b>85,031.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>82,830.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Materials:</b>						
Chloride	4,000.00	4,957.30	5,000.00	3,026.00	5,000.00	
Salt	25,000.00	29,284.65	30,000.00	37,452.64	40,000.00	Large increase in Salt price
Sand, Stone & Gravel	15,000.00	14,812.47	20,000.00	15,820.46	20,000.00	
Winter Sand	13,000.00	9,149.00	18,000.00	21,595.00	25,000.00	Increase need for winter sand
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>57,000.00</b>	<b>58,203.42</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>77,894.10</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	

<b>General Highway Expenses:</b>						
Bridge Drain Cleaning	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Culverts	1,500.00	6,517.00	1,500.00	1,150.50	1,500.00	
Fuels, Oil, Antifreeze - Loader	2,000.00	1,118.04	2,000.00	2,822.43	2,500.00	
Green-up Removal	525.00	525.00	525.00	700.00	525.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	530.97	1,000.00	1,128.41	1,000.00	
Resurfacing	50,000.00	78,859.37	50,000.00	49,978.60	30,000.00	\$20K approved at Town Mtg
Roadside Mowing	7,810.00	7,645.00	7,810.00	6,682.50	7,810.00	
Roadside Mowing - Brush removal	2,500.00	2,380.00	2,500.00	1,950.00	2,500.00	
Signs	1,000.00	1,009.58	1,000.00	1,032.49	1,000.00	
Town Shed Furnace Oil	3,000.00	3,538.96	3,000.00	3,698.54	3,500.00	
Town Shed Furnace Repair	250.00		250.00	86.50	250.00	
Town Shed Repair / Electricity	1,000.00	825.45	1,000.00	1,137.26	1,500.00	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>70,835.00</b>	<b>103,199.37</b>	<b>70,835.00</b>	<b>70,617.23</b>	<b>52,335.00</b>	

<b>Payroll:</b>	42,000.00		43,000.00		50,000.00	
Arlan Pidgeon		20,539.00		22,007.75		
Gregory Bianchi		450.00		1,245.00		
Steven Morrison		360.00		2,310.00		
Jason Disorda				472.50		
Robert Charbonneau		442.50		0.00		
Scott Pidgeon		18,592.50		20,299.00		
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>	<b>40,384.00</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>	<b>46,334.25</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	

<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE</b>	<b>254,835.00</b>	<b>293,217.09</b>	<b>276,835.00</b>	<b>291,452.19</b>	<b>282,335.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>274,835.00</b>	<b>315,228.98</b>	<b>276,835.00</b>	<b>338,952.19</b>	<b>302,335.00</b>	

## COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<b>TOWN</b>		<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
	<b>1/1/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2014</b>	<b>1/1/2014</b>	<b>12/31/2014</b>
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Checking	31,568.68	65,332.74	6,825.86	4,228.91
Total Delinquent Taxes	112,313.31	120,481.47		
Accounts Receivable		47,980.00		
Restricted Funds	104,665.43	135,226.49	264,489.39	258,024.67
State Tax Fund Allocation	22,913.00	100,000.00		
Equipment			36,084.00	43,987.00
Buildings & Improvements	51,096.00	57,577.00	30,300.00	30,300.00
Land & Improvements	605.00	605.00		
Highway / Culverts / Bridges			<u>3,756,033.00</u>	<u>3,806,011.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	300,248.42	527,202.70	4,093,732.25	4,142,551.58
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIONS</b>				
Equipment			32,764.00	34,679.00
Buildings	18,643.00	20,002.00	30,300.00	30,300.00
Highways / Culverts / Bridges			<u>1,345,260.00</u>	<u>1,545,254.00</u>
	<u>18,643.00</u>	<u>20,002.00</u>	1,408,324.00	1,610,233.00
Assets less Depreciation	281,605.42	507,200.70	2,685,408.25	2,532,318.58
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Loans, short term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans, long term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	0.00	4,162.04	0.00	0.00
Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>47,980.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	52,142.04	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	281,605.42	455,058.66	2,685,408.25	2,532,318.58

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### AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the elected Auditors for the Town of Leicester, in accordance with VSA 24 § 1681, have examined the accounts and records of the Town for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these records present a fair and accurate accounting of Leicester's financial activities.

As in previous years, the Auditors wish to express our appreciation to Julie Delphia for her assistance in making this examination possible and for the energy she puts into compiling nearly all the information that you see in this Town Report. The detailed and accurate manner in which the Town's financial records are kept makes our job much easier.

Dot D'Avignon  
 Deb Miner, Chair  
 Donna Pidgeon

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## RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01/01/14	Deposits 2014	Interest 2014	Withdrawn 2014	Balance 12/31/14
<b>TOWN</b>					
<b>Savings:</b>					
Building Repair Fund	4,001.32		24.04		<b>4,025.36</b>
Cemetery Fund (1)	6,012.74	6,375.00	39.86	1,895.00	<b>10,532.60</b>
Clerk Training & Software (2)	12,618.26	418.80	75.80		<b>13,112.86</b>
Glebe Land Fund	6,004.51		36.06		<b>6,040.57</b>
Honor Roll Fund	107.44		0.64		<b>108.08</b>
Lister Education Fund (3)	1,967.44	391.01	11.83		<b>2,370.28</b>
Professional Audit Fund (5)	2,730.71	2,000.00	16.47		<b>4,747.18</b>
Reappraisal Account (4)	57,662.00	17,638.00	346.92		<b>75,646.92</b>
Record Rest/Maint Fund (2)	13,037.09	5,000.00	78.48		<b>18,115.57</b>
Solid Waste Fund	523.92		3.15		<b>527.07</b>
<b>Town Total</b>	104,665.43	31,822.81	633.25	1,895.00	<b>135,226.49</b>
 <b>HIGHWAY</b>					
<b>Savings:</b>					
Culverts	2,509.60		15.08		<b>2,524.68</b>
Ditching Fund	13,384.78		80.39		<b>13,465.17</b>
Equipment Fund (6)	100,818.52		562.79	7,902.80	<b>93,478.51</b>
Land/building Acquisition - Garage	55,294.79		332.12		<b>55,626.91</b>
Road/Highway Fund (7)	90,469.81	47,500.00	447.70	47,500.00	<b>90,917.51</b>
- Paving Reserve	2,011.89				<b>2,011.89</b>
<b>Highway Total</b>	264,489.39	47,500.00	1,438.08	55,402.80	<b>258,024.67</b>

### Explanation of changes to Restricted Funds:

- 1 \$5,000 from GF, \$1,375 plot donations
- 2 Transfer budget balance from GF
- 3 Transfer state payment to fund
- 4 \$10,000 from budget, \$7,638 from state
- 5 Transfer budget from GF
- 6 Sander purchase
- 7 Transfer to cover highway expense, return funds after taxes



### HELP WANTED

We need individuals to fill various positions in town government:

- Town Health Officer
- Animal Control Officer
- Members of the Zoning Board and Planning Commission

Please consider how you might help make Leicester an even better place to live! For more information please contact the Town Clerk, at (802) 247-5961 x 3.

## COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006	156.19	149.06	-	305.25
2009	879.32	1,554.39	120.13	2,553.84
2010	1,484.66	2,379.26	179.67	4,043.59
2011	834.46	2,249.26	174.32	3,258.04
2012	1,845.77	8,974.04	742.70	11,562.51
2013	3,984.25	40,580.09	3,259.50	47,823.84
2014	1,086.99	56,501.78	4,522.68	62,111.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,271.64</b>	<b>112,387.88</b>	<b>8,999.00</b>	<b>131,658.52</b>

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## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

It is important to remember that the Town needs to collect all of the tax dollars owed to run smoothly. When tax dollars are not collected, the Town must borrow money to cover the shortfall. To avoid this, I am planning to hold a tax sale. If you are currently delinquent, please take this into consideration and contact me to make acceptable payment arrangements at (802) 247-0075.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Swington Ripley*

Delinquent Tax Collector

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## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S POLICY

Town of Leicester

1. All payments made on or before October 15 will be timely. After October 15, they will be considered delinquent and subject to interest and fees.
2. It is requested that all back taxes be paid before current taxes are paid.
- 3. Partial payments will be taken at the tax collector's discretion, and the payment must be large enough to pay off the delinquent tax before the next current tax is due. Payments will be applied to interest and fee first and the remainder on the tax.**
4. Bills will be sent out on a monthly basis.
5. No post-dated checks will be accepted.
6. All bad checks will be prosecuted, if not made good in ten (10) days.
- 7. Accounts 6 months delinquent can be sold at a tax sale at the discretion of the delinquent tax collector.**
8. All payments must be paid to the delinquent tax collector or the treasurer.
9. All taxpayers must notify the town of a change of address, in state or out of state, in a timely manner.
10. No mobile home can be sold or moved unless all taxes are paid and a transfer filed at the town office. The owner and mover can be fined.

## DELINQUENT TAX LIST

Black, Beatrice & Hart, Joseph	LaPorte, Donald
Bridgmon, Gary & Barbara	Malewicki, Donna
Brown, Richard	Maloy, Peter & Tammy
Bushey, Paul	Maranville, James
Butterfield, Bronwyn	McAtee Brenda
Cameron, Michael &Gittens, Joan	McCoy, Mahlon & Joyce
Carroll, Richard & Veronica	Mussaw, Oscar & Cynthia Estate
Carroll, Veronica	Newton, Nora
Carter, Robert & Witherbee, Michele	O'Neil-Gittens, Joan
Clark, Bertha	Palmer, Helen & Lanphere L.
Clark, Timothy & Shelly	Perry, Ronald & Melissa
Cole, Robert	Philips, Jesse
Corbett, Helen	Pierpont, Morton & Michelle
Cram, Dwight & Betty&Tom Stone	Pitkin, William & Linda
Cram, Leonard & Sandra	Sears, Eric
Dayton, Robert	Smith, Paul
Demand, Heidi	Smith, Richard & Donna
Disorda, Jesse & Johanna	Strickholm, RG Revocable Trust
Eckein, Ingrid	Taylor, Jess & Tina
Foley, Jacqueline	Telephone Operating Co.
Forrest, Joseph	Theriahult, Nathan & Margaret
French, Ralph, Jr.	Viens, William & Bernadette
Friend, James & Cathrine	Ziel, Dawn
Fyles, Michelle	
Gearwar, David & Melissa	
Genier, Vicky & Shawn	
Hector, Eric	
Hope, Robert & Lisa	
Huver, Barry	
Johnson, Tammy	
Kemp, Charles & Sadie	
King, Sally	
Lafave, Scott	

*Per Vermont Statute 32 V.S.A.  
§ 3102. Confidentiality of tax  
records, we are no longer able  
to publish individual tax amounts  
owed in the Town Report.*

**Total Delinquent Taxes:  
\$120,481.47**

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

Your Selectboard continues to try to contain costs while maintaining services and providing safe routes through town. Increasing legislative mandates and rising costs are creating challenges for us. Meeting the Open Meeting Law mandates was the reason some towns shut down their websites. Thanks to the efforts of Town Clerk Julie Delphia and Board Secretary Sandy Trombley we have been able to meet the requirements of the law.

As we review 2014, the Selectboard is pleased to report that a Town Hazard Mitigation Plan has been filed with the state and FEMA. Selectboard representatives, a member of the School board Mark Raishart, Town Clerk Julie Delphia, Road Foreman Arlan Pidgeon and Emergency Coordinator Ray Lalumiere worked with Tim Boutin of ACRPC to identify potential hazard areas and possible projects to remediate the hazards. Having this plan on file means that the town receives a higher percentage of financial aid when a disaster is declared. In addition, the Selectboard has an Emergency Operations Plan on file with the state and the Chair has completed initial NIMS (National Incident Management System) training, all aimed at increasing the financial and material support the town might receive in a disaster situation.

Relative to services for the town, we are in the second year of a three year contract with the Brandon Fire Department. The cost is the same as last year at \$32,000 for the year. The Selectboard decided not to renew a contract with the Addison County Sheriff's Department, when differences between the Selectboard and the department could not be resolved. Signage on the Leicester Whiting Road was improved/installed as part of a High Risk Rural Roads Project, at no cost to the town. The road crew widened the intersection of Old Jerusalem Road and Leicester Whiting Road, thereby improving the safety of drivers, especially those heading east on to Old Jerusalem Road.

The Selectboard is working with the Planning Commission on a re-write of the Zoning Bylaws and Regulations. Public hearings to review the changes will be held this spring. The Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development has provided funding for the legal review and printing of the changes.

Exterior restoration work on the Senior Center was completed in 2014. In 2015, the roofs of all town buildings will be inspected. The "bridge" connecting the handicap access ramp and the Meeting House will be replaced.

Each passing year brings personnel changes. Randy Bisbee resigned as a town representative to ACRPC: Ron Fiske and Diane Benware were named to replace him. Amy Quenneville was appointed to the Board of Listers. Zoning Administrator Kate Briggs resigned and was replaced by David Atherton. Paul Crosby resigned as Animal Control Officer and the Selectboard seeks a replacement. The Selectboard also seeks an individual to act as Town Health Officer. In addition, we need individuals to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. The Selectboard wants to thank those who have served the town well and we are grateful for competent replacements.

The Auditors, in their usual attention to detail, have reviewed the town transactions. The Listers have maintained accurate records to keep us in compliance with state mandates. The road crew: Arlan, Scott and Steve have maintained our roads in remarkable fashion. The Selectboard is grateful for the service and commitment of our elected and appointed officials.

We are monitoring the proposed Vermont Gas project to get natural gas to Rutland. The Selectboard needs your feedback and opinions in order to guide our conversations with Vermont Gas personnel. Please see page 19 for an important survey regarding the proposed pipeline that the Selectboard needs you to complete and return to the Town Office.

Again, we need individuals to fill various positions in town government: Town Health Officer, Animal Control Officer, representation on the Zoning Board and Planning Commission. Please consider how you might help make Leicester an even better place to live!

The Selectboard meets each first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. We welcome your input. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

Diane Benware, Chair  
Tom Barker  
Ron Fiske  
Ken Young  
Brad Lawes

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### SURVEY FOR VT GAS PIPELINE

Leicester is situated in what is termed "Phase Three" of VT Gas' efforts to provide natural gas to Rutland. Vermont Gas plans to run a pressurized transmission line (not distribution) through Leicester. VT Gas has discussed several possible routes and has also considered a cleaning (pig) station in the Junction.

In November, VT Gas contacted the town by letter, wanting to know if the town was interested in participating in the route planning process. The Town indicated their desire to participate and two delegates, Ron Fiske and Diane Benware (and alternate Suki Fredericks), were selected. As of this writing there has been no further word from VT Gas. The Town does not have a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with VT Gas. Monkton, Middlebury, and Shoreham have all signed such memoranda, with various provisions. Currently, Cornwall's Selectboard is debating whether to push for several concessions that would increase the cost of the project.

Phase One (Colchester to Middlebury) has received a good deal of press, due to a steep rise in cost estimates. Phase Two (Middlebury to Ticonderoga, NY International Paper Co.) is currently on "hold".

In order to better represent the town, the Selectboard needs to hear from you. Your feedback and opinions are very important. We need to know what your thoughts are regarding this project.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached survey. Please tear out your response card and drop it at the Town Office or mail it to Town of Leicester, 44 Schoolhouse Road, Leicester VT 05733.

As more information becomes available, we may send a follow-up survey with your tax bill in August.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diane Benware at 247-3786 evenings or attend the Selectboard meetings on the first and third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Thank you!**

If you would like further information:

The VCTPG site: <http://www.VTcpg.org>

VGS website: <http://addisonrutlansnaturalgas.com>

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## ROADS MAINTENANCE POLICY

The Town of Leicester attempts to keep town roads safe and clear for traffic all year. Winter road maintenance can be a challenge. The practice is to keep roads passable and clear if at all possible. One challenge involves the placement of objects within the Town's Right of Way. In most cases, the road in front of a property is a public highway in which the town owns an easement, a right to use the land for highway purposes. This easement is a public Right of Way (ROW) that is typically 3 rods wide (49.5 feet). The town has a Right of Way that extends 24 feet 9 inches on either side of the center line of the highway. In the Town of Leicester, road Right of Ways can vary in width from 2 to 5 rods, (33 to 82.5 feet). The Selectboard ultimately controls this ROW.

Within this Right of Way the Town may do work without having to ask landowner permission. Work may include, but not be limited to, trimming or removing trees or brush, repairing and expanding road shoulders, grading lawn edges to maintain road width, work on the shoulder of the road.

Legally, a resident must receive permission from the Town if one plans to build or place something in the ROW. Title 19, chapter 11, section 1111 of the Vermont Statutes "prohibits the encroachment of the Town ROW without prior approval from the Selectboard."

The Leicester Selectboard warns that objects in the ROW are placed there at the owner's risk and the Town assumes no responsibility for damage to objects placed in the Town's Right of Way. This may include, but is not limited to trees, fences, flower boxes/pots/beds, mailboxes, etc. Further, the Town will pursue recovery of damage to Town equipment that may occur during road maintenance practices due to the placement of objects in the ROW.

Warned Dec. 3, 2012

Initial Adoption Dec. 17, 2012

Formally Adopted with Revisions Jan. 7, 2013

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## CLERK & TREASURER REPORT

2014 was a busy year for me both personally and professionally. Barry and I welcomed our first grandchild, cheered as our daughter graduated college first in her division, celebrated the marriages of both of our children, and helped them both get settled in their new houses. Whew! What a wonderful year.

At the office, we've had a flurry of activity. Three elections, new requirements for Open Meeting Law, and staffing changes have kept us on our toes. Vault space is at a premium and we've been perpetually organizing to try to find space for the ever expanding amount of documentation we are required to maintain.

As I look back on the year, I am so grateful to everyone for their support. I am thankful to work with such amazing people who really care about our Town and grateful that I have the opportunity to serve such an incredible community.

**I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2015.**

### **Julie Delphia**

Town Clerk & Treasurer

(802) 247-5961 x 3

[leicestervt@comcast.net](mailto:leicestervt@comcast.net)

### **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Check us out at [www.leicestervt.org](http://www.leicestervt.org)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2, 2015	Town Meeting, Meeting House, 7:00pm
MARCH 3, 2015	VOTE – Town Office 10am-7pm
MARCH 12, 2015	Rabies Clinic, Town Office, 5-6pm, \$12
APRIL 1, 2015	Dog Licenses due (see below)
MAY 2, 2015	Green Up Day
OCTOBER 15, 2015	Taxes Due

## DOG SUMMARY

Female Spayed	\$1,150.00
Male Neutered	\$1,110.00
Female	\$280.00
Male	\$224.00
Fines	\$25.00
Donations	\$4.00
Farm Dog Fees	\$5.00
Late Fees	\$56.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,854.00</b>



ALL dogs must be registered by

**April 1, 2015**

Spayed/Neutered \$10

Unspayed/Unneutered \$14

Clerk Fees	\$	524.00
State Fees	\$	1,048.00
Animal Control Officer	\$	111.28
Dog tags / Paper	\$	149.52
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,832.80</b>

## NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

**Please be a responsible dog owner.** Fines and consequences for non-compliant dogs can be severe. Failing to comply with State registration requirements can hold fines of up to \$500.00 per violation or result in the unregistered dogs being destroyed. Failure to comply with the Dog Ordinance can incur significant fines and/or result in the dogs being removed and/or destroyed.

To avoid the potential of fines or consequences, please register your dog(s) by April 1<sup>st</sup> and comply with the dog ordinance. For a copy of the dog ordinance, please contact the Town Office. Dog licenses may be obtained at the Town Office during office hours or by placing an envelope containing a copy of the rabies certificate and a check for the appropriate fee (see box above) in the Town Office Drop Box or mailing the information to: Leicester Town Office, 44 Schoolhouse Road, Leicester, VT 05733

## FIRE CHIEF ENGINEER REPORT

From 10/1/2013 to 9/30/2014 the Brandon Fire Department responded to 156 emergency calls. This number reflects an increase of 15 more calls for the year. Our thirty-two active members dedicated over 4,226 hours of time to the community; over 1,300 of these hours were for training and drills. These numbers reflect a significant increase over last years. In addition the members have spent many untracked hours working on fire department tasks. All of this is an indication of the dedication and commitment of the members of the Brandon Fire department. I want to thank them all for their many hours spent serving and protecting the citizens of Brandon and other areas served by the department.

Our main mission is protecting life and property. To ensure the safety of both the community and the firefighters themselves we now have formed and trained a Rapid Intervention Team. These are

members who have chosen to take on additional training so that they are prepared to deal rapidly with situations where lives are in immediate peril. We have over 20 members who have trained and been accredited as Firefighter 1 and or Firefighter 2. These are national levels of accreditation given after completion of numerous hours of training and testing. I am proud to say that we currently have three new members taking the Firefighter 1 class. They are Nick Audet, John Delgado, and Kyle Hutchins. In addition to calls and training members of the department continue to be involved in various community outreach activities. Be it proudly marching in the Brandon Independence Day parade or working with various school groups on Fire Prevention the members are out there as ambassadors to the community.

The budget this year has increased. The biggest reason is due to payroll costs. With the number of calls being up as well as training hours the budget has been significantly impacted. These are numbers that cannot be predicted in each budget cycle. We also still are encountering unforeseen costs in the area of repairs. Our apparatus and equipment as well as the station have needed significant attention recently. We are also striving to meet the requirements placed on the department by organizations like ISO and the NFPA all of which have impacted the budget. We are currently in the process of applying for grants to help with these costs. We continue to proactively fund a vehicle replacement program and a capital replacement fund. In the future these will make it easier to deal with apparatus and equipment costs.

We continue to work in partnership with the Brandon Area Rescue Squad and the Brandon Police Department to make our community safer. To ensure a proper and timely response to incidents we have in place automatic mutual aid responses with neighboring departments. These responses have been essential when dealing with structure fires and with serious incidents along the Route 7 corridor. I would like to acknowledge the help and support of the Pittsford Fire Department have given not just to the Brandon Fire Department but also to the people we serve. This holds true to the Vermont tradition of neighbor helping neighbor-Something that makes us all stronger.

I want to greatly thank the Prudential Board as well as Superintendent Ray Counter. They are the ones behind the scene that make what we do possible. Without their continued help and support it would be next to function in the professional way that we do. They have been responsible for helping to make the Brandon Fire Department the organization that it is today. And most importantly, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the family members of our firefighters who's unending support make it possible for us to do the things that we do.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please stop by during drill time to discuss becoming a member. Our doors are always open if you have questions. We are at the station from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for drills on the second and third Wednesdays of each month and we welcome visitors. Also as previously mentioned you can follow us on our facebook page to see what your Fire Department is doing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roman Wdowiak, Chief Engineer

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### **FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

If anyone wishes to burn in the winter – if there's snow on the ground, you don't need a permit. In the summertime, you do. I can be reached at my home at 247-8357 or my cell at 558-9031.

Richard C. Nicklaw – Fire Warden

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### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

The Town of Leicester is looking for someone to serve as Animal Control Officer. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk at (802) 247-5961 x 3.

## LISTERS' REPORT

2014 was a productive year for the Listers' Office. Jeff Lee and Dianne Harvey attended educational seminars in February and March. In March we also had one Board of Abatement Hearing. In April Dianne and Julie attended a workshop in Killington for town officials. In May we had 7 formal grievances. In June we hired Amy Quenneville as our third Lister. During the summer and the fall we worked on the new maps making sure that the information on them was correct. This is an ongoing process as the warmer weather is busy with property transfers and surveys.

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## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

In 2014, 31 requests were logged in the Leicester Zoning Permits index (55 requests in 2013 and 50 requests in 2012):

- 17 Applications for standard zoning permits
- 7 Applications to the ZBA
- 3 Notifications of intention to construct an agricultural building
- 1 Boundary adjustments
- 1 Access Permit
- 2 Permit Renewals

The Planning Commission has been updating the current Zoning Regulations, which were approved in 2005, to better serve the community with its needs and demands for economic and residential growth.

The State enacted its shoreline protection act on July 1<sup>st</sup> which requires waterfront landowners to apply for a permit for any development or changes to the use of the land. We have gone through the process with one of these permits with positive results.

As a reminder, almost all land development in Vermont requires town and/or state permits. It is the responsibility of the landowner, **not the contractor**, to apply for them. Please contact me before beginning any project. I am usually in the town office on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (247-5961, ext. 2) and by appointment. I can also be reached at 236-0890 and by email ([leicesterzoning@comcast.net](mailto:leicesterzoning@comcast.net)).

Because of the statutory requirement that abutting property owners be warned, applications which require action by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (setback waivers and conditional use review) may take several months before final approval is obtained and the time for all appeals has passed. The ZBA meets the last Tuesday of the month; however, the completed application must be received in the town office at least three weeks prior to that to allow for the statutory warning period.

David J. Atherton, Zoning Administrator

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## CEMETERY REPORT

The Cemetery Committee works to maintain and improve Leicester's Brookside Cemetery. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm from April to October. We are always looking for members. Please contact a committee member if you would like to help.

Respectfully submitted:      Thomas Barker                      Donna Pidgeon                      Audrey Scarborough  
   Donna Swington                      Ron Fiske

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## HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

The Town of Leicester is looking for someone to serve as Health Officer. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk at (802) 247-5961 x 3.

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## VITAL STATISTICS



### LEICESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Leicester Historical Society is looking for photos or other memorabilia to be added to our collection. Contact Diane Benware at 247-3786 if you have items you would allow to be scanned or donated.

Members of the Leicester Historical Society sponsor Prize Bingo at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, September to December, and April through June. All are welcome and we appreciate the support.

## 2014 TOWN MEETING OVERVIEW

March 3, 2014

Richard Reed, the Moderator called the Town of Leicester Meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The Moderator welcomed the 34 voters in attendance to the 253<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Meeting. Everyone was invited to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. To hear the auditor's report. No discussion.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester vote to approve a sum of **\$527,497.08** to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, divided as follows:

<b>General Town Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 270,662.08</b>	<b>Amount to be raised by taxes: \$ 230,948.40</b>
<b>Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 256,835.00</b>	<b>Amount to be raised by taxes: \$ 194,779.14</b>

Note: The amount to be raised may increase based on the result of the vote on Article 3 & Australian Ballot Article 2. The Selectboard will set the tax rate at a later date.

Article 2 was passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester approve an additional sum of \$20,000 for road paving? Article 3 was passed by unanimous voice vote.
4. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.
5. To do any further business that is proper to be done when met.

### Results of those elected by Australian Ballot Voting: March 4, 2014

Of the 700 registered voters – 155 cast votes

**Article 1:** To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year

OFFICE	CANDIDATES	TERM	VOTES
MODERATOR	RICHARD REED	1 YEAR	140
SELECTBOARD	KEN YOUNG	3 YEAR	133
SELECTBOARD	RON FISKE	2 YEAR	127
LISTER	DIANE HARVEY	3 YEAR	135
LISTER	VACANT	2 YEAR OF 3 YEAR TERM	
AUDITOR	DOROTHY D'AVIGNON	3 YEAR	143
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	BETH RIPLEY	1 YEAR	144
FIRST CONSTABLE	JEFF McDONOUGH	1 YEAR	134
SECOND CONSTABLE	MIKE RAKOWITZ	1 YEAR	137
GRAND JUROR	JEFF McDONOUGH	1 YEAR	136
TOWN AGENT	JEFF McDONOUGH	1 YEAR	134
TOWN CLERK	JULIE DELPHIA	3 YEAR	148
TOWN TREASURER	JULIE DELPHIA	3 YEAR	146

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester vote to appropriate \$5,000 to Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program to be taken from town funds for the purpose of providing year around programming to support the growing needs of our local youth: educationally, socially, and in work readiness?

Yes - 102 votes

No - 38 votes

## **ADDISON COUNTY COURT DIVERSION**

ACCDCJP provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the “balanced approach” in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the Court Diversion programs or the Community Justice Projects has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience.

Our website: [www.courtdiversion.com](http://www.courtdiversion.com)

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## **ADDISON COUNTY HOME HEALTH**

Life has a way of changing when we least expect it. At Addison County Home Health and Hospice (ACHHH), we support families during difficult times and assist in making decisions about health care needs and lifestyle changes. We help families dealing with a myriad of health concerns: from children with complicated medical issues, to adults struggling to remain independent at home, to those approaching the completion of their lives. Our goal is to help people get back to what they love; to help them remain independent and safe at home or to help make their last days comfortable.

For the past 47 years, Addison County Home Health and Hospice has been integral part of the healthcare delivery system in Leicester. Last year alone in Addison County we provided an average of 242 visits per day, 365 days per year, traveling almost 800,000 miles for a total of 90,575 patient visits.

We are passionate about providing the highest quality care, in a cost effective way, as we assist people to remain safe and independent at home. This commitment has been nationally recognized: for the third year in a row, ACHHH has been named a Top Agency of the 2014 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top performing home health agencies in the United States.

We depend on and greatly appreciate the contributions we receive from towns in the county, like Leicester, to offset the losses we experience from providing free or reduced fee services to residents. By supporting ACHHH, you enable us to meet urgent and future needs and fulfill our mission to care for all, regardless of their ability to pay.

To access our services, call (802) 388-7259 or toll-free (800) 639-1521. Or learn more by visiting [www.achhh.org](http://www.achhh.org).

Sincerely,

Larry Goetschius  
Executive Director

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## **ADDISON COUNTY PARENT/CHILD CENTER**

The mission of the Parent/Child Center is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young 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 (on site and in neighboring communities), community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation, and childcare. Our website: [www.addisoncountypcc.org](http://www.addisoncountypcc.org)

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## **ADDISON COUNTY READERS**

Free Books For Young Children. A local organization, Addison County Readers, Inc., through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, is helping families have more books at home that their children love to look at and have their parents read. Preschoolers who are registered for the program have a free book mailed to their homes each month. There is no cost to the family and the books are the children’s to keep. Any child (birth to five years of age) living in Addison County can participate. Pick up a registration brochure at the school or Town Office or you can enroll online at: [www.addisoncountyreaders.org](http://www.addisoncountyreaders.org).

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## ACRPC - ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2014

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2014 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 educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- 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 "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.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Middlebury, Bridport, Cornwall, and Leicester and submitted grant application with the State of Vermont to cover numerous other municipalities
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

#### Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Served as the Regional Coordinator for the Home Energy Challenge
- Worked with Neighborworks of Western Vermont to bring their weatherization programs to the Region.

#### Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on regional priorities and municipal planning studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Participated in the statewide DriveElectricVT initiative.
- 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, planning and supported municipal capital budget development

#### Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.

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## ACSWMD - ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### 2014 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:** [acswwmd@acswwmd.org](mailto:acswwmd@acswwmd.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 single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

#### **2014 Highlights**

**Construction Completed.** Construction at the Transfer Station was completed in 2014. We now have a new Special Waste building and access road, and a new covered tip wall. The existing waste building received new lighting and translucent panels to improve visibility. The District office added two offices and a conference room. A new waste oil shed was added to the HazWaste Center. Thanks to our customers for your patience over the past year! **Act 148.** Act 148, VT's Universal Recycling Law, took effect this year. Act 148 focuses on the "3 C's" for organics and recyclables: consistency, convenience and cost-effectiveness. As of 7/1/14, all facilities accepting waste from residents had to begin accepting residential self-hauled recyclables at no cost. 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 by 7/1/15. The District is in the process of amending its Solid Waste Implementation Plan and Waste Management Ordinance to conform to Act 148. In order to assist member municipalities and schools, the District created Diversion Grants for both. Please call the District for assistance with comprehending and adapting to the new law. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District led efforts to adopt a new extended producer responsibility law for paint. On 7/1/14, manufacturers had to begin paying for the collection and recycling of oil and latex paint. As an official paint collection site, the District now collects eligible paint products from member towns at no charge. The Transfer Station is also a registered collection site for electronic waste and fluorescent lamps. In 2014, VT became the first state to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. In 2016, single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture products in VT will be required to manage a battery collection program. **Recycling.** As of October, the Transfer Station received 600 tons of single stream recyclables. As a reminder, all generators - residents and businesses - are required by District ordinance to separate recyclables from their waste. A list of mandatory recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2014, 18 District municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one provided a curbside recycling collection program. A list of the drop-off facilities can be found in the full *2014 Annual Report* on the District website. **Illegal Dumping.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Dumping/Burning Ordinance. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 24 illegal burning/ dumping complaints. The District served as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many town volunteers who organize collection of roadside litter. The District provided free disposal of the roadside waste: 22 tons of trash, 6.25 tons of tires, 7 auto batteries and various other abandoned wastes for a total economic benefit of \$3,500.

#### **2015 Budget**

The District's 2015 Annual Budget is \$2,627,262, a 5.22% increase over the 2014 Annual Budget. The District Transfer Station will maintain the same rates as last year, with the exception of two changes: (1) Clean Wood: \$2.50/residential car load, \$5/load (each) residential pick-up truck or small trailer, & \$50/ton large trucks and commercial loads; and (2) Single Stream Recyclables - \$25/ton. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton for MSW/C&D and \$10/ton for soils approved for alternative daily cover will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2015.** For a copy of the full *2014 Annual Report*, please call us, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

## ACTR

ACTR provides significant service to "transportation-disadvantaged" Leicester residents, furnishing 1,287 free Dial-a-Rides in the last year through our volunteer-driver and wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Leicester residents have a Middlebury-Rutland Connector bus stop at the Park and Ride located near the Town Office, and can also access the Snow Bowl, Bristol, Vergennes, Hinesburg or Burlington via other ACTR bus routes. The state and federal grants through which we provide these rides requires us to raise up to 20% of our program costs through "local match" dollars. ACTR's requests from towns accounts for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. The current requested amount is less than Leicester's full 5% share, which would be \$1.732. Our website: [www.actr-vt.org](http://www.actr-vt.org)

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## AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

Fiscal year 2014 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross was there providing vital services to our community.

- Responded to 206 disasters/emergencies in our region
- Collected 45,000 pints of local blood and blood products
- Assisted 163 members of the military and their families from our area
- Empowered more than 1,200 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need
- Provided free babysitter training to over 250 youths in our region
- Please see the reverse side of this letter for local statistics.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation based on its current population. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$500 this year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities like the Town of Leicester and throughout Vermont and the Upper Valley when they need it most.

Sincerely, Larry Crist, Regional Executive, Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

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## BRANDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Brandon Free Public Library is to provide free, equal and easy access to information in all forms to the Brandon community and surrounding area.

The Library's other sources of income include several annual fundraisers (Holiday Auction, Cocktails for a Cause), financial and book donations from the non-profit Friends of the Brandon Free Public Library, direct donations, apartment rents, line items from the town budgets of Leicester and Sudbury, distribution from endowment (which is invested wisely and provides much needed income for the operating budget), and small amounts from the copier / fax service and DVD overdue fines.

The Library employs two full time and two part time employees. The doors are open more than 40 hours a week and except for copy / fax, every service provided is totally free. The Brandon Free Public Library is not exclusive -- every member of the community is welcome and encouraged to access its offerings, services and resources.

### General Library Services

- Books, DVDs (an extensive collection of documentary, award winning and foreign films), programming, magazines, daily newspapers, audio CDs, interlibrary loan service, Friday film series

#### Children's Services

- Large children's room with books for all age groups, a separate Young Adult section upstairs, DVDs, audio CDs, magazines, popular summer program every July, weekly story hour. In 2015, some new programming will begin: A DCF book group and 'Magic the Gathering' drop-in gaming.

#### Library Building is a Resource

- The Library building is used by a wide variety of community groups: Here's a short list: Brandon Planning Commission, Main Street Brandon, writer's group, Farmer's Market, Republican and Democratic caucuses, Estabrook Award, Home Owner's Association, Child Care Providers Organization, Scouts. Local artists display their work with someone new featured monthly.

#### Computer & Digital Services

- The Library has six computers for general use. As digital demands continue to grow and the digital divide is a reality for many of the town's families, the Library's scope of services expands and changes. In today's world, it is nearly impossible to do homework or apply for a job, unemployment, food stamps, or other benefits without a computer. The Library's public computers are in use just about every minute the doors are open. The librarians spend a lot of time working with patrons on support and tech help.
- The Brandon Library pays membership fees in order for its patrons to access the Vermont Online Library - an electronic database, Listen-Up Vermont - downloadable audio and ebooks, and Universal Class - free non-credit Continuing Education classes.
- Copy and Fax machine for public use
- Personalized computer help: free one hour sessions by appointment
- The building's internet is wireless and many people even sit in their cars or outside the building to access the network

#### Non-traditional Services

- There is a second library within the Library: The Seed Library offers free seeds and education as well as free monthly workshops. Online at: [bfplseedlibrary.org](http://bfplseedlibrary.org)
- The Library is an outlet for people who want to volunteer and do community service -- a welcoming environment for teens and adults to "give back". Also a site for mandated community service.
- Free and reduced price passes are available for ECHO Center & Aquarium, Vermont State Parks, Historical Sites, and the VT Precision Museum.
- Depository site for weekly bread delivery brought by the Brandon Food Shelf.
- Register to Vote forms available and help is provided.

#### Elderly Services

- Huge "Large Print" book selection
- Home delivery for members of the community who can't get out - this is a personalized service. The Library is often one of the few links someone might have to the community.
- Workshops geared to "Elderly" topics such as: Start the Conversation Final Affairs Planning, and Elder Blooming Workshop.
- Library volunteers and Librarians will drive non-drivers to the election polls on Town Meeting or to the town office for early voting

Funds from the towns of Brandon, Leicester, Sudbury, and Goshen help keep the Library doors open. The Library is a busy place from the moment the doors open until closing time. The Library Board of Trustees thanks everyone who contributes to the Library. If you haven't already done so, check out the Library at the corner of Franklin and Park Streets or call 802-247-8230. Online at: [brandonpubliclibrary.org](http://brandonpubliclibrary.org).

Board of Trustees: Carl Phelps, President; Beth Carr, Secretary; June Bohler, Treasurer  
Phoebe Chestna, Sharron Kenney, Janet Mondlak, Nancy Rowe, Janet Smith, Charles (Trip) Willis III

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### **BLSG INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of the Brandon-Leicester-Salisbury-Goshen Insect Control District wants to thank the citizens of our district for the strong support over the past 28 years. With the recent advent of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile virus; which are mosquito born, our mission seems even more important than in the past years.

The BLSG is the only control district within the state that uses a fully integrated pest control management (IPM) to control our mosquito population. Our larval program samples the many breeding sites that are prevalent in the Otter Creek, Leicester Creek and Brandon Swamps and apply larvicides at the appropriate time to prevent the mosquito from hatching. This effort is partially supported by the State of Vermont who provide

funds for the approved materials and the aerial applications. IPM also implies the citizens and the town crews aid in reducing stand water sites which are breeding sites for the mosquitoes. Keeping culverts open and ditches free of debris, eliminating old tires (or drilling holes in them for drainage), even collecting discarded bottles and cans can aid in eliminating breeding sites. Also eliminating wet, moist sites around your properties, such as piles of leaves, can help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your property.

Even with our best efforts at larval surveillance some evade detection and hatch. That is when our adulticide program kicks in and ground spraying is initiated. Our mosquito hot line to report high numbers of mosquitoes is: 802-247-6779. If you do not want adulticide spraying for your property, you may opt out by calling the bug hotline and following procedure.

Remember mosquitoes reproduce at an exponential rate!!

For more information visit: <https://healthvermont.gov/> and BLSG insect control district web site: <http://blsgmosquito.wordpress.com/>

\*\*Also Google: Arbovirus Surveillance site: [healthvermont.gov/](http://healthvermont.gov/)

Note: 2 mosquito pools from Whiting tested positive for EEE on August 22nd

1 from Whiting positive for EEE Sept 12th

1 from Cornwall, 1 from Whiting positive for EEE Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

\*\* please click on Vermont Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan for more information

In reviewing the statistics, please note that State of Vermont discontinued their sampling of dead birds because the viruses were endemic in most counties of Vermont. From the state plan:

"The goal of the State of Vermont Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan is to protect public health from an outbreak of WNV or EEE virus."

"However, mosquito surveillance is resource intensive, and available funding supports only limited surveillance."

DO YOU FEEL PROTECTED???

Heavy rains in April/May created significant flooding in the Otter Creek and Leicester River drainages and temperatures were favorable for an early hatch. Larvae were detected in our sampling areas and our Director of Operation notified the state entomologist that treatment was indicated. JBI helicopter service treated 1920 acres in the Otter Creek and Leicester-Salisbury drainages on May 21, 2014. Due to a miscommunication between our director of operations and the state entomologist we are still waiting for state reimbursement for the treatment. Fortunately the treatment was highly successful and the district, for the most part, enjoyed a relatively bug free summer. Toward the middle-end of the summer West Nile virus and EEE virus were detected in the mosquito pools sampled but no cases were reported. Residents should still use precautions in the early morning hours and at sunset during the summer months when mosquitoes are more active.

See: <http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/arbovirus/eee/eee.public.aspx>

We have had several resignations by current board members and are currently seeking two representatives from Salisbury and one from Leicester. There will be a reorganization of the board and Dr. Benjamin Lawton will resume the chairmanship on April 15, 2015 for the 2015 season. We are always seeking committed board members, and also larval samplers and adulticide sprayers for the coming season. Our mosquito hotline is 802-247-6779.

The board is committed to reducing the numbers of biting mosquitoes as effectively as possible within the constraints of our limited budget. Our wish list includes 2 newer trucks and GPS systems for our sprayers. If you have questions my contact email is: [smilesbydrben@aol.com](mailto:smilesbydrben@aol.com)

Respectfully submitted, Benjamin F. Lawton, Jr., DMD

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### CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING

With your past support, CVAA has been able to offer the following services to older residents of Leicester: Case Management, Meals on Wheels, Senior Community Meals, Transportation and the Senior HelpLine. Kenny Norris, CVAA's Case Manager for Leicester, visits elders in their homes and helps to connect them with the services and benefits they need in order to maintain their independence.

CVAA remains committed to providing the vital services that our eldest community members need in order to

remain in their own homes. In turn, we hope that the leadership and citizens of Leicester will continue to lend their financial support.

Our website: [www.cvaa.org](http://www.cvaa.org)

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### **COUNSELING SERVICE OF ADDISON COUNTY**

I am writing to request town funds for the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC). The amount requested for the year 2015 is \$1,050. This is the same amount that was requested and approved for the last eight years.

During our fiscal year 2014, the Counseling Service provided 34,073 hours of service to residents from the town of Leicester who had mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs.

The Counseling Service provides a broad array of vitally needed mental health services to:

- Children, adolescents, adults, and families facing challenges and crises in their lives.
- Individuals living with developmental disabilities and also their families.
- People with severe and persistent mental illness.
- People dealing with substance abuse problems.
- Elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.
- The entire community, through educational programs and special events.

We are a non-profit organization. Although we receive support from the state, almost all of 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.

Thank you for your continued support of the Counseling Service.

With Gratitude, Robert S. Thorn, Ph.D., Executive Director

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### **ELDERLY SERVICES**

Project Independence is an adult day program for elders providing safe, medically oriented daytime care that includes:

- \* Fun social activities,
- \* Specialized van transportation to and from home,
- \* Hot, delicious meals tailored to the dietary needs of our participants,
- \* Individualized nursing care,
- \* Personal care including toileting assistance and hygiene, as well as foot and hair care,
- \* Educational programs and entertainment,
- \* Coordination with other health care providers and social service agencies, and
- \* Daytime respite for family caregivers.

In addition to daytime care services, our staff also provides caregiving education and emotional support to family members whose elderly relative attends our center. Our monthly Caregiver Support Group is open to all caregivers and takes place on the third Friday of each month.

#### Serving Leicester and Addison County

Project Independence offers a closely supervised, nurturing group program to women and men whose independence has lessened due to frailty, disability, chronic illness, or very advanced age. Hot meals, nursing, personal care, group activities, and one on one caring make "Project" a daytime home away from home. Our hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. We are open for two sessions daily, morning and afternoon. Half of our participants attend double sessions to provide a full day of respite to families.

In the past year 189 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 4 of whom were residents of Leicester. Leicester residents received a total of 1,954 hours of care, 683 hot meals, and approximately 692 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$30,091 for direct services to Leicester residents. In addition, Leicester seniors were students at our ESI College Lifelong Learning Center, and 8 Leicester family caregivers received respite, staff support and peace of mind.

In 2014, Project Independence Adult Day Center provided a total of 19,376 individual days of care. The number of individual hours of care totaled 112,635, which is an increase of more than 4,000 hours over last year. On any given weekday Project Independence served an average of 78 participants, with between 130 and 140 participants served each week. The 19,376 days of care provided included 37,135 individual hot meals home-made by our cooks and approximately 38,752 door-to-door rides with Project Independence drivers, who know each participant and their special needs.

Approximately 49% of all participants received Medicaid funding (Medicaid Waiver, Medicaid Day Health, and Mental Health funding), 28% were private pay, 7% received Veterans Administration funding and 16% received Moderate Needs funding.

Elderly Services' sources of revenue include the Vermont Department of Aging (1%), afterscholarship client fees (13%), Medicaid programs (52%), fundraising and town meeting grants (7%), United Way (1%), Veterans Administration (5%), and Adult Care Food Program (3%). Major areas of expense include nursing/caregiving within Project Independence Adult Day Care (25%), specialized Alzheimer's Day Care (28%), adult day care therapeutic activities and nutritious meals (20%), and countywide transportation (20%).

Organizational Affiliations: Elderly Services, Inc., is certified by the Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities and is a Veterans Administration contract Adult Day Health Center. In addition, Elderly Services, Inc. is a member of the following:

National Adult Day Services Association  
National Council on Aging  
VT Association of Adult Day Services

Addison County Chamber of Commerce  
Addison County United Way

Elderly Services Board of Directors:

James Sullivan, Vergennes  
Ed McGuire, New Haven  
Sonja Olson, Middlebury  
Donald Peddie, Vergennes

Kathleen Starr, Weybridge  
Margaret Keith, Middlebury  
Larry Yarbrough, East Middlebury  
Peter Lebenbaum, Middlebury

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## GREEN UP VERMONT

P.O. Box 1191 Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259

[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org), [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

### Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 3, 2014

Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency! The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New for 2015 on the Vermont Income Tax Form will be the chance to support Green Up Day by a check mark for charitable donation to Green Up Vermont!

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Our coordinators tell us that many of their volunteers are families with young children. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 14 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years! Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.

## FOXCROFT FARM HARVEST PROGRAM

I am writing on behalf of Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program, Inc. to thank the Town of Leicester generous appropriation of \$5,000.00 for fiscal year 2014 in support of our services for our local youth and their community projects. We are requesting the Town to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Harvest Program for fiscal year 2015.

Harvest has been growing forward... This year Harvest continues to provide after school services to 15 Leicester 5th and 6th graders on Tuesdays and Fridays. We are serving a Leicester OV graduate in our Growing to Work Project daily, as he needs extended support to prepare him for a life of independence and the world of work. Harvest is again providing hands-on and community service activities for Leicester PreK/K, every other Tuesday morning. We have constructed raised bed gardens for the school and have started helping them with their composting. We have supported the Friends of Leicester School in their annual fundraiser raffle and hosted a free community celebration. We will be putting together gift bags for our Leicester seniors over 80, though it may be in January instead of December.

Our objective for this current year is to develop a positive relationship with our new superintendent for RNESU, so that we may once again be able to serve disengaged and discouraged students during part of their school day. There is a growing need for effective support systems for these youth, and a sincere interest in working with us from Leicester School, Neshobe School and Otter Valley. We are working to develop long term partnerships with funders to help us implement these services.

Support from the Town of Leicester helps Harvest to continue to provide learning opportunities that will enable its participating youth to grow to develop pride, compassion and purpose; while we work to develop sustainable partnerships and programming.

*Thank you again. We truly appreciate your support. Together, we are growing a stronger community.*

Sincerely, Anne Young, Executive Director

*Knee Deep In Learning and Rooted In Our Community.*



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## HOPE (ACCAG)

Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG), d.b.a. HOPE, strives "to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with basic needs and self-help opportunities. Our vision is "all persons in Addison County have the tools and resources necessary in order to meet their own basic needs." HOPE's task is to assist low income people in acquiring and developing those resources.

HOPE's services include, but are not limited to:

- \* Addison County Food Shelf, serving an average of 600 people per month
- \* Housing, utility and fuel assistance
- \* Emergency firewood
- \* Emergency medical and dental assistance, and transportation to medical appointments
- \* Help for working persons including tools and uniforms, and money for fuel and car repairs for those who need a vehicle to get to work
- \* Specialized housing opportunities for persons with disabilities and special needs
- \* Clothing, furniture and essential household goods

- \* Training in basic job skills
- \* Assistance with emergency home repairs, accessibility modifications, weatherization
- \* Representative payee services to those who are at risk of homelessness due to inability to manage finances
- \* Holiday food baskets and programs for children
- \* Advocacy, information and referrals
- \* Specialized assistance and outreach for homeless persons including showers, laundry vouchers, clothing, food and more

During the twelve month period ended September 30, 2014, HOPE provided assistance to 129 Leicester residents. HOPE respectfully requests that the voters of the Town of Leicester allocate the sum of \$1,300.00 to help defray the costs of providing assistance to town residents in the coming year. Thank you for your consideration.

John V. Craven Community Services Center  
 P.O. Box 165 282 Boardman Street Middlebury, Vermont 05753  
 Phone: (802) 388-3608 Fax: (802) 388-0756  
 HOPE is a United Way Member Agency

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

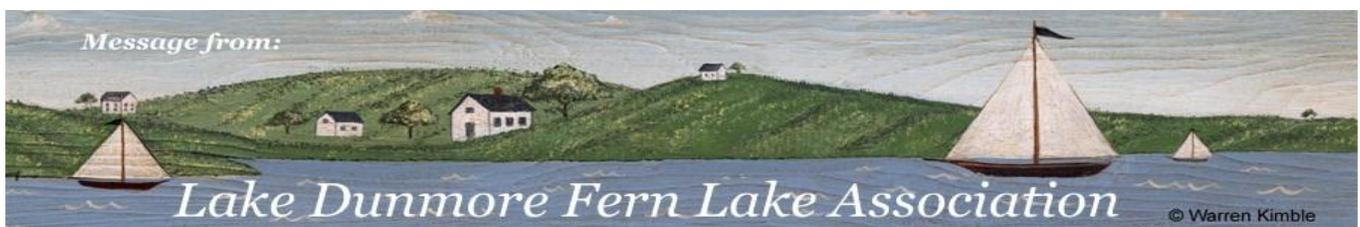
Hospice Volunteer Services provides hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to the residents of the Town of Leicester. We currently manage a force of 240 trained volunteers for patient care, vigil sitting, bereavement support and Wellspring singers.

We conduct one-on-one support sessions with a bereavement specialist, available to all Addison County residents. We provide crisis response support in schools, daycare facilities, workplaces, and other organizations in the event of an untimely death in the community.

We provide free resource materials for residents with our public lending library of books, video and audio selections, brochures, pamphlets, guides and kids' kits for grieving children, as well as our website: [www.hospicevs.org](http://www.hospicevs.org)

### JOHN W. GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER

In 2014, with generous help from Addison County municipalities the John Graham Shelter: provided more than 10,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to more than 200 people; provided transitional housing to families at our own buildings and at many scatter sites; helped dozens of people find permanent housing and employment; and provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives. Our website: [www.johngrahamshelter.org](http://www.johngrahamshelter.org)



**LAKE DUNMORE FERN LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. Box 14, Salisbury, Vermont 05769**

**The Association's mission** is "to protect and enhance the natural vitality of Lake Dunmore and Fern Lake while preserving the recreational and lifestyle interest of the Lake's community. In so doing, the Association protects the Lake's value as a public recreational facility and respects the interests of property owners and the public." Membership in the Association is open to anyone who supports the mission and goals of the Association.

**Invasive species control** is by far the largest program operated by the Association. The uncontrolled spread of milfoil can limit or make impossible boating, fishing and swimming. The shallow areas of Lake Dunmore (the shore line and approximately half the surface area) and all of Fern Lake are particularly at risk. A full time

director of milfoil operations and ten divers worked from late May to mid- September to remove milfoil. In 2014, with three suction harvesters and a small boat the crew pulled 7,065 bushels of milfoil, a 31% increase over 2013. In spite of this effort, milfoil appears to be expanding. Additional resources and control techniques are planned for 2015.

**The benefits to the Town of Leicester** are twofold: First, the preservation of a wonderful, natural Recreation area available to the public. Second, the preservation of property values around the lakes is an important and substantial portion of the Town's Grand List.

**Milfoil control program costs and funding** for 2014 were \$216,292. These costs were met as follows:

LDFLA In-Kind Personnel & Services	\$ 33,946
State Grant	\$ 87,980
Town Support – Leicester	\$ 16,125
Town Support – Salisbury	\$ 16,125
LDFLA Cash Support	<u>\$ 62,116</u>
	\$216,292

In the face of declining State Grant support, the Association has embarked on a substantial five-year fund raising program designed to create an income producing endowment. The response is encouraging and, when fully funded, will help provide additional support for our future operations.

Respectfully submitted:

James Paison, President

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### MAPLE LEAF FARM

Maple Leaf Treatment Center (formerly known as Maple Leaf Farm) is one of the oldest, continuously operating, residential drug- and alcohol-abuse treatment and recovery centers in the country. We offer clinically managed residential detoxification and medium- to high-intensity residential substance use and co-occurring disorder treatment. Located in the serene foothills of Mt. Mansfield, in Underhill Vermont, Maple Leaf Treatment Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, is licensed by the State of Vermont and operates as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. 10 Maple Leaf Road, Underhill, VT 05489, 802.899.2911 (p), 802-899.2327 (f), [info@mapleleaf.org](mailto:info@mapleleaf.org), [www.mapleleaf.org](http://www.mapleleaf.org)

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### NEIGHBORWORKS® OF WESTERN VERMONT

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

Our mission is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties.

**2014** has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont:

- ✓ **88** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ✓ **160** people received pre-purchase coaching and **40** people went on to purchase a home.
- ✓ **26** families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling **\$303,914**.
- ✓ **55** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ✓ **15** people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ✓ **61** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ✓ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for
  - **710** households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,
  - **268** families to make energy improvements, and
  - **45** families were loaned **\$929,093** which enabled them to complete improvements

*Any Leicester resident is able to take advantage of our programs and services. We are always just a phone call or a mouse click away!*

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

*TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!*

Respectfully, Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

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### **OPEN DOOR CLINIC**

**Our Mission:** The Open Door Clinic provides access to quality health care services, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established.

**2014 Annual Report:** Between January 1 and December 18, 2014, the Open Door Clinic provided services to 866 distinct patients, including 334 new patients. We served 8 Leicester residents through 14 interactions, including 4 medical visits, 4 case management services, one outreach visit and 5 Vermont Health Connect consults and services.

As a free clinic, we cannot charge for any of our services and rely solely on the expertise and efforts of over 135 volunteers to care for our patients. Our volunteers include our medical director, nurse practitioners and physicians, nurses, EMTs, PTs, nutritionists, pharmacists, medical interpreters, drivers and general volunteers. We provide chronic and acute care and refer our patients to a variety of specialists when needed.

We also have on staff, a highly skilled and certified Navigator who has helped 397 individuals learn about insurance plans, and enroll in Vermont Health Connect since October of 2013. She is a tremendously valuable resource for all members of our community – not only our patients – and her services are free of charge.

Our outreach program has grown very significantly over the past six years, and to date, we have established relationships with over 34 local farms and 8 orchards where we provide health information and free flu clinics on an annual basis.

We hold 7 (seven) clinics per month. Hours are by appointment only and include:

Middlebury at 110 Porter Drive

- Every Tuesday evening from 6-9pm
- One Friday morning per month from 9am-12pm

Vergennes at Little City Family Practice, 10 North Street

- Two Thursday evenings per month from 6-9pm

We are grateful for your ongoing support of this dynamic and growing clinic, and hope you will consider this request.

Heidi R. Sulis, MPH, Executive Director

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### **OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District contracts the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, holds public and sector meetings for the Lake Champlain Direct watershed Plan, holds Natural Resource Workshops for horse owners and sponsors a Tree Seedling Sale and maintains a listing of local contractors. The District supports Conservation Field Days for an average 250 Addison County 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, supports scholarships for up to 6 area students to attend Green Mountain Conservation Camp, supports Environthon and continues that outreach at Addison County Fair and Field Days and the Addison County Tour and Annual District Meeting. The District supports a technical staff of three employees who work in Land Treatment Planning, drinking water risk assessment and testing, and on point source reduction.

New this year, we have been joined by Agricultural Engineer Norm Smith and will be hosting three Skidder Bridges for forest owners to use as street crossings during logging operations. Our every popular contractors list was updated this year and is available at our office in Middlebury. The Long Range Plan addresses continuing to support all existing programs, expanding them where feasible and supporting the capacity needed to do that.

## RSVP

Brief Description of RSVP: RSVP is a volunteer management service that recruits and places volunteers in non-profit organizations throughout Addison County. In FY'14, we supported 1,005 members who volunteered at 107 schools, social service agencies and non-profits in our community.

RSVP also oversees several signature volunteer service programs. Last year, 252 people benefitted from attending the free Bone Builders strength training and osteoporosis prevention classes. In addition, 477 community members took advantage of the free income tax preparation services provided by RSVP Tax Advisers. Addison County Foster Grandparents served a total of 4,676 hours in elementary and pre-school classrooms.

RSVP considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to our communities' most pressing challenges. Our goal is to improve lives, make it possible for individuals to age in place, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

How Leicester residents benefit from RSVP's services: In FY'14, 14 Leicester residents served as volunteers in local non-profits. Leicester residents took advantage of RSVP's free income tax return preparation services and enjoyed going to the community meal sites at which RSVP members volunteer. Residents at nursing homes were given lap robes and shawls. Walker bags and cancer turbans were distributed to home health agency clients. Leicester seniors appreciated the services provided by our volunteer drivers from Meals on Wheels and ACTR, and Leicester school children received handmade hats and mittens and greatly enjoyed having a Foster Grandparent in their classrooms – *all free of charge*.

Leicester residents also took advantage of RSVP's free Bone Builders classes which are offered two times per week at 21 different locations in Addison County. In addition, any Leicester resident who received assistance from a social service organization has benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. Last year, our members volunteered a total of 78,629 hours which equals \$1,696,027 in donated labor to our community.

On behalf of our volunteers and non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Leicester for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 388-7044.

Sincerely,

Serena Eddy Guiles, RSVP Program Coordinator, Addison County

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## RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT-CHILD CENTER

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is to "nurture strengths, and independence of all children and families." RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of child care for families ineligible for subsidy.

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## VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

VAL also offers WorkKeys certification, a nationally recognized career certificate based on "real world" skills that employers look for in employees. In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential. Our website: [www.vtadultlearning.org](http://www.vtadultlearning.org)

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## VERMONT CARES

Vermont CARES has been providing support services to Vermonters living with HIV/AIDS and their family members for more than twenty years thanks to support from the Town of Leicester. In addition, Vermont CARES has been educating and training Vermonters of all ages on how to prevent the further spread of HIV infections. A generous donation from Leicester could provide hot prepared meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, HIV-prevention education presentations at area schools, and even rapid-result HIV tests, providing crucial health information for individuals at risk of HIV/AIDS. Those we work with are often the most needy, those most ill, and those most in poverty. Our website: [www.vtcares.org](http://www.vtcares.org)

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## VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

Final numbers for our FY'14 (10/2013-9/2014) show VCIL responded to over 2,383 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 304 individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 12 peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and 6 peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 215 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 51 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 125 individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 447 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '14, 1 resident of Leicester received services from the following program: Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: 1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org).

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## WOMENSAFE

Womensafe provides services such as our hotline, supervised visitation program education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence. During 2014 we provided these services to residents of Leicester and parents of children exposed to violence. Our advocacy services are free and confidential.

We provided Training and Education Programs to 1,541 adults and youth through nearly 200 presentations and Community Outreach events that covered a variety of topics including healthy relationships, child sexual abuse prevention and flirting vs sexual harassment. Our website: [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)

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