



# LEICESTER, VERMONT 2015 TOWN REPORT

January 2015 – December 2015

**THE LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL  
DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT  
IS ENCLOSED**

**TOWN MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016 at 7:00PM**

**SCHOOL MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

**(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TOWN MEETING)**

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

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*THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO:*  
**LEON "BUCKY" SHACKETT and D. KENNETH MORRISON JR**  
*For their service and commitment to the Town of Leicester*

**Town of Leicester**  
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**TOWN INFORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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**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> & Last Tuesday of month at 6:00pm

**ZONING BOARD**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 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 1/1/2016)

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 Barker	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	Diane Benware	Temp Health Officer	247-3786
Ron Fiske	Selectboard Member	247-4856	Mary Anne Sullivan	Zoning Admin	247-5961
Arlan Pidgeon	Road Foreman	247-6361	John Chandler	Animal Control	236-9352
Brad Lawes	Road Commissioner	465-8065			
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:** Leicester-Whiting Road

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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 2016
Deb Miner	March 2018	<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	
Donna Pidgeon	March 2016	Raymond Lalumiere	May 2016
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>		<b>Energy Coordinator</b>	
Elizabeth Ripley	March 2016	Raymond Lalumiere	May 2016
<b>First Constable</b>		<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	
Jeff McDonough	March 2016	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, 2016
Diane Benware	February 2017	Ron Fiske	June 30, 2016
Peg Oliver	February 2017	<b>Road Commissioner</b>	
Thomas Barker	February 2017	Brad Lawes	March 2016
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 2018	Richard Reed	March 2016
Amy Quenneville	March 2016	<b>Tree Warden</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>		Arlan Pidgeon	March 2016
Richard Reed	March 2016	<b>Town Health Officer</b>	
<b>OVUHS Directors</b>		Vacant	August 2016
Angela Ouellette	March 2016	Kathy Eastwood - Deputy	April 2016
<b>School Directors</b>		<b>Town Services Manager</b>	
Hannah Sessions	March 2017	Kathy Eastwood	April 2016
Connie Carroll	March 2017	<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	
Mark Raishart	March 2018	Mary Anne Sullivan	Hired
Mathew Brush	March 2016	<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	
Michele Pierpont	March 2016	Peter Fjeld - Chair	November 2018
<b>Second Constable</b>		Donna Swingleton	November 2016
Mike Rakowitz	March 2016	Vacant	November 2016
<b>Selectboard</b>		Jeff McDonough	November 2017
Ken Young	March 2016	Bill Shouldice	November 2017
Thomas Barker	March 2017	<b>Planning Commission</b>	
Brad Lawes	March 2018	Peter Fjeld	November 2018
Ron Fiske	March 2017	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 2016	Bill Shouldice	November 2017
<b>Town Clerk</b>			
Julie Delphia	March 2017		
<b>Town Treasurer</b>			
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, **February 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm** 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 **\$595,191.15** to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, divided as follows:

<b>General Town Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 272,856.15</b>	<b>Amount to be raised by taxes: \$ 235,338.43</b>
<b>Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 322,335.00</b>	<b>Amount to be raised by taxes: \$ 241,857.39</b>

Note: The amount to be raised may increase based on the result of the vote on Article 3 and Australian ballot articles. 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. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester approve an additional sum of \$20,000, to be placed in a restricted fund, for future culvert and bridge requirements?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester, for this year and all subsequent years, vote to have current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the Board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32?
7. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.
8. To do any further business that is proper to be done when met.

### **The Town Meeting shall adjourn until 10 AM Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

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 1, 2016** 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
- 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

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester vote to appropriate \$1,885 for Addison County Transit Resources to be taken from Town funds for the purpose of maintaining and improving transportation services for elders, persons with disabilities and the general public?

**Article 3:** Shall the Town of Leicester vote to appropriate \$350 to RSVP, which recruits, places, and manages volunteers for Addison County non-profit organizations to meet critical needs, and offers free access to programs which help community members to stay healthy, engaged and financially stable?

Leicester Selectboard:  
Brad Lawes (2018)

Diane Benware – Chair (2016)  
Kenneth Young (2016)

Tom Barker (2017)  
Ron Fiske (2017)

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### BEFORE ELECTION DAY

#### CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Sunday, January 31, 2016 (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 24, 2016 (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 20, 2016

### 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, 2015		61,170.70
Selectboard Loans	60,000.00	
Transfers	<u>2,050.00</u>	
Total Loans & Transfers		62,050.00
Current Taxes for Town & School	2,296,029.59	
Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Fees	129,258.03	
Zoning Fees	2,250.00	
Licenses & Fines	3,778.50	
Reimbursements	2,377.15	
Grants	55,960.00	
Other	<u>25,302.90</u>	
Total Income		<u>2,514,956.17</u>
<b>TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2,638,176.87</b>

### TOWN DISBURSEMENTS

Loan Repayment	60,000.00	
Transfers to Restricted Funds	25,242.97	
Schools	2,132,465.81	
Tax Allocation for State	95,000.00	
Payments covered by Restricted Funds	2,050.00	
Selectboard Orders & Appropriations	<u>295,045.37</u>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>2,609,804.15</u>
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</b>		<b>28,372.72</b>

## LEICESTER HIGHWAY SUMMARY

### HIGHWAY RECEIPTS

Balance Jan 1, 2015		4,228.91
Transfers to Highway Funds	50,000.00	
Current Taxes for Highway	257,876.09	
State Aid - Highway	66,121.52	
Grant Income	0.00	
Other	<u>310.00</u>	
Total Income		<u>374,307.61</u>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS</b>		<b>378,536.52</b>

### HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Restricted Funds	70,000.00	
Selectboard Orders	<u>291,308.91</u>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>361,308.91</u>
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</b>		<b>17,227.61</b>

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

<b>Tax Rate:</b>	<b>Homestead</b>		<b>Non-residential</b>	
Town	0.1157		0.1157	
Town Highway	0.1479		0.1479	
Veteran Exemption	0.0013		0.0013	
Education	1.3964		1.4002	
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>1.6613</b>		<b>1.6651</b>	
<b>Grand List</b>	1,742,889.62			
<b>Taxes billed:</b>				
Town	1,742,889.62	x	0.1157	201,652.28
Highway	1,742,889.62	x	0.1479	257,773.47
				459,425.75
Education Taxes:				
Veteran's Exemp.	1,742,889.62	x	0.0013	2,265.81
Homestead	744,754.56	x	1.3964	1,015,532.73
Non-Residential	997,269.15	x	1.4002	1,427,556.93
				2,445,355.47
Total Taxes Billed				<u>2,904,781.22</u>
Less State Rebates				336,048.31
<b>Balance to be collected</b>				<b><u>2,568,732.91</u></b>
<b>Taxes Accounted for as Follows:</b>				
2015 Current Taxes				2,449,187.59
2015 Payments from Previous Year				77.48
2015 Delinquent Collected				54,304.44
2015 Delinquents Outstanding				65,163.40
				<b>2,568,732.91</b>
<b>Total</b>				-

NOTE: Tax amounts vary from 2015 budget requirements due to Grand List changes for late homestead declarations and tax credit submissions.

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

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Town & Highway	15.9%	15.7%	14.3%	14.9%
Education Homestead	84.1%	84.3%	85.7%	85.1%

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

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Town & Highway	15.8%	15.1%	14.2%	14.6%
Education Non-Residential	84.2%	84.9%	85.8%	85.4%

**GRANT SPENDING**

In 2015, the town received a Milfoil grant in the amount of \$55,960 from the Department of Environmental Conservation. The money was directed to the Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association.

Beginning July 1, 2015, the Vermont Tax Department changed the Current Use - Hold Harmless payment to a grant payment. The amount received in CY15 was \$8,290.

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD ORDERS RECEIPTS**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2016 BUDGET</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Balance in General Fund	<b>31,568.68</b>	<b>31,568.68</b>	<b>61,170.70</b>	<b>61,170.70</b>	<b>28,372.72</b>	After Receivables/Payables
<b>Loans and Transfers:</b>						
Selectmen's Loans		65,000.00		60,000.00		Tax Anticipation Loan
Transfer from Records Maint						
Transfer from Cemetery Fund		1,895.00		2,050.00		See Funds Page 15
Tax Account Allocation Refund		22,913.00		100,000.00		Allocated for State Ed Pmt
<b>Grants &amp; State Direct Deposits</b>						
Milfoil Grant		87,980.00		55,960.00		Grant Spending - See Pg 6
State DD Lister Fund		391.01		391.04		See Funds Page 15
State DD Reappraisal Fund		7,638.00		7,303.96		See Funds Page 15
<b>TOTAL LOANS AND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>185,817.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>225,705.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Fines, Fees &amp; Licenses:</b>						
Civil Fines from Sheriff Patrol		1,084.79		691.50		<b>Register your dog by April 1st See report page 22</b>
Dog Licenses / Fines	2,000.00	2,854.00	2,500.00	2,997.00	2,500.00	
License - Liquor / Junkyard	45.00	65.00	65.00	90.00	45.00	
<b>TOTAL FINES, FEES, &amp; LICENSES</b>	<b>2,045.00</b>	<b>4,003.79</b>	<b>2,565.00</b>	<b>3,778.50</b>	<b>2,545.00</b>	
<b>Taxes:</b>						
Current Taxes - Town		235,708.74		201,612.18		
Current Taxes - Education		2,001,805.70		1,989,699.32		
Tax prepayments		77.48		6.69		
Current Use		7,440.00		8,290.00		
Delinquent Taxes, Interest, Penalties		131,658.52		129,258.03		Penalty pays DTC
Education Tax True-Up/Municipal Adj		9,157.26		4,718.09		
Railroad Tax	100.00	106.43	100.00	106.43	100.00	
Fed Bureau Land Mgt - PILOT	6,000.00	7,505.70	6,500.00	7,424.70	6,500.00	
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>2,393,459.83</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	<b>2,341,115.44</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	
<b>Zoning:</b>						
Zoning Permit Fees		2,425.00		2,250.00		Fees Offset Zoning Expense
<b>TOTAL ZONING</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,425.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Reimbursement: Printing				1,165.17		School Report Reimbursement
Reimbursement: Insurance		1,343.00		1,211.00		
Reimbursement: Postage		2.45		0.98		
250th Celebration Donations		35.00		11.00		
Interest on Checking		823.95		1,463.08		
Rental of Town Hall/Meeting House		210.00		305.00		
Other		200.00		1.00		
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,614.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,157.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,145.00</b>	<b>2,402,503.02</b>	<b>9,165.00</b>	<b>2,351,301.17</b>	<b>9,145.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN RECEIPTS</b>	<b>39,713.68</b>	<b>2,619,888.71</b>	<b>70,335.70</b>	<b>2,638,176.87</b>	<b>37,517.72</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Loans:</b>						
Loan Payments		65,000.00		60,000.00		Tax Anticipation Loan
<b>Transfers:</b>						
Transfer to Records Restoration	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Clerk Education/Software		418.80		547.97		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Cemetery Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00			5,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Lister Education Fund		391.01		391.04		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Professional Audit Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00	17,638.00	10,000.00	17,303.96	5,000.00	See Funds Page 15
<b>Allocated Funds:</b>						
Transfer to Tax Account		100,000.00		95,000.00		State Education Tax Pmt
<b>Payments covered by Restricted Fund Transfers:</b>						
<i>Cemetery - Cleaning</i>		1,895.00		2,050.00		See Funds Page 15
<b>LOANS AND TRANSFERS TOTAL</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>197,342.81</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>182,292.97</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	
<b>Auditing:</b>	2,000.00		2,000.00		1,000.00	
Salaries		462.00		489.00		
<b>AUDITING TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>462.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>489.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</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	1,720.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	
<b>SELECTBOARD TOTAL</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>5,720.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	
<b>Listing:</b>	6,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00	
Salaries		4,578.60		4,727.00		
Consulting	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	Contract with NEMRC
Mileage		247.50		201.90		
Computer Purchase						
Tax Map Update	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,016.25	4,000.00	Update & Maintain Maps
<b>LISTING TOTAL</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>13,326.10</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>12,445.15</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	
<b>Recycling:</b>						
Solid Waste	7,320.00	7,331.00	7,500.00	7,501.80	8,400.00	Solid Waste Fee Increase
<b>RECYCLING TOTAL</b>	<b>7,320.00</b>	<b>7,331.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>7,501.80</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Buildings Expenses:</b>	10,500.00		10,500.00		10,500.00	
Meeting House		887.90		414.06		
Town Office		514.24		872.35		
Town Hall		6,530.26		74.57		
<b>Fuel:</b>						
Meeting House	3,500.00	3,218.99	3,350.00	2,610.85	3,000.00	
Town Hall	2,500.00	2,617.42	2,650.00	1,211.89	2,000.00	
<b>Grounds Care:</b>						
Cemetery	5,700.00	5,250.00	5,500.00	5,225.00	5,500.00	
Office ,Town Green, Fern Lake Access	3,400.00	3,666.00	3,600.00	4,875.00	5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL BLDGS &amp; GRNDS EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>22,684.81</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>15,283.72</b>	<b>26,000.00</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 2015, not otherwise identified in this report, were \$11,983.

<b>Town Clerk / Treasurer / Assistant:</b>						
Town Clerk, Julie Delphia	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	9,000.00	
Treasurer, Julie Delphia	8,500.00	8,500.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,500.00	
Clerk / Treasurer Training	1,000.00	581.20	1,000.00	252.03	1,000.00	See Funds Page 15
Assistant	3,500.00	3,201.25	3,500.00	3,669.25	4,000.00	
<b>CLERK / TREAS / ASSIST TOTAL</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>20,282.45</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>21,421.28</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>	

<b>Office Expenses:</b>						
Cleaning Services	600.00	599.00	600.00	599.00	600.00	
Cleaning Supplies	200.00	177.75	200.00	104.44	200.00	
Computer Tech Support / License	3,000.00	2,941.25	3,000.00	2,943.12	3,000.00	
Copier	1,500.00	1,491.97	1,500.00	1,439.00	1,500.00	
Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,034.05	3,000.00	2,859.69	3,000.00	
Postage	2,500.00	2,469.42	2,500.00	2,413.69	2,500.00	
Printing	3,000.00	2,373.40	3,000.00	2,088.11	2,500.00	
Town Web Page	600.00	375.00	400.00	375.00	400.00	
<b>Disaster Recovery / Maintenance:</b>						
NEMRC Disaster Recovery Contract	1,100.00	1,092.72	1,200.00	1,125.50	1,300.00	Annual Contract
Server Monthly Maintenance	1,600.00	1,640.00	1,700.00	1,650.00	1,800.00	Annual Maintenance Contract
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,100.00</b>	<b>16,194.56</b>	<b>17,100.00</b>	<b>15,597.55</b>	<b>16,800.00</b>	

<b>Insurance:</b>						
Property & Casualty	14,433.00	14,432.00	12,946.00	12,945.50	14,901.00	Figures are Actuals for 2016
Workman's Comp	5,087.00	5,088.00	4,953.00	4,953.50	5,346.00	Figures are Actuals for 2016
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>19,520.00</b>	<b>19,520.00</b>	<b>17,899.00</b>	<b>17,899.00</b>	<b>20,247.00</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Zoning:</b>	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Zoning Administrator		2,580.00		2,586.49		Partial Offset by Zoning Fees
Recording Fees		310.00		280.00		
Printing	2,000.00	215.68	1,000.00	341.83	1,000.00	Updating Zoning Regulations
Secretary	1,800.00	1,284.42	1,500.00	1,228.50	1,500.00	
<b>ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>4,390.10</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,436.82</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	
<b>Utilities:</b>						
Electricity	5,600.00	5,703.52	5,600.00	5,382.58	5,600.00	
Telephone	1,600.00	1,547.87	1,600.00	1,574.03	1,600.00	
Water - Rent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
<b>UTILITIES TOTAL</b>	<b>7,205.00</b>	<b>7,256.39</b>	<b>7,205.00</b>	<b>6,961.61</b>	<b>7,205.00</b>	
<b>Public Safety:</b>						
Addison County Humane Society	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	Annual Contract
Law Enforcement Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00		1,000.00	No Contract 2015
Animal Control	600.00	111.28	600.00	1,997.50	2,000.00	
Dog Census	300.00		300.00			
<i>Dog Licenses - Tags</i>		149.52		118.12		<i>Covered by Dog Income</i>
<i>Dog Licenses - State Fees</i>		1,048.00		1,085.00		<i>Covered by Dog Income</i>
<i>Dog Licenses - Clerk Fees</i>		524.00		540.00		<i>Covered by Dog Income</i>
Fire Protection Contract - BFD	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	33,700.00	32,000.00	See Fire Chief's Rpt Page 20
Fire Warden - Richard Nicklaw	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Health Officers	350.00		350.00		250.00	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>35,900.00</b>	<b>34,482.80</b>	<b>35,900.00</b>	<b>38,090.62</b>	<b>35,900.00</b>	
<b>Other Expenses:</b>						
Trash Removal - Bullock Rd	100.00	172.60	150.00		150.00	
<i>Delinquent Tax Collector - Beth Ripley</i>		8,999.00		8,917.28		<i>Covered by DTC Penalty</i>
Elections / Payroll & Supplies	500.00	1,352.51	500.00	440.00	1,500.00	
<b>Grants:</b>						
Milfoil Grant to LDFLA		87,980.00		55,960.00		See Grant Info Page 6
Planning Grant		550.00				
Writing & Research Grant	500.00		500.00		500.00	
Interest / Bank Fees	500.00	356.26	500.00	297.76	500.00	
Legal Fees	5,000.00	1,815.78	5,000.00	2,683.24	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	100.00	200.00	510.58	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	8,043.86	10,000.00	8,448.68	10,000.00	
Abatements						
Workshops / Training - Town Officers	1,000.00	835.00	1,000.00	530.00	1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,950.00</b>	<b>110,355.01</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>77,937.54</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD ORDERS DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2016 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	1,287.00	1,287.00	1,330.80	1,330.80	1,364.07	Per Capita Basis
Addison County Tax	13,000.00	7,735.90	13,000.00	6,937.40	10,000.00	County tax
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	See Report on Page 28
Brandon Area Rescue Squad	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	Emergency Services
Brandon Library	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	See Report on Page 29
Green - Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	See Report on Page 33
BLSG Insect Control District	15,073.00	15,073.00	15,073.00	15,073.00	17,017.00	See Report on Page 30
Lake Dunmore / Fern Lake Assoc	16,125.00	16,125.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	See Report on Page 36
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,944.00	1,944.00	2,002.00	2,002.00	2,102.00	Municipal Assistance Center
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>56,154.00</b>	<b>50,889.90</b>	<b>59,130.80</b>	<b>53,068.20</b>	<b>58,208.07</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Addison Country Court Diversion	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	See Report on Page 25
Addison Country Readers	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	See Report on Page 26
Addison County Home Health Care	1,138.00	1,138.00	1,138.00	1,138.00	1,138.00	See Report on Page 25
Addison County Parent/Child Center	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	See Report on Page 26
Addison County RSVP	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	0.00	Vote 3/1/16, see pg 38
Addison County Transit Resources	1,532.00	1,532.00	1,532.00	1,532.00	0.00	Vote 3/1/16, see pg 28
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	See Report on Page 31
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	See Report on Page 31
Elderly Services Inc.	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	See Report on Page 32
Foxcroft Harvest Program	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	See Report on Page 33
HOPE formerly ACCAG	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	See Report on Page 34
Hospice Volunteer Services	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	See Report on Page 34
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	See Report on Page 35
Maple Leaf Farm	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	See Report on Page 36
Neighbor Works of Western VT	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	No request for 2016, pg 37
Open Door Clinic	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	See Report on Page 38
Otter Creek Natural Resources	113.08	113.08	113.08	113.08	113.08	See Report on Page 37
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	See Report on Page 39
Vermont Adult Learning	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	See Report on Page 39
Vermont CARES - Aids Research	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	See Report on Page 40
VT Center for Independent Living	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	See Report on Page 40
Women in Crisis - Women Safe	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	See Report on Page 41
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	<b>18,113.08</b>	<b>16,096.08</b>	
<b>LEICESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		<b>980,562.00</b>		<b>1,024,314.00</b>		
<b>OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL</b>		<b>911,696.00</b>		<b>918,941.00</b>		
<b>STATE EDUCATION TAX</b>		<b>138,109.00</b>		<b>189,210.81</b>		
<b>TOTAL TOWN DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>275,662.08</b>	<b>2,558,718.01</b>	<b>271,947.88</b>	<b>2,609,804.15</b>	<b>272,856.15</b>	

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY RECEIPTS**

ACCOUNT	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Balance in Highway Fund	6,825.86	6,825.86	4,228.91	4,228.91	17,227.61	
<b>Transfers and Loans</b>						
Transfer From Culvert Fund						See Funds Page 15
Transfer From Equipment Fund		7,902.80		0.00		See Funds Page 15
Transfer from Highway Fund		47,500.00		50,000.00		See Funds Page 15
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS AND LOANS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55,402.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Agency of Transportation Highway Aid	55,000.00	66,200.30	60,000.00	66,121.52	63,000.00	
Current Taxes to Highway Fund		214,502.14		257,876.09		
Road Permits	230.00	250.00	230.00	310.00	250.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>55,230.00</b>	<b>280,952.44</b>	<b>60,230.00</b>	<b>324,307.61</b>	<b>63,250.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>62,055.86</b>	<b>343,181.10</b>	<b>64,458.91</b>	<b>378,536.52</b>	<b>80,477.61</b>	

**TOWN OF LEICESTER**

**SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS**

ACCOUNT	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Loans and Transfers:</b>						
Transfer to Highway Fund		47,500.00		50,000.00		See Funds Page 15
Transfer to Paving Fund						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>0.00</b>	<b>47,500.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	
<b>Equipment Repairs:</b>	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	
Loader		558.91		843.37		
Plow & Wing - Shoes/Blades/Parts		3,338.21		3,645.47		
Sander		248.69		137.90		
Truck		928.46		119.88		
Other Parts & Labor		799.54		84.20		
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRS</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>5,873.81</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>4,830.82</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	
<b>Highway Purchases:</b>						
Sander				11,818.65		
Sander - From Restricted Fund		7,902.80				
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY PURCHASES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,902.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,818.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Equipment Rental:</b>	80,000.00		80,000.00		80,000.00	
Other		400.00				
Arlan Pidgeon		82,430.00		75,418.00		
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>82,830.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>75,418.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	

TOWN OF LEICESTER

SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

ACCOUNT	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET	COMMENTS
<b>Materials:</b>						
Chloride	5,000.00	3,026.00	5,000.00	6,897.50	5,000.00	
Salt	30,000.00	37,452.64	40,000.00	32,959.20	40,000.00	
Sand, Stone, & Gravel	20,000.00	15,820.46	20,000.00	12,069.71	20,000.00	
Winter Sand	18,000.00	21,595.00	25,000.00	25,102.00	25,000.00	
<b>TOTAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>77,894.10</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	<b>77,028.41</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	
<b>General Highway Expenses:</b>						
Bridge Drain Cleaning	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
Culverts	1,500.00	1,150.50	1,500.00	1,355.93	1,500.00	
Fuels, Oil, Antifreeze - Loader	2,000.00	2,822.43	2,500.00	1,477.44	2,500.00	
Green-up Removal	525.00	700.00	525.00	300.00	525.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,128.41	1,000.00	758.27	1,000.00	
Resurfacing	50,000.00	49,978.60	50,000.00	51,472.55	50,000.00	2014/5 \$20K Voted at Town Mtg
Roadside Mowing	7,810.00	6,682.50	7,810.00	7,150.00	7,810.00	
Roadside Mowing - Brush removal	2,500.00	1,950.00	2,500.00	2,510.00	2,500.00	
Signs	1,000.00	1,032.49	1,000.00	999.68	1,000.00	
Town Shed Furnace Oil	3,000.00	3,698.54	3,500.00	2,781.39	3,500.00	
Town Shed Furnace Repair	250.00	86.50	250.00	0.00	250.00	
Town Shed Repair / Electricity	1,000.00	1,137.26	1,500.00	3,042.27	1,500.00	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>70,835.00</b>	<b>70,617.23</b>	<b>72,335.00</b>	<b>71,847.53</b>	<b>72,335.00</b>	
<b>Payroll:</b>	43,000.00		50,000.00		50,000.00	
Arlan Pidgeon		22,007.75		21,919.00		
Gregory Bianchi		1,245.00		735.00		
Steven Morrison		2,310.00		8,070.00		
Jason Disorda		472.50		195.00		
Scott Pidgeon		20,299.00		19,446.50		
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>	<b>46,334.25</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,365.50</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE</b>	<b>276,835.00</b>	<b>291,452.19</b>	<b>302,335.00</b>	<b>291,308.91</b>	<b>302,335.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>276,835.00</b>	<b>338,952.19</b>	<b>322,335.00</b>	<b>361,308.91</b>	<b>322,335.00</b>	

BUDGET COMPARISON

	2016	2015	Difference	
Budget Town	272,856.15	271,947.88	908.27	
Appropriations	2,235.00	0.00	2,235.00	See Warning Page 3
Budget Highway	322,335.00	302,335.00	20,000.00	Paving Increase \$20K
Paving Article	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	See Warning Page 3
Culvert Article	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	See Warning Page 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>637,426.15</b>	<b>594,282.88</b>	<b>43,143.27</b>	

**COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

	<b>TOWN</b>		<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>12/31/2015</b>	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>12/31/2015</b>
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Checking	65,332.74	31,990.26	4,228.91	17,227.61
Total Delinquent Taxes	120,481.47	129,722.87		
Accounts Receivable	47,980.00			
Restricted Funds	135,226.49	160,260.73	258,024.67	279,397.14
State Tax Fund Allocation	100,000.00	95,000.00		
Equipment			43,987.00	43,987.00
Buildings & Improvements	57,577.00	57,577.00	30,300.00	30,300.00
Land & Improvements	605.00	605.00		
Highway / Culverts / Bridges			<u>3,806,011.00</u>	<u>3,857,175.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	527,202.70	475,155.86	4,142,551.58	4,228,086.75
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIONS</b>				
Equipment			34,679.00	36,735.00
Buildings	20,002.00	21,402.00	30,300.00	30,300.00
Highways / Culverts / Bridges			<u>1,545,254.00</u>	<u>1,748,705.00</u>
	<u>20,002.00</u>	<u>21,402.00</u>	1,610,233.00	1,815,740.00
Assets less Depreciation	507,200.70	453,753.86	2,532,318.58	2,412,346.75
<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	4,162.04	3,617.54	0.00	0.00
Accounts Payable	<u>47,980.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	52,142.04	3,617.54	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	455,058.66	450,136.32	2,532,318.58	2,412,346.75

**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, 2015 through December 31, 2015. 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

## RESTRICTED FUNDS

TOWN	Balance 01/01/15	Deposits 2015	Interest 2015	Withdrawn 2015	Balance 12/31/15
<b>Savings:</b>					
Building Repair Fund	4,025.36		24.17		<b>4,049.53</b>
Cemetery Fund (1)	10,532.60	1,025.00	66.06	2,050.00	<b>9,573.66</b>
Clerk Training & Software (2)	13,112.86	547.97	78.79		<b>13,739.62</b>
Glebe Land Fund	6,040.57		36.29		<b>6,076.86</b>
Honor Roll Fund	108.08		0.65		<b>108.73</b>
Lister Education Fund (3)	2,370.28	391.04	14.25		<b>2,775.57</b>
Professional Audit Fund (5)	4,747.18	2,000.00	28.61		<b>6,775.79</b>
Reappraisal Account (4)	75,646.92	17,303.96	455.23		<b>93,406.11</b>
Record Rest/Maint Fund (2)	18,115.57	5,000.00	109.05		<b>23,224.62</b>
Solid Waste Fund	527.07		3.17		<b>530.24</b>
<b>Town Total</b>	<b>135,226.49</b>	<b>26,267.97</b>	<b>816.27</b>	<b>2,050.00</b>	<b>160,260.73</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>					
<b>Savings:</b>					
Culverts	2,524.68		15.16		<b>2,539.84</b>
Ditching Fund	13,465.17		80.88		<b>13,546.05</b>
Equipment Fund (6)	93,478.51	20,000.00	562.46		<b>114,040.97</b>
Land/building Acquisition - Garage	55,626.91		334.13		<b>55,961.04</b>
Road/Highway Fund (7)	90,917.51	50,000.00	379.84	50,000.00	<b>91,297.35</b>
- Paving Reserve	2,011.89				<b>2,011.89</b>
<b>Highway Total</b>	<b>258,024.67</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>1,372.47</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>279,397.14</b>

### Explanation of changes to Restricted Funds:

- 1 Donation from FOLCS, lot donations. \$2,050.00 for stone cleaning.
- 2 Transfer budget balance from GF
- 3 Transfer state payment to fund
- 4 \$10,000 from budget, \$7,303.96 from state
- 5 Transfer budget from GF
- 6 Transfer budget from GF
- 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
- 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	82.98	18.77	-	101.75
2008	200.00	-	-	200.00
2009	124.51	177.45	14.20	316.16
2010	390.78	793.54	104.38	1,288.70
2011	1,118.29	3,071.11	248.71	4,438.11
2012	1,018.86	3,265.20	264.60	4,548.66
2013	2,857.66	15,064.13	1,182.48	19,104.27
2014	3,661.13	33,531.80	2,734.92	39,927.85
2015	660.10	54,304.44	4,367.99	59,332.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,114.31</b>	<b>110,226.44</b>	<b>8,917.28</b>	<b>129,258.03</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	Martin, Carol
Bridgmon, Gary & Barbara	Mason, Russell & Shelly
Brown, Richard	McAtee Brenda
Bryant, Tracy	Montgomery, Steven
Bushey, Paul & Cynthia	Mussaw, Oscar & Cynthia Estate
Butterfield, Kimlee	Newton, Nora
Cameron, Michael & O'Neil-Gittens, Joan	Nicholson, Kenneth
Carroll, Richard & Veronica	O'Brien, John & Susan
Carroll, Veronica	O'Neil-Gittens, Joan
Carter, Robert & Witherbee, Michele	Palmer, Helen & Lanphere L.
Clark, Timothy & Shelly	Philips, Jesse
Cole, Robert	Pierpont, Morton & Michelle
Corbett, Helen	Sears, Eric
Cram, Dwight & Betty & Tom Stone	Smith, Paul
Cram, Leonard & Sandra	Smith, Richard & Donna
Cram, Walter	Strickholm, RG Revocable Trust
Currier, Scott	Taylor, Jess & Tina
Disorda, Jesse & Johanna	Telephone Operating Co.
Flanders, Keith	Thompson, Melissa & Taylor, Darlene
Foley, Jacqueline	Trombley, Susan
Forrest, Joseph	Viens, William & Bernadette
Forrest, Robert	Warren, Eric
French, Ralph, Jr.	Ziel, Dawn
Friend, James & Cathrine	
Fyles, Michelle	
Gearwar, David & Melissa	
Hector, Eric	
Hope, Robert & Lisa	
Johnson, Tammy	
Lafave, Scott	
LaPorte, Donald	
Maloy, Peter & Tammy	
Maranville, James	

*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:  
\$129,722.87**

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the Selectboard works hard to deal with the financial impact of legislative mandates and related rising costs. Act 64, Vermont's Clean Water Act, is one case in point. This act establishes water quality requirements that will influence how towns will address storm water runoff and will determine how we manage our roads in the future. Some components of the act have yet to be developed. We do know that, starting next year, there will be a \$400 application fee and a \$2,000 permit fee to be paid to the state annually. We will be inventorying the roads to assess the vulnerable areas and to prioritize improvements.

The state AOT is in the "scoping" process of the culvert on Old Jerusalem Road, with an eye to eventual replacement of the culvert that directs water from the Leicester River into Otter Creek. Another area we are monitoring is Fern Lake Road, east of the Town Shed. Preliminary figures for the replacement of that culvert have an expected cost of over \$260,000, which is about what is spent annually to maintain all the roads in town. We are responsible for up to 20% of the total cost of these replacements. As a result of these upcoming expenditures, we will be recommending that the town start putting aside some money in the highway fund each year to "soften the blow" when the time does come to replace older culverts.

The Selectboard has taken steps to maximize the greatest amount of state aid possible for highway maintenance projects. We have filed a Hazard Mitigation Plan with FEMA, we participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, and we file our Emergency Operations Plan annually.

We also file a grant annually for financial assistance for road paving and other maintenance work. We are hopeful that we will get a paving grant in 2016, to continue work on Lake Dunmore Road or Fern Lake Road.

Each year is marked with personnel transitions. Mary Anne Sullivan replaced David Atherton as Zoning Administrator. John Chandler is the Animal Control Officer. The Selectboard is looking for an individual to fill the role of Town Health Officer.

The Zoning By-laws are being re-written by a team composed of Selectboard members, Town Clerk Julie Delphia and the Planning Commission. There will be hearings this year to inform residents of proposed changes and to seek community input. 2016 means the start of the update of the Leicester Town Plan. The Town Plan is an important "roadmap" to help plan for future development in town. The Selectboard is seeking two to five individuals interested in helping review the current plan and to suggest changes. See Selectboard members for more information.

In 2016, the Selectboard plans to replace the "bridge" that connects the Meeting House to the handi-cap access ramp. We are also investigating changing the design of the ramp. The Selectboard is also planning to replace the siding on the Town Shed and make improvements to the interior of the building.

The Selectboard wishes to acknowledge the service and commitment of our elected and appointed officials. Arlan and Scott Pidgeon, along with Steve Morrison, work hard to keep our roads safe, no matter the season.

We appreciate the work that Cal Loven, Lem Palmer and Gus Letourneau perform on the more public places in town. We are fortunate to have caring and committed individuals to help us comply with state mandates and to help Leicester be the best place in Addison County to live.

The Selectboard meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We welcome your participation and ask that you consider how you might use your time and talent to make Leicester an even better place to live.

Diane Benware, Chair  
Ken Young

Tom Barker  
Brad Lawes

Ron Fiske

## CLERK & TREASURER REPORT

Writing this report every year is difficult. I don't know how many different ways to say that I really love this job and this town. I'm pretty sure I say the same thing year after year...because it's true! I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents and landowners of Leicester. Thanks to everyone for making this job such a pleasure!

2015 was a great year. In addition to our regular work, we continued to work on organizing the vault, reviewed our survey/map inventory, and held a special election for Otter Valley.

2016 is already busy and I don't see it letting up anytime soon. We are beginning a demanding election year by prepping for a special January Act 46 School Merger vote and Town Meeting/primary voting in March. On a personal note, Barry and I just celebrated the birth of our second granddaughter. Yeah!

The Secretary of State has implemented new voter software. Now you can register, request absentee ballots, and update your voter information online. Go to <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/> for more information.

As I end my report, I want to acknowledge someone we lost this year. Bucky Shackett was a longtime friend and role model to me. He exemplified what it means to be "of service to others". His contributions to this community were many and his commitment never ending. I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to know him, learn from him, and call him my friend.

**I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2016.**

**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



FEBRUARY 29, 2016	Town Meeting, Meeting House, 7pm
MARCH 1, 2016	VOTE - Town Office 10am - 7pm
MARCH 15, 2016	Rabies Clinic, Town Office, 5 - 6pm, \$12
APRIL 1, 2016	Dog Licenses Due (see below)
MAY 7, 2016	Green Up Day
OCTOBER 15, 2016	Taxes Due

### DOG SUMMARY

Female Spayed	\$1,200.00
Male Neutered	\$1,150.00
Female	\$252.00
Male	\$230.00
Fines	\$50.00
Budget Line	\$900.00
Farm Dog Fees	\$5.00
Late Fees	\$110.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,897.00</b>



**ALL dogs must be registered by**  
**April 1, 2016**  
Spayed/Neutered \$11  
Unspayed/Unneutered \$15

Clerk Fees	\$540.00
State Fees	\$1,085.00
Animal Control Officer	\$1,997.50
Dog tags / Paper	\$118.12
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,740.62</b>

## **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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## **FIRE CHIEF ENGINEER REPORT**

This reporting year the Brandon Fire Department responded to 153 emergency calls. Our thirty-four members dedicated over 4,332 hours of time to the community. 1,500 of these hours were for training and drills. This year we welcomed four new members to the fire company, Brady Cook, Riley Kenney, Cheyenne Reed, and Michael Markowski. I want to thank all of the members for their many hours spent serving and protecting the citizens of Brandon, Leicester and Goshen. Without their dedication and commitment the Brandon Fire Department would not be able to accomplish our main mission of protecting life and property.

This past year the department marked some significant achievements. The year started with the addition of our new tanker to our apparatus line. At an open house Brandon Tanker 1 was proudly dedicated to Charlie Rivers who has served the department for over 55 years. The addition of the tanker has supported our firefighting capabilities at all types of calls from structure fires to brush and wild land fires. Other activities that the department participated in were Memorial Day Ceremonies, Brandon Independence Day Celebration and related activities and fire prevention activities both at the station and local schools.

Unfortunately there will be an increase in the budget this year. With our call volume and call length continuing to increase, our payroll costs are also increasing. This past year we encountered an unscheduled large expenditure. It became necessary to replace the emergency backup generator at the station. When the old generator failed it over energized the circuits into the station. The alarm system, as well as other electronics devices were damaged and had to be repaired or replaced. This all caused a strain on the budget. We have been and are pursuing grants to help with expenses. We were not successful with a FEMA grant this year, but we will continue to pursue these grants. The proposed budget has increases for the purchase of firefighter gear as well as other vital equipment like hose. We continue to proactively fund vehicle replacement and capital replacement funds. It is our hope that these will help in the near future to stabilize the budget.

As always, we are working in partnership with the Brandon Area Rescue Squad and the Brandon Police Department to make our community safer. To ensure well-staffed and timely response to incidents we have in place automatic mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments, which is invaluable when dealing with structure fires and with serious incidents along the Route 7 corridor. I would like to acknowledge the help and support the Pittsford Fire Department has 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, which makes us all stronger.

I want to greatly thank the Prudential Board as well as Superintendent Ray Counter. They work behind the scene and make what we do possible. Without their continued help and support it would be next to impossible 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 whose 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. Don't forget 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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### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

If you have questions or concerns regarding animal control, please contact John Chandler at (802) 236-6352.

### **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 previous page) in the Town Office Drop Box or mailing the information to: Leicester Town Office, 44 Schoolhouse Road, Leicester, VT 05733

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### **LISTERS' REPORT**

2015 was kind of a quiet year in the Listers' Office. The new maps that were drawn up for the Town by LaRose Surveys, Inc. were finished in the spring. After having a few huddles between the Lister's Office and the Town Clerk's Office we came up with the colors and designs that we felt were very user friendly. In May we conducted our grievance hearings which numbered ten in all. Dianne and Amy attended the workshop for town officials in the spring. The rest of the year was pretty uneventful for the Listers' Office. We kept busy though with property transfers and working closely with the Zoning Administrator staying current with permits.

## 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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## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

In 2015, 28 permit requests were logged in the Leicester Zoning Permits Index:

- 12 Standard Building Permits
- 1 Boundary Line Adjustment
- 1 Amendment to Permit
- 1 Extension of Permit
- 2 Access Permits
- 1 Permit After Construction
- 2 Notices of Intent to Construct Agricultural Buildings
- 1 Single Lot Subdivision
- 7 Applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)
  - 1 Amendment/ 1 Duplex/ 1Camp/ 4 Setback Waivers

In addition, there were 3 Notices of Violation issued, all of which were remedied within the notice period.

The Planning Commission is updating the Zoning Regulations to better serve the town with its needs and demands for economic and residential growth. The Planning Commission invites community members who are interested in Zoning to make their interest known to the Selectboard or to the commission.

Land development requires a permit for: access to property, new structures, alterations to structures, conditional uses, etc. Please contact me **before** beginning any project: Office Hours – 9-12 Mondays (247-5961ext2) – [leicesterzoning@comcast.net](mailto:leicesterzoning@comcast.net) home 352-4307. It is the **responsibility of the landowner, not the contractor, to apply for permits.**

As the Vermont statutes require that abutting property be warned/informed of any application which requires ZBA action, it may be several months before final approval and time for appeals has passed. The ZBA meets the last Tuesday of each month. Plan to submit your application at least 3 weeks prior to a hearing date to allow for the notification procedure.

Since becoming Leicester's Zoning Administrator last July, I have enjoyed learning more about the town and meeting many landowners who are, without exception, open, friendly, and aware of the need for zoning which ensures orderly development.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Sullivan

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## CEMETERY REPORT

The Cemetery Committee works to maintain and improve Leicester's Brookside Cemetery. This year we had several more stones cleaned. 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    Donna Swington    Ron Fiske

## 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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### 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.

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### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS

**BURNHAM, MONTGOMERY HATHAWAY  
LASSONDA**

MEGAN & EVAN BURNHAM

**FERRARO, KENZIE ELIZABETH LYNNE**

MICHAEL & EMILY FERRARO

**HOLMQUIST, NOAH MORGAN**

ELI JOHN & RACHEL ELIZABETH HOLMQUIST

**MEROLLE, LUKA MIKULICH**

JOSEPH MEROLLE & CARINA MIKULICH ELLIS

**MOORE, JESSICA ROSEANN**

KATHRYN & BRIAN MOORE

**NORRIS, LANE DANIEL**

WHITNEY DRAGON & TYLER NORRIS

**PUTNAM, WYATT**

ALICIA & RYAN PUTNAM

**RAISHART, EMMETT TINKER**

CATHERINE & MARK RAISHART

**SAXE, TILLER CORDOVA**

LAUREN HAYDON & ZACHARY SAXE

#### MARRIAGES

BENKO, REGINA BERNADETTE &  
MONTAGNA, MICHAEL DOMINICK

CIOFFI, LISA M &  
FORREST, LEON RICHARD

LACKARD, KRISTINA MICHELLE &  
PATCH, SCOTT THOMAS

KEMP, AMANDA BETH &  
DAYTON, RICHARD O

LUCIA, LISA MARIE &  
LAROCQUE, JOSHUA JESSE

MALLINSON, LISA MARIE &  
LOCKWOOD JR, ROY JOHN

MARSH, ASHLEY LOUISE &  
GIARD, JOSHUA MICHEAL

MCDONOUGH, SHELBY LYNN MARIE &  
ALEXANDER, JACOB ROY

RIPLEY, AMANDA SWININGTON &  
QUESNEL, PAUL-MATTHEW

RODMAN, ARIEL STEPHANIA ANN &  
GODDARD, SCOTT MATTHEW

#### DEATHS

GREEN, BRYAN EDWARD  
HANSEN, BEVERLY A  
HOPE, ROBERT ELLSWORTH  
LOUNSBURY, VIRGINIA MARY  
MARCILLE, JOAN M

MORRISON JR, DANIEL KENNETH  
PAGE, JOHN NOBEL  
RAWSON, CURTIS MICHAEL  
SHACKETT, LEON ELLSWORTH

## 2015 TOWN MEETING OVERVIEW

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:

Richard Reed, the Moderator called the Town of Leicester Meeting to order at 7:47 PM. The Moderator welcomed the 30 voters in attendance to the 254<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator explained that Non-residents cannot vote. Town meetings will be run according to VT State Law and Roberts Rules of Order, all motions, remarks and questions should be directed to the Moderator. Articles must be moved, seconded and restated by the Moderator before debate can begin.

9. To hear the auditor's report.

A motion was made (C. Reed) and seconded (A. Claghorn) to accept Article 1.

Article 1 was passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. 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.

A motion was made (C. Carroll) and seconded (A. Young) to accept Article 2.

D. Snyder asked about increases in the highway budget. D. Benware explained the increases due to salt, winter sand, and payroll expenses as well as a \$20,000 line for the equipment fund.

Article 2 was passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. Shall the voters of the Town of Leicester approve an additional sum of \$20,000 for road paving?

A motion was made (C. Carroll) and seconded (C. Reed) to accept Article 3.

M. Pierpont asked where paving would occur. A. Pidgeon said he anticipated Fern Lake Road. The Board explained that this funding increases the town share available for any paving grants.

Article 3 was passed by unanimous voice vote.

12. Discussion of articles to be voted by Australian ballot.

R. Reed reviewed Article 1.

13. To do any further business that is proper to be done when met.

D. Benware thanked elected and appointed town officials and discussed opportunities to serve.

D. Benware asked voters to fill out the VT Gas survey in the Town Report so the Board can accurately represent the Town. C. Morrison stated that natural gas would come by rail or truck through Leicester if not by pipeline and was unsure which was safer.

A motion was made (H. Sessions) and seconded (D. Snyder) to adjourn Town Meeting. The motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Leicester Town Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

**Results of those elected by Australian Ballot Voting: (Ballots and results attached)**

Of the 683 registered voters – 129 cast votes

**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

OFFICE	CANDIDATES	TERM	VOTES
MODERATOR	RICHARD REED	1 YEAR	122
SELECTBOARD	TOM BARKER	2 YEAR	114
SELECTBOARD	BRAD LAWES	3 YEAR	113
LISTER	JEFF LEE	3 YEAR	114
LISTER	AMY QUENNEVILLE	1 YR OF 3 YR	115
AUDITOR	DEB MINER	3 YEAR	120
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	BETH RIPLEY	1 YEAR	118
FIRST CONSTABLE	JEFF McDONOUGH	1 YEAR	113
SECOND CONSTABLE	MIKE RAKOWITZ	1 YEAR	113
GRAND JUROR	JEFF McDONOUGH	1 YEAR	113
TOWN AGENT	JEFF McDONOUGH	1 YEAR	111

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**ADDISON COUNTY COURT DIVERSION**

ACCCDCJP 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**

Addison County Home Health & Hospice is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. We provide an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own home – where they are most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Our services are offered to all individuals in need of home care – including those who do not have the financial means to pay for their care. To ensure the future of these vital programs, we turn to our community for support.

From a pre-mature baby and mom just coming home, to people facing the end of their lives, Addison County Home Health & Hospice is here to help. 365 days a year, our caregivers help people get up in the morning, check blood pressure and other vital signs, help people get on their feet after surgery, dress wounds, make nutritious meals, support families in caring for sick relatives, and make sure people are safe at home.

Now, with drastic changes in healthcare, patients are experiencing shorter hospital stays and going home with more complex health issues than ever before. These people may require extensive care in their home such as intravenous therapy for infection or cancer treatment, or physical, occupational and speech therapy for joint replacement, injury or stroke. Many are coping with chronic illnesses such as congestive heart failure, COPD or diabetes. And some are embracing life limiting illnesses, striving to focus on the greatest quality of life until the end. In many cases these people cannot afford the additional care needed at this critical time in their lives. To be there, Addison County Home Health & Hospice depends on and greatly appreciate funds received from the Town of Leicester.

Leicester's support of ACHHH will help provide critical funding for charitable home health and hospice care services in Addison County. It makes it possible for our expert team of nurses, clinical specialists, therapists,

social workers, home health aides, and personal care attendants to provide quality compassionate care to **ALL** of our patients and their families.

Thank you for your continued support. And remember, help is just a call away; if you or a family member need support at home, please 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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### **ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

#### **Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2015**

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2015 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.

#### **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 for solar siting.
- Participated in Vermont Gas and TDI Ne England hearings before the Public Service Board.

### 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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## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2015 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 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, 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 (Board) composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3<sup>d</sup> 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-2 PM & Sat, 9 AM-1 PM

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.

### 2015 Highlights

**Bristol Joins the District.** The District welcomed the Town of Bristol as its 20th member municipality. Residents and businesses in Bristol may now take advantage of the many programs and services offered by the District. **New Solid Waste Plan Adopted.** The Board adopted a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), approved by the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). The SWIP is a strategic materials management plan that also serves as a tool for the identification of solid waste facilities in the District and offers guidance to the Board and its member towns. The District will be preparing a survey for all District residents and businesses to gather feedback on general awareness and understanding of solid waste services offered in our member towns. **Act 148.** On 7/1/15, two new deadlines from the Universal Recycling Law took effect: (1) mandatory recycling must be offered by any commercial waste hauler, with the cost of residential recycling subsidized on the bag of trash; and (2) all facilities that collect waste must now offer collection of leaf & yard residuals. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, and waste paint, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are no longer wanted. In 2015, Vermont made history by becoming the first state in the U.S. to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. Single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture their products in Vermont will be required to plan, implement and manage a statewide battery collection program by 1/1/16. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,017 tons of

single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance - and by State law as of 7/1/15 - to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2015, all member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. As a reminder, Vermont municipalities are required by Act 148 to provide a recycling bin next to any trash bin in all publicly accessed spaces as of 7/1/15. **Illegal Dumping/Burning.** 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 23 illegal dumping/ burning complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's favorite litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 20 tons of roadside trash, 11.37 tons of tires, 4 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 29 E-Waste items, 10 appliances, and other abandoned hazardous wastes for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,880.

### **2016 Budget**

The District's 2016 Annual Budget is \$2,818,754, a 7.45% increase over the 2015 Annual Budget. The District Board proposes no rate changes for 2016. The Transfer Station tip fee will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2016.** For a copy of the full 2015 Annual Report, please call us, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

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## **ACTR**

Thank you for the Town of Leicester's generous support last year. **During the past four years, your support helped us provide an average of 1,439 free trips for Leicester residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. ACTR's Dial-a-Ride and Shuttle Bus systems provided a total of 171,005 rides for the year. In August we marked an important milestone - our 2,000,000<sup>th</sup> ride provided since ACTR's founding in 1992! All of ACTR's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

**Dial-A-Ride System** – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Leicester, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment.**

**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Leicester residents can also use the park-and-ride lot at the Town Offices on Leicester-Whiting Road to access bus services south to Brandon and Rutland; north to Salisbury, Middlebury, New Haven, Bristol, Vergennes, Hinesburg and Burlington; or east to East Middlebury, Ripton and the Snow Bowl.**

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. ACTR's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.

Our website: [www.actr-vt.org](http://www.actr-vt.org)

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## **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the New Hampshire and Vermont communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters. These services help 1000s of Vermonters each year, and would not be possible without the help of generous donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year.

In this past year, the American Red Cross provided the following services throughout the two states:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **354** local disasters, helping over **1,000** people.
- We installed **over 500** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- **283** Nurse Assistants and **26** Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.
- We held **510** blood drives and collected **120,000** units of blood.
- We connected **317** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

- We currently have over **1,330** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

The American Red Cross provides all its emergency relief services **free** with no support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like Leicester for funding. It is for this reason that the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$500**.

As you know, disaster can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in Leicester and its surrounding areas to help. Including any incorporated towns, villages and census designated areas, Leicester is the home to 1,100 Vermonters. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that these citizens receive the support they need when confronted by disaster.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Specialist

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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. Approximately 50% of the Library's income is derived from the Town of Brandon. *At the 2016 Town Meeting, Brandon voters will be asked to approve an appropriation for the Library; these funds were previously within the Town of Brandon budget. The Library appropriation is level-funded from 2014.*

The Library's other sources of income include several annual fundraisers, financial and book donations from the non-profit Friends of the Brandon Free Public Library, annual campaign, apartment rents, line items from the town budgets of Leicester and Sudbury, and distribution from endowment (which is invested wisely and provides much needed income for the operating budget).

The Library employs one part-time and two full time librarians as well as cleaning and maintenance personnel. The doors are open more than 40 hours a week and except for copy/print/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, DVD, programming, magazines, daily newspapers, audio CDs, interlibrary loan service, Friday film series, and Brandon Sits, a mindful meditation on Wednesdays 12:30 to 1:30.

#### Children's Services

- 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 'Magic the Gathering' drop-in gaming began on Wednesdays after school.

#### 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, Italian Conversation Group, Farmer's Market, Republican and Democratic caucuses, 4-H Club, 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. 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 assist patrons and offer tech help.

- The Brandon Library pays membership fees in order for patrons to access the Vermont Online Library - an electronic database, Listen-Up Vermont - downloadable audio and ebooks, and Universal Class - non-credit Continuing Education classes at no additional expense.
- Print, Copy and Fax machine for public use
- Personalized computer help: free one hour sessions by appointment
- The building has wireless internet capability.

Non-traditional Services

- The Seed Library offers free seeds, education and 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.

Elderly Services

- Extensive "Large Print" book selection
- Home delivery for members of the community who can't get out – this is a personalized service.
- Various free and accessible programs

Funds from the town of Brandon, Sudbury, Leicester 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. It will be important for Brandon voters to "Check Yes for the Library" at Town Meeting. 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, Stacey Doucette, Nancy Rowe, Janet Smith, Charles (Trip) Willis III

**BLSG INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT**

**District Chairman’s Report BLSG - Year 2015** The board of the BLSG Insect Control District thanks citizens of our district for their continuing strong support this past year. Our mission is to reduce the levels of mosquitoes for better quality of life and improved health of our citizens. Our main goal is to provide leadership, information and education in our effort to minimize the impacts of mosquitoes on our citizens with as little environmental impact as possible. Joint multi-town efforts are more economical and efficient and require communication and cooperation with property owners, residents and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture in our effort to reduce and control mosquito populations.

The BLSG employs an integrated mosquito management protocol. IMM is a comprehensive mosquito prevention/control strategy that utilizes all available mosquito control methods singly or in combination to exploit the known vulnerabilities of mosquitoes in order to reduce the numbers to tolerable levels while maintaining a quality environment. Integrated mosquito management methods are specifically tailored to safely counter each stage of the mosquito life cycle.

Prudent mosquito management practices for the control of immature mosquitoes (larvae and pupae) include such methods as the use of biological controls, source reduction as well as the use of EPA registered larvicides. When source elimination or larval control measures are not feasible or are clearly inadequate, or when faced with imminent mosquito-borne diseases, application of EPA registered adulticides by applicators trained in the special handling characteristics on these products may be needed. Adulticide products are chosen based upon their demonstrated efficacy against species targeted for control, resistant management concerns and minimization of potential environmental impact. Full implementation of modern-day IMM entails significant expenditure of resources that may be beyond the capabilities of the BLSG insect control program due to significant budget restraints.

Due to restrictions in larval dip counts and acreage limitations prior to aerial treatments imposed by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture we have not been as effective this past year as we would like to have been. We had an early hatch in May/June which required extensive adulticide treatments. For the 2016 season, our staff is evaluating the efficiency of new application techniques including, use of an amphibious vehicle (an Argo) which we hope to acquire through a grant.

For the latest information, please visit our web-site: [blsgmosquito.wordpress.com](http://blsgmosquito.wordpress.com) Phone (802) 247-6779.

## CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING

For more than 40 years, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging has been the leader in promoting independence, dignity, and choice for all seniors. Thanks to ongoing support from Vermont towns in which CVAA provides services, CVAA has been able to provide information, support, and advocacy to seniors and caregivers across four counties. The non-profit organization empowers seniors and their caregivers to use their voices, find solutions, and obtain services that help them lead the lives they choose.

### Meals On Wheels

For many seniors, Meals on Wheels is literally the difference between remaining in their own homes and needing to relocate to a nursing facility. The nutritious meal, friendly visit, and safety check help seniors cope with the largest threats of aging: hunger, isolation, and loss of independence. When seniors have the right support they gain greater quality of life, need fewer hospital stays and live longer. CVAA conducts more than 245,000 visits through Meals on Wheels each year.

### Fitness & Wellness

Physical activity and healthy diets prevent many chronic diseases and helps seniors with a chronic disease or condition manage their health. CVAA's programs keep more than 6,000 seniors each year active and engaged socially, which supports physical, intellectual, and emotional wellbeing. Seniors in Vermont towns increase their strength and reduce their risk of illness and injury by participating in CVAA's programs, including Tai Chi for Arthritis, yoga, strength training, line dancing, balance classes, walking clubs, and other fitness programs for seniors of all abilities. More than 2,500 seniors engage in social and physical activities through CVAA programs each year.

### Nutrition Counseling

Seniors are often released from medical care without any follow-up or oversight. CVAA's registered dietitians guide the diets of seniors, ensuring they are in accordance with doctor's recommendations and healthy living standards. With the right diet and knowledge of healthy eating practices, seniors can remain healthy and independent. CVAA's nutrition program supported more than 5,000 seniors last year.

### Case Management

CVAA empowers seniors to live independently at home. CVAA Case Management offers professional assistance to help more than 2,000 seniors each year access the services they need in order to remain as independent as possible. Case Managers are experts in all programs, services, and benefits available to seniors in Vermont. Case managers provide seniors, family members, and caregivers with information about programs and services available, and they provide guidance that empowers individuals to make important decisions and take decisive action.

### Senior HelpLine

CVAA's Senior HelpLine is a toll-free, confidential service providing information, referrals, and assistance on community and statewide programs for seniors. Seniors and their caregivers are often overwhelmed by choices and responsibilities, and the HelpLine staff provides reassurances, guidance, support, and empathy from real people, and helps seniors find solutions to any situation. The HelpLine can be reached at 1-800-642-5119.

T 802 865 0360 F 802 865 0363 www.cvaa.org  
76 Pearl Street Suite 201 Essex Junction VT 05452

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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 2016 is **\$1,050**. This is the same amount that was requested and approved for the last nine years.

During our fiscal year 2015, the **Counseling Service provided 21,139 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**

*The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elderly Services  
112 Exchange Street, PO Box 581, Middlebury, Vermont 05753*

*Leicester Town Report 2016*

*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,
- 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 199 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 2 of whom were residents of Leicester. Leicester residents received a total of 1,406 hours of care, 551 hot meals, and approximately 428 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$21,645 for direct services to Leicester residents. In addition, Leicester seniors were students at our ESI College Lifelong Learning Center, and 4 Leicester family caregivers received respite, staff support and peace of mind.

In 2015, Project Independence Adult Day Center provided a total of 18,491 individual *days* of care. The number of individual *hours* of care totaled 108,173. On any given weekday Project Independence served an average of 60 participants, with between 125 and 135 participants served each week. The 18,491 days of care provided included 34,961 individual hot meals home-made by our cooks and approximately 36,982 door-to-door rides with Project Independence drivers, who know each participant and their special needs.

Approximately 41% of all participants received Medicaid funding (Medicaid Waiver, Medicaid Day Health, and Mental Health funding), 23% were private pay, 12% received Veterans Administration funding and 18% received Moderate Needs funding.

Elderly Services' sources of revenue include the Vermont Department of Aging (1%), after-scholarship client fees (12%), Medicaid programs (41%), fundraising and town meeting grants (19%), United Way (1%), Veterans Administration (6%), 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%).

2015 Annual Budget: \$2,224,500. 2015 Revenue Sources and Percent:12% Private Pay Fees, 1% Vermont Department of Aging, 41% Medicaid Programs, 15% Moderate Needs, 19% Fundraising and Town Grants, 1% United Way, 6% Veterans Administration, 3% Adult Care Food Program, 2% Other

Elderly Services Board of Directors:

Margaret Keith, Middlebury	Susan Montgomery, Cornwall	Peter Lebenbaum, Middlebury
Sonja Olson, Middlebury	Ed McGuire, New Haven	Donald Peddie, Vergennes
Maynard McLaughlin, Shoreham	Kathleen Starr, Weybridge	

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
Vermont Association of Adult Day Services	Addison County Chamber of Commerce
Addison County United Way	

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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)

**Town report information for Green Up Day, May 2, 2015**

Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

**Mark your calendar!**  
**May 7, 2016 Green Up Day,**  
**46 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.**

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**FOXCROFT FARM HARVEST PROGRAM**

Located at Foxcroft Farm in Leicester and serving both Addison and Rutland Counties, the Harvest Program utilizes the farm's agricultural resources to support the educational and personal development needs of its participating youth, as well as a diverse range of local community projects and needs. At Harvest, we sow the seeds of opportunity that help youth grow their strengths and interests, reap their best efforts *and share what they produce with their community*. Our practice is natural, meaningful and effective.

- Harvest's "**Growing to Know**" Project provides hands-on educational enrichment opportunities for **PreK -6th grade students** through special project-based sessions and field trips during the school day and after school.
- "**Growing Roots**" provides intensive support for personal development for **middle school students** during their school day to help them to grow a sense of purpose, increase self esteem and improve social skills. Activities allow them to build on their strengths, engage in meaningful learning and take a positive role in their

community.

- **"Growing to Volunteer"** provides after school and summer sessions for **middle school students** to remain connected with the farm and to help to make their community a better place.
- **"Growing to Work"** provides work readiness and job skill training to **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students** after school and in the summer. The goal is to develop and improve work skills that are critical to success in the workforce. Students help to support the farm needs and service activities, while also working as mentors for younger students.

We are currently serving 56 students at Harvest. Our Roots Project is serving 7 middle school students during half of their school day to support their educational objectives. During after school hours Harvest is serving 15 middle school students in our Growing to Volunteer Project on Mondays and Tuesdays, 27 5th/6th graders in our Growing to Know Project on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 7 high school students daily in our Growing to Work Project. Some attend daily, some several days a week and others one day each week. *All attend because they choose to, all are engaged in learning and contributing to their community.* Our Harvest students are learning to contribute to their community as they grow. 97% of our operating budget is program expense, supporting direct services to youth; 18% is given back into our local communities through product and service, much of it to help senior citizens.

Currently 20% of our operating budget is supported through school funding, as we are once again serving students during the school day. About 3% of our budget is supported through Leicester appropriations. On average, about 27% of our services support Leicester youth and their community. To learn more: please call, visit our Facebook page, our website ([www.vtharvest.org](http://www.vtharvest.org)), or stop in to visit and see first-hand what your investment will help to support.

*We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.*

Sincerely, Anne Young, Executive Director

Board of Directors: Peter Lebenbaum, Shirley Markland, Charlie Tatro, Addie Gladding, Catherine Raishart, Jill Blanchard, William Moore

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### HOPE (ACCAG)

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more, and we work to assist people in accessing information and developing new in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives.

During the twelve month period ended September 30, 2015, HOPE provided assistance to 156 Leicester residents. Many of these households were served multiple times with large amounts of funds. 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

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### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Statistics for the Town of Leicester: 2015

Hospice Volunteer Services provided the following hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to the residents of the town of Leicester during the past year, at no cost to individuals:

Provided 3 hospice or palliative patient(s) with volunteer(s)  
Invited 2 families to the annual Service of Remembrance  
Provide 2 people with bereavement support [Total sessions: 2, Total hours of grief support: 3]

Facilitated Living with Loss discussions with 127 high school students as part of health class curriculums

Leicester residents who are active hospice volunteers:

Leicester residents currently on the HVS Board of Directors: 0

We currently manage a force of 225 trained volunteers for patient care, vigil sitting, bereavement support and Wellspring singers

In addition, hundreds of residents of Addison County, including many from Vergennes, participated in the following free public education and inservice events and grief support groups:

- ***Living with Loss Series***
- ***Photos and Memories***
- ***Wisdom People Would Like to Share***
- ***Alive Inside, a film and discussion***
- ***Please Be Mine, Health Care Agent, that is***
- ***Unexpected Journeys: Life, Illness and Loss, A Caregiver Celebration***
- ***Volunteer Vigil Sitting, an inservice presentation***
- ***Book Ends, a literary discussion***
- ***HVS Volunteer Training***
- ***Annual Candle Lighting and Service of Remembrance***
- ***Living With Loss and the Holidays***

We facilitate several grief support groups, available to all Addison County residents:

- **Monthly Phoenix Gathering for Widowed Persons**
- **Monthly Adult Grief Support Group**
- **9 Session Spring Support Group**
- **9 Session Summer Support Group**
- **Volunteer & Caregiver Grief Support**
- **9 Session Fall Support Group**
- **Living with Loss Series**
- **One-on-One Bereavement Support**
- **Staff and Workplace Support**
- **2 Sessions Holiday Grief Support Group**

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)

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### **JOHN W. GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER**

In 2015, with generous help from Addison County municipalities the John Graham Shelter: provided more than 15,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope at five sites 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)

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**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. In 2015 we increased the hours of suction harvesting and arsenal by 1 vessel. We used one application of a bottom barrier. In spite of this effort, milfoil continues expanding. Surveys were completed as a process step toward submitting a permit application for use of herbicide over the next 5 years.

**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 2015 were \$247,683. These costs were met as follows:

LDFLA In-Kind Personnel & Services	\$ 47,634
State Grant	\$ 55,960
Town Support - Leicester	\$ 19,000
Town Support - Salisbury	\$ 19,000
LDFLA Cash Support	<u>\$ 106,089</u>
	\$ 247,683

In the face of volatile State Grant support, the Association has successfully reached the Capital Campaign goal to generate an endowment to pay a portion of the budget beginning in 2018. The contributions by the towns still represents > 19% of the revenues used to support operations. Without this we'd certainly rapidly lose control and see degradation in water quality, recreational value, and finally property value.

Respectfully submitted: James Paison, President

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**MAPLE LEAF FARM**

As you know, Maple Leaf Treatment Center serves people from the entire state. For nearly 60 years, MLTC has been helping men and women from all over the country find and maintain recovery from alcohol and drug addiction, with over 30,000 people going through our program since we began as a small volunteer organization in an old farmhouse and barn. We will serve about 820 people this year. They are an increasingly complex group with many more opiate addicts, co-occurring mental health diagnoses and high levels of trauma. Many have lost everything as a result of addiction or are in danger of doing so.

Faced with a changing population of people coming to us for help, we have worked very hard for over a year to change our program in response. We are now providing individualized services grounded in current research into addiction medicine and programming that offer each person evidence based practices that have the greatest likelihood of success. It has been a challenging but gratifying process and the people we serve are the beneficiaries.

We strive to serve everyone, regardless of financial resources, providing patients with medications and services that can make a real difference to our clients. For 2016, we respectfully request a donation of \$625 to help us continue to help those in need.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely, Catherine Iacuzzi, Executive Director & CEO

10 Maple Leaf Road, Underhill, VT 05489, 802.899.2911 (p), 802-899.2327 (f), [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.

**2015** has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont:

- ✓ **142** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ✓ **179** people received pre-purchase coaching and **75** people went on to purchase a home.
- ✓ **27** families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling **\$389,143**.
- ✓ **19** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ✓ **32** people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ✓ **68** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ✓ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for
  - **470** households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,
  - **95** families to make energy improvements worth \$780,867, and
  - **50** families were loaned **\$559,391** which enabled them to complete improvements
- ✓ **4** homes have been purchased to demolish or rehab in our revitalization Northwest Neighborhood of Rutland City.

*These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, [nwwvt.org](http://nwwvt.org).*

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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## 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 Envirothon 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 nonpoint source reduction. OCNRCD hosts three Skidder Bridges for forest owners to use as stream crossings during logging operations. Our ever 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.

In 2016 the District will be looking to continue to support rain garden installation. Rain gardens will recharge groundwater and reduce stormwater surges in streams and rivers following storm events. They are planted with a variety of flowering shrubs, bulbs, and perennials. Visit them in the spring, note how this method of landscaping differs from the traditional and read the informational sign. It is landscaping that has measurable water quality benefits. See the Rain Garden at Marbleworks and at St. Stephen's Church on the Green in Middlebury installed in 2006 with renovations begun in 2013; the Robbins' residence installed in 2008, and 8 installed in 2009 in Middlebury, Bristol, Ripton and Starksboro. Cornwall and Bridport School have installed rain gardens with the support of OCNRCD and United Ways Days of Caring.

Annually 250 Addison County students participate in this conservation education event.

Two Leicester landowners received soil samples in support of a Nutrient Management Plan in 2015.

The Otter Creek District created a scholarship to remember Middlebury resident and District Pond Consultant, Robert C. Collins. This scholarship is awarded to high school students continuing their education in agriculture or conservation of the working landscape.

Envirothon is an opportunity for high school students to test their knowledge of conservation issues and compete in Vermont and nationally. This year a team from Addison County participated in this event.

Meetings are the second Tuesday at the Farm Service Center meeting room on Exchange Street in Middlebury.

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### **OPEN DOOR CLINIC**

The Open Door Clinic requests an allocation of \$300.00 from the Town of Leicester for the fiscal year 2016-2017. This Annual Report is provided for inclusion in the Town Warning for the year 2016. The allocation will be used to pay part of the cost for providing free health care to low-income, uninsured and under-insured town residents. We are very grateful for the help you have given us to date.

**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.

**2015 Annual Report:** Between January 1 and December 31, 2015, the Open Door Clinic provided services to 769 distinct patients, including 355 new patients. We served 4 Leicester residents through 7 interactions, including 2 medical visits, one outreach visit and 3 Vermont Health Connect consults and services through our certified navigator.

As a free clinic, we cannot charge for any of our services and rely solely on the expertise and efforts of over 143 volunteers to care for our patients. Our volunteers include our medical director, new dental 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 more than 256 individuals learn about insurance plans, and enroll in Vermont Health Connect since the beginning of this year. 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 seven years, and to date, we have established relationships with over 40 local farms and 8 orchards where we provide health information and free flu clinics on an annual basis. \*\* We are very excited to report that we have started a free dental care program for our patients with the help of six local dentists who have thus far seen 12 of our patients! \*\*

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

Heidi R. Sulis, MPH, Executive Director

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### **RSVP**

Brief Description of RSVP: RSVP is a volunteer management program which offers individuals the opportunity to share their experience, skills, and time by volunteering for local non-profit organizations. RSVP considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Addison County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health and education.

RSVP also oversees several signature programs that benefit local residents. These include free Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention classes offered twice per week at 23 different locations in Addison County; the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program which places volunteers in our schools; the Warm Hearts/Warm Hands initiative which distributes clothing items to local schools, hospitals, nursing homes, social service agencies; the RSVP Tax Program which provides free income tax return preparation services to low income residents; and Days of Caring an event which mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to support local needs. **These programs strengthen communities through service and volunteering, and allow Addison County residents to stay healthy, engaged, and financially stable.**

Services Provided to Leicester Residents:

In FY'15, Leicester residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as our free income tax return preparation services, and our free osteoporosis prevention classes. Overall, 259 Addison County residents benefited from attending the free Bone Builders strength training and osteoporosis prevention classes and 589 community members took advantage of the free income tax preparation services provided by RSVP Tax Advisers. During Days of Caring, 807 Addison County volunteers mobilized to support local needs. Several projects were accomplished at the Leicester School.

In addition, any Leicester resident who received assistance from a local service organization benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. Examples include community members at risk of hunger who received free nutritious meals at meal sites where our members volunteer, or residents who received free transportation services from volunteers who drive for Meals on Wheels and ACTR. Addison County residents also donated thousands of hours to support the community. Through RSVP, Leicester residents volunteered 275 hours to support the community. In total, 650 RSVP members volunteered 91,636 hours to 120 local social service agencies, libraries, schools, town offices and other non-profits. These volunteer contributions equaled \$2,007,744 in donated labor to our community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. As financial constraints affect non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP will continue to respond to this need.

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, Lynn Bosworth 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 Children and Families through Supportive, Positive Educational Experiences that enhance their Success in our Community". RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

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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 GET 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.vtadulthoodlearning.org](http://www.vtadulthoodlearning.org)

## 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.

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

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

During FY '15, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)

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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## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

For Addison County

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

Supported healthy communities: The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes was awarded \$45,000 in order to decrease use of tobacco in Addison County.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Addison County, 1128 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Starting in May 2016, Addison County families served by WIC will be able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice and flexibility (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 114 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$832,734.85 of which was in spent in Addison County.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: Since July 2013, funding of \$50,652 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Porter Medical Center. In addition, in 2014 and 2015, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Rutland and Addison County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. We are always looking for more Medical Reserve Corps and EMS volunteers. Please visit [www.OnCallforVT.org](http://www.OnCallforVT.org) to learn more about both volunteer opportunities.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov).  
Join us on [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VDHMIDDLEBURY](https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury) and follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](http://www.twitter.com/healthvermont).

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## WOMENSAFE

### Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Executive Director

This past year **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following services:

- Over 4,311 in-person meetings and phone calls to 525 women, children and men who reached out for services.
- 297 supervised visits and monitored exchanges through The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe.
- WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Program funded through the Department Of Justice's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has helped 34 families find and maintain secure, stable housing.
- The Training & Education Program reached 1,282 adults and youth through 108 presentations, trainings and Community Outreach events that covered healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, teen dating violence, and consent.
- Eighty-five community volunteers contributed more than 8,160 hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24-hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support.
- WomenSafe's Rural Grant through VAWA was refunded for another 3 years and funds positions at the Addison County State's Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Domestic Violence to Responsible Choices, Community Associates and WomenSafe.
- WomenSafe assisted Middlebury College in their response to sexual violence by training their on-campus volunteer advocates (MidSafe).

**Leicester:** WomenSafe provided direct services to at least **7** people including the parents of at least **6** children exposed to domestic violence.

#### Contact Information:

Advocacy services are Free and Confidential.

**24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205 or 800-388-4205**

**The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe: 802-388-6783**

Business: 802-388-9180 Fax: 802-388-3438

E-mail: [info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net)

Web: [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)

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## FRONT PORCH FORUM

### Neighbors are talking on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. One-third of Vermont households participate with thousands more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors in need, organize local projects, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, share crime reports, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont.

Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

## NOTES