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TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

The rules that govern Town Meeting are designed to transact the public business efficiently while giving everyone the opportunity to speak his or her mind. *Robert's Rules* are the foundation, but even they are modified by State Statute, tradition, and the standing rules adopted by previous Town Meetings. Perhaps even more important is the informal rule that through it all we retain our sense of humor and civility, for the person you attack tonight you will inevitably meet in the grocery store tomorrow!

Like the Australian Ballot, you must be a registered voter of Brandon to fully participate in Town Meeting. While everyone who is interested is invited to observe the meeting, only registered voters may speak without special permission; only voters may actually vote on any question. The job of the Moderator is to keep the discussion focused and to help the people operate within the rules. If you are not quite sure how to make a motion, just ask and the Moderator will guide you through the process. From time to time, the Moderator may have to rule on other issues - most of which relate to the question of germaneness.

Remember the acid test for any motion: Could someone not here have expected that the motion would be offered? If the answer is clearly "yes," it's probably germane, and if not, you may have a problem. If you make sure that your remarks or motions do not unreasonably stray from the subject, purpose, or funding method of the original warning, you should be well within the rules.

Three final points to remember:

1. To maintain order, all comments, questions, and rebuttals must be addressed to the chair - even when the urge to respond directly to the previous speaker is close to overwhelming.
2. Our standing practice is to allow a follow-up to every question, to give the original questioner a chance to clarify or comment on the response.
3. Even moderators can be overruled. If you think that a bad ruling has been made, make a point of order and the full assembly will decide on the question.

COVER: Watching a band concert perform in the Brandon bandstand makes for a perfect summer evening activity. The brilliant flowers in Central Park and other town parks are planted and maintained by the Brandon-Forestdale Lions Club. Photo credit: Bernie Carr, Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce.

**TOWN OF BRANDON
WARNING FOR EVENING MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Brandon, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Neshobe Elementary School at 17 Neshobe Circle on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to transact the following business:

1. Take appropriate action on the reports of officers as they appear in the Town Report.
2. To hear a presentation by the Select Board of its recommended budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. This budget and appropriations will be voted by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2015 at the Neshobe School located at 17 Neshobe Circle.
3. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will authorize the Select Board to spend unbudgeted, unanticipated income received by the Town so long as the expenditure of such funds will not create a deficit?
4. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the buildings and property belonging to the Brandon Senior Citizens Center, Inc located at 1591 Forest Dale Road (parcel ID 0083-1591) from education property tax for a period of five(5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 5404A?
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the buildings and property belonging to the Brandon Senior Citizens Center, Inc located at 1591 Forest Dale Road (parcel ID 0083-1591) from municipal property tax for a period of five(5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 3840?
6. To transact any other business proper to be done when met.

**TOWN OF BRANDON
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
FOR MARCH 3, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Brandon, Vermont are further notified and warned to meet at the Neshobe Elementary School at 17 Neshobe Circle on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year:
 - ModeratorOne for one-year term
 - Selectman.....One for three-year term
 - Selectman.....One for two-year term (remainder of three-year term)
 - Selectman.....Two for one-year term
 - Trustee of Public Funds..... One for three-year term
 - Town Agent..... One for one-year term
 - Town Grand Juror..... One for one-year term
 - Library Trustee..... One for two-year term
2. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate the sum of Two Million, Nine Hundred and Six Thousand, Seventy Five Dollars (\$2,906,075) for the FY 2015-2016 budget year, of which the sum of Two Million, Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy Dollars(\$2,435,370) is to be raised by property taxes
3. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$20,735 for the Brandon Area Rescue Squad?
4. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$1,000 for the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce?
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$10,200 for the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice?
6. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$10,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Brandon?

7. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$6,624 for Rutland Mental Health Services?
8. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$2,500 for the Stephen A. Douglas Community Center, Inc?
9. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$15,000 for Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program?
10. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$13,500 for Brandon Senior Citizens Center, Inc?
11. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$85,500 for the Brandon Free Public Library?
12. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$6,000 for the Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee?
13. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$3,500 for ARC-Rutland Area, serving citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities?
14. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$68,550 for the overflow culvert project which has a \$205,650 grant match?
15. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$24,545 for the Marble St overlay project?
16. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$18,295 for the Champlain St. overlay project?
17. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$20,000 for the sidewalk repair project?

Select Board, Signed and Certified January 26, 2015

S/ David Atherton
S/ Devon Fuller
S/ Douglas Bailey
S/ Ethan Swift
S/ Seth Hopkins

Adopted and approved at a duly warned meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brandon called, noticed and held on January 26, 2015. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Brandon on January 27, 2015.

TOWN OF BRANDON DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SELECT BOARD REPORT

2014 was off to a slow start for the Select Board as we went through five budget votes before we could move on. The approved budget amount was significantly less than the proposed and it was a bit of a learning curve for all to make it work in conducting the day to day activities.

The year however did start off with a positive joint effort between the Brandon Fire District #1 and the Town in the completion of the downtown waterline. As large as this project was it went rather smooth and definitely prepared us for the Segment 6/Route 7 project.

The most exciting news this year is that we were able to obtain a \$500,000.00 grant to rehabilitate 49 Center Street and the Town Office will be able to occupy it once again. We couldn't have done it without the help of a few very dedicated volunteers. The bidding package is currently being drafted and we hope to see this project completed by the end of summer.

The Select Board unfortunately had two of its members step down during the year, but we were able to rebuild quickly and welcome Doug Bailey and Seth Hopkins to the Board to finish out the year. Thanks to Blaine Cliver and Maria Ammatuna for their vast contributions to the Board and the Town.

In preparation for the 2015/2016 budget the Board decided to bring back the Budget Committee and work side by side with them in coming up with a budget that would be fiscally responsible. There were several budget meetings (all open to the public) at the Town Hall to discuss the budget line by line with each department and address the needs, wants and reality of what we could do to draft a proper budget. This process was productive and at the end we all felt that we could present a good budget that would address our needs for the upcoming year.

The Select Board would like to thank our new Town Clerk Sue Gage, and the town office staff for all of the hard work they put in this year. Also to all of the volunteers and committees that make the Town of Brandon a vibrant and enjoyable place to live.

Respectfully Brandon Select Board

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

It's hard to believe that a year has passed by since I wrote my first report. The saying is true...time flies by when you are having fun! I can honestly say not everything has been fun this past year but there have been many rewarding experiences for me personally as Brandon has and continues to move forwardand that is fun! I hope everyone can appreciate what an exciting time it is for the Town of Brandon.

This past year we have seen some changes with the staff as well as on the Select Board. We welcome Doug Bailey and Seth Hopkins to the Select Board as they replaced dedicated Board members Blaine Cliver and Maria Ammatuna. During these challenging budget times filling vacant positions has been difficult but with some reorganizing we will continue to address the needs of the community as best we can and within our resources.

One of the biggest accomplishments of this past year was the successful completion of the waterline project (a.k.a. Phase 1 of Segment 6). While no construction project goes 100% according to plan, overall this project went very well especially considering all the entities involved. From the State, three different engineering firms, Brandon Fire District No. 1, the contractor, several private property owners, and, of course, the Town. This project served as a preview for the much larger Segment 6 project. There was a concerted effort to minimize the impact on business and residents as much as possible. I want to give a special thanks to Bernie Carr, in his role as Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, to represent the business community during this construction project and to assist in the communication efforts to keep all informed.

The Town received notice late in the fall that the HMGP application of the overflow culvert had been approved for Phase 1 of the project which is for engineering and design. Efforts are underway now to get this project caught up to the Segment 6 project so they may be completed at the same time. The culvert along with the plans for the Route 7 work intersect at a difficult location making the coordinated design more complicated and even more critical that they are

completed together. The Town received a grant for 75% of the cost for this project. Article 14 on the 2015 Town Meeting Warning asks for your support to get this project funded.

The Town launched a new website last spring. The Town received a grant for the design work and for training on maintaining the site. Our hope is that users find the site to be more informative and up-to-date than the previous site. If anyone has pictures of Brandon they think might make the home page more welcoming, please do not hesitate to forward them to me!

The Town Office staff has undertaken the large task of collecting delinquent taxes and sewer fees this year. Going forward, the Town will be doing this process annually to stay on top of the issue so no one gets too far behind. In December, we received news that the Town was awarded a CDBG-DR grant in the amount of \$500,000! This money will be used to renovate the Town Office. If all goes according to plan, the Town staff will be moving back into 49 Center St. in early summer. I want to thank all who have been involved in this effort and who will continue to work towards the goal of renovating this building. I am sure the end result will be a Town Office we all can be proud of and the completion of this project will create a more welcoming presentation to our downtown.

The Town engaged the services of A&E Engineering this year to help complete the remaining outstanding FEMA projects we had as a result of Irene. The most noticeable of these projects will be the work to be completed on Briggs Lane and Green Park. Green Park is still waiting for design approval from FEMA and once received we will begin work and hope to have the park re-opened by the beginning of the summer. Briggs lane is about to go out for bids for the work to be completed this spring.

The FY 15-16 Budget has undergone much scrutiny from staff, Select Board and the Budget Committee. Many public meetings were held and as a result input was also gathered from the citizens in attendance and well as those who reached out to those involved in the process. The result is a 2% increase in the overall effect on taxes or approximately 1 ½ cent for the Town Budget on the tax rate. I hope you will support this budget and the appropriations for the projects that are on the ballot for your consideration. The projects being proposed are for paving on Marble and Champlain Streets, sidewalk repairs, and the overflow culvert. All of these projects are important and much needed.

Lastly, I want to thank the Town staff for all their hard work and dedication, the Select Board for stepping up to the challenge of moving Brandon forward and the numerous volunteers who dedicate endless hours to our community. Without us all working together as a community, we could not have achieved all that we have and all that we continue to achieve in the future.

Respectfully Submitted, Robin M. Bennett, Town Manager

BRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Brandon Police Department is committed to serving the communities of Brandon and Forest Dale and has provided 24 hour / seven day a week coverage for the last seven years. This has been significant for us in Brandon as we have been able to provide true 24/7 hour protection to our citizens and business community. We realized the significance of that protection when we began to see significant crime rate reductions.

Over the last several years we have maximized any and all grant funding opportunities to lessen the burden of equipment and salary costs to the greatest extent possible. Since 2009 the department has secured over \$330,316 in grants for equipment and personnel. We have brought technology up to date that allows us to communicate more efficiently and maximizes officer time on the road. This past year alone we received a radio grant which replaced all radio equipment in each cruiser as well as a repeater which allows us to communicate with dispatch based upon our distance from Rutland. This equipment replaced non-functioning out dated essential equipment at no increase to our taxpayers.

All officers who work for the Brandon Police Department live in our town giving each officer a stake in the quality of life we pursue for our town. It allows for officers and community members to get to know each other personally. Our School Resource Officer also continues that relationship with the Otter Valley Community during the school year and after school activities.

This past year has been difficult to manage given the reduction to our budget which effectively removed an officer from our staff. The result of this change to our staffing prohibits us from providing the coverage we have been accustomed to for the past seven years. This change will also significantly impact our response times to calls for service and emergencies. While we are discouraged by this change in our ability to provide the services we feel are necessary to our community, we will continue to provide the best possible coverage we can given our resources.

As of December of 2014 the Brandon Police Department has handled 4,329 calls for service. The department issued 701 warning violations, 422 traffic violation tickets, 8 civil violations for minors in possession of or procuring alcohol, 13 civil tickets for possession of marijuana/hashish - over 21 years old, and 6 civil tickets for possession of marijuana / hashish – under 21 years old. The Brandon Police Department also collects race data information on traffic tickets and warnings to be able to report to the legislature on requirements that are found in our fair and impartial policing policy. Brandon Police made 139 arrests resulting in 239 criminal charges during this same time period. Over the course of a year, officers conducted 1,279 property watches of businesses and residential properties between the hours of midnight and 4:00 A.M. to ensure properties are secured in addition to being a visible deterrent to crime.

The Brandon Police Department welcomes input from community organizations and citizens and continues to provide public safety to all who live, work, or visit our community. We thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works has been in a period of transition this past year with budget cuts and reductions in staffing. With the Director leaving to pursue other opportunities, we were fortunate to have Peter O'Grady with nearly 40 years of public works experience step in and work with the Town on an interim basis until the beginning of this year. We will be working with a consultant in overseeing this department until a permanent replacement has been hired. With only a part-time position budgeted we did not receive the response we would have liked when we advertised the position and with the limited hours available it has been extremely difficult to get all the projects completed that we have committed to. Having said that, the Town has engaged with a consultant whose limited hours will be focused on moving these projects forward.

Public Works is committed to providing the best service we can given the resources we have available, although this is at times a struggle, we are committed to always improving our operations for the betterment of the Town. This coming year the focus will be in completing or moving forward numerous construction projects, training, and overall efficiency for both the Highway and Waste Water divisions. We have engaged the help of A&E Engineering and Municipal Public Works Consulting to help us achieve our goals.

I urge the voters to support the proposed FY 15-16 budget so we can continue to address the important infrastructure needs of the community.

Respectfully Submitted, Robin M. Bennett, Town Manager

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Zoning Administrator position is currently vacant but the Town is in the process of placing someone into the position in the near future. You may reach the Town Office at any time Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for assistance with questions you may have or to submit a permit application. We will do our best to accommodate you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the public for their patience. Please keep in mind that the Brandon Land Use Ordinance, states that no land development or construction may be undertaken within the Town of Brandon without first obtaining a land use permit.

The chart below depicts the land use permit activity for fiscal year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Applications Approved	76
DRB Conditional Use Approval	4
DRB Variance Approval	1
DRB Appeal Hearing	1
DRB Local Act 250 Review	4
Applications Denied	0
Applications Withdrawn	1
Applications not Required	3

Respectfully Submitted, Anna Scheck

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Another year and another major change in the Recreation Department as the Director position has shifted from a full time position to a 75% time position. Yet in the past year we have still experienced growth in the department offerings. Below are the numbers of unique registrants for each program (i.e Swimming Lessons were offered in three sessions that totaled 88 registrations, 55 of which were unique)

Programs

• 2013-14 Youth Wrestling	37
• 2014 Snow Bowl Ski Lessons	15
• 2014 Baseball/Softball	152
• Summer Wrestling Camp	5
• Tone-ally Awesome Music Camp	12
• Field Hockey Camp	12
• Cheerleading Camp	9
• Swimming Lessons	55
• Bitty Summer Basketball	8
• Pre-Season Football Camp	25
• Pre-Season Soccer Camp	34
• Fall Soccer	111
• Middle School Football (7-8 Grade)	28
• Flag Football (5-6 Grade)	29
• OCC Pre-Season Basketball	18
• Youth Basketball	118
• Adult Basketball	29
• OCC Mid-Season Basketball	12
• Adult Volleyball	15
• Zumba	12

New Programs (Fall, Winter, Spring)

• Youth Cross-Country Running	6
• Lego Club	13
• Jr Lego Club	8
• VT Fit Club	18
• Hola Spanish!	12
• Swing Dance	6
• Brandon Ski Club	12
• Adult Gentle Flow Yoga	18
• Winter Corn-Toss League	8
• Crossmon Crossfit Training	10
• Summer 3 on 3 League	32
• Bitty Basketball	11
• Boot Camp	9

Special Events

- 4 Bus Trips (NYC, Rockettes, Boston Celtics, Casino)
- Winter Carnival (Estabrook Fundraiser)
- Spring Fling Dance (Estabrook Fundraiser)
- Halloween Dance (Seminary Hill Fundraiser)
- 2 Vermont Lake Monsters Trips

In addition to these registered programming offerings, we also collaborated on special events :

- Independence Day Family Games (Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee)
- Rockin' with The Rec (SOAR Collaboration)
- 4 Teen Dances (Pittsford Recreation Department)
- British Soccer Camp (UK Soccer International)
- Pumpkin Carving (Boys & Girls Club)
- Safety Day (Neshobe PTO)
- (NEW) The Brandon Toy Project (Community Collaboration with Colleen Wright)

Youth Programs

Program growth has continued for youth offerings. Thanks to some coordination with folks in the towns of Leicester, Whiting and Sudbury, we have been able to get more kids from those community joining their Otter Valley future class mates and participating on Brandon Rec teams. Cross-country running, Nordic skiing and the Lego Clubs are examples of some of the new program offerings looking to engage those youth that are not wanting to participate in the big three (Baseball/Soccer/Basketball) . This spring we aim to get spring golf and lacrosse programs up and running for middle school aged kids, with an eye toward offering these programs in 2016-17 for 10-12 year olds. 2015 – 16 will see some more energy put into developing arts and STEM programming. An especially exciting development was our collaboration with Colleen Wright from the Brandon Toy Project. This community effort served over 160 kids in Brandon, Sudbury, Leicester, Whiting and Pittsford.

Adult Programs

Zumba and VT Fit Club are no longer being offered, but in their place we have added Adult Gentle Flow Yoga and, thanks to a partnership with Otter Valley and Killington Boot Camp, twice a week boot camp training is being offered at the OV North Campus gymnasium. A continuing challenge to the idea of offering adult program is finding the numbers to support paying an instructor as well as any potential rent. The Friends of the Brandon Town Hall, The Neshobe School, Otter Valley and Vermont Sports Medicine have served as no cost/low cost space options for successful adult programs.

Infrastructure

Seminary & Estabrook Parks are now under the direction of the Brandon Recreation Department. Fundraising for the upkeep and maintenance, development and creation of new events and activities are priority one. In the last year, the sign and bathrooms have been repainted at the park. The playground at Estabrook has been brought into compliance with the recommendations put forth by our insurer (The Vermont League of Cities and Towns). The park is now being maintained and used in the fall for youth soccer. This past winter the park hosted the Winter Carnival and the ice-skating rink was moved up to the field for limited ice skating. This year the rink will be enlarged and (weather permitting) the skating rink use will increase dramatically thanks to increased visibility and parking that Estabrook provides.

Seminary Park is in need of some upgrading. There are fences that need to be fixed and the playground requires some additional wood chips. The park footprint will be changing. The Southern portion of the park that is fenced in is not owned by the town. We are either to enter into an agreement with the current owner of that property to take over the property as town or put up fence to establish the property line.

The Recreation Department is unique in that we have a great relationship with the Neshobe School. Principal Judi Pulisfer provides space for adult and youth programming at no charge to the department. There is a parcel of land on the Northwest corner of the school property that is known as the Recreation Baseball diamond. This piece of property was enhanced by the efforts of the Brandon Lions Club & Naylor and Breen Builders. The town has maintained that property which consists of a field, backstop, 2 dugouts and a concrete structure that houses a pitching machine.

Recreation volunteers have donated over 1,300 hours of youth sports instruction. A partnership with Otter Valley provided an intern for Fall/Winter 2014. Collaborating with DCF, the Brandon Rec was able work with Reach-up and VT Department of Labor volunteers who helped with inventory, maintenance and office work. Local business have provided support through team sponsorship and donations of cash, goods and services. In the past year, the Recreation Department has received monetary donations from individuals who are interested in seeing our department succeed. Thank you to all who have supported programs, events and the recreation department mission. The Recreation Department phone number is (802) 247-3635-1235 and my e-mail address is bmoore@townofbrandon.com The website is: <http://townofbrandon.com/departments/recreation-department/>. Feedback is a critical component of being responsive to our town's needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas, complaints or compliments you have about our programming.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Moore, Recreation Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Since September of 2014, I have served as the town's Economic Development Officer. I work 25% time on these activities. I will be charged with implementing the economic development plan currently being drafted by the Select Board, Town Manager and an economic development consultant. The mission is to strengthen our economy by supporting current business owners, helping community members who are considering starting a business and encouraging existing businesses to move to Brandon. Our town has many resources which can be marketed, promoted and utilized. I will be working closely with the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Downtown Brandon,

the Economic Development Board, the VT District Office of the US Small Business Association, The Rutland Economic Development Corporation and local realtors to make sure that every potential lead is fully explored. The economic development webpage will be retooled so that it is easier to navigate and updated with all of the resources that are available for businesses

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any help you may need for your business or with any leads and ideas you might have for potential businesses. I can be reached at (802) 247-3635 X 213 or by email at: Bmoore@townofbrandon.com. On the web at: <http://townofbrandon.com/departments/economic-development/>

Respectfully submitted, Bill Moore, Economic Development Officer

RENTAL HOUSING AND HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Rental - First we would like to thank everyone for their patience during the vacancy of the Rental Housing Code Inspector position and for your co-operation in working with the Town to stay in compliance with the Rental Housing Code.

Just a reminder that all rentals must be inspected each time a new tenant moves into a unit. Please keep in mind that an inspection is necessary even if family members rent the unit. Copies of the Brandon Rental Housing Code can be found on the town website at www.townofbrandon.com.

Health - There have been several garbage complaints and a few dog bites in the last few months. Again we have found that there has been some positive testing for EEE and West Nile Virus. Remember the best defense against these diseases is to reduce exposure to mosquitoes when they are most active and to use repellants, ones that contain DEET are the most effective. Again, just a reminder that it is flu season. We all need to take precautions to help avoid the spread of colds and the flu virus.

If you have any questions regarding Rental or Health issues please feel free to contact Dolores Furnari or Anna Scheck at the Brandon Town Office or call 247-3635.

VITAL STATISTICS

	2014	2013	2012	2011
BIRTHS	38	35	47	39
DEATHS	38	47	42	46
CIVIL MARRIAGES	39	54	45	39

Due to the Town's liability exposure and the possible use of information fraudulently, the Vermont Department of Health has recommended against printing names in the Vital Statistics section of the Town Report. The Brandon Town Clerk's Office concurs with this policy.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Assessor's office processed 115 property transfers from April 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

Grievances hearings were held May 22, 2014 with 207 grievances heard resulting in some minor adjustments. However 2 applied for a State hearing, resulting with one lowered and the other staying at the same assessed value.

Presently there are 60 properties enrolled in Current Use (land use) program with an exemption total of \$4,905,404 with State reimbursement to the Town totaling \$33,423.

There are 30 Veterans exemptions at \$40,000 totaling \$1,192,500 with the Town picking up the education tax on \$30,000 for each of the exemptions.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessor's
NEMRC
Dolores Furnari, Administrative Asst.

PROPERTIES VOTED EXEMPTIONS

DATE VOTED	NAME	BEGINNING DATE	END DATE	VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTION	ASSMT. LESS CONTRACT
03/02/09	BARS Building & Land	03/30/14	07/01/19	567,700	-0-
03/04/10	Brandon Senior Citizens	07/01/10	06/30/15	262,700	-0-
03/30/09	Brandon Masonic Assn	03/30/14	07/01/19	310,900	-0-
07/01/02	Cable Holdco Exchange	07/01/02	Equip. Only	*663,151	*663,151
03/03/08	Stephen Douglas Birthplace	07/01/08	03/01/18	195,300	-0-
03/01/14	Rutland County Parent/Child	06/01/14	06/01/19	613,700	-0-

Properties owned by the Town of Brandon and State of Vermont are not listed above.

DOG LICENSES

TYPE	#SOLD	FEE	TOTAL
NEUTERED	406	\$4.00	\$1,624.00
UN-NEUTERED	47	\$8.00	\$ 376.00
NEUTERED AFTER 10/1	4	\$2.00	\$ 8.00
UN-NEUTERED AFTER 10/1	0		
KENNEL/SPECIAL	3	\$30.00	\$ 90.00
LATE FEES			\$ 254.00
TOTAL PAID TO TOWN			\$2,352.00

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Brandon Town Plan update was the primary focus of the Brandon Planning Commission's efforts in 2014. (The full text of the current Town Plan and associated maps are available for public review at the Town Office and on the web at: <http://www.town.brandon.vt.us/>)

With the award of a \$6125 Municipal Planning Grant, the Planning Commission began working with planning and communications consultants, and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, to launch an effective public outreach campaign. This is critical to updating specific sections as well as the overall direction of the Town Plan. A series of public meetings are being convened in order to generate a public conversation on all the functional areas of the Town Plan. The first of these public meetings, the Brandon Energy Social, was held on November 1.

In March, the PC readopted the current Town Plan in anticipation of a full update to be completed with the MPG grant (re: VLS 438.5). The Select Board readopted the current Plan as well. The improved current Town Plan features a new hazard mitigation plan and economic development updates that are now required by state statute. (Working in coordination with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, the Planning Commission has also submitted a Local Emergency Operations Plan. The RRPC also worked with the Planning Commission on a bylaw review focusing on stormwater management.)

Also this year, Brandon became one of the five participating communities in the Vermont Economic Resiliency Initiative. In conjunction with the RRPC, the Planning Commission held a preliminary VERI community forum in October, introducing the public to the goals and specific development strategies of the program. As noted during this event, action steps developed as a result of this work should be included in the Natural Resources section of our updated Town Plan.

Two well attended Planning Commission Wildlife Corridor Hearings were held in the spring, catalyzing a passionate public discussion about the proposed Wildlife Corridor Overlay District in town. While supportive of voluntary conservation measures, Hearing participants were overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal. The Planning Commission will therefore not pursue this strategy.

The Wildlife Corridor Hearings are a vivid example, however, of the serious need for public participation in the Town Plan update and the ongoing work of the Planning Commission. To this end, we make every effort – primarily via free media - to keep the public informed of our work and public events.

The Planning Commission is also always looking for grants and funding to augment our work. To that end, the PC applied for and was awarded a \$500 Tree Canopy Mini Grant from the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Urban and Community Forestry Program. This money will be used to mail meeting notices to Town residents in advance of the Natural Resources event (again contributing to the Town Plan update.)

Looking ahead, the Planning Commission expects to complete the Town Plan update and submit it to the Select Board for adoption in 2015. The Brandon Based Code, an update to the current Brandon Land Use Ordinance, will also be ready for Select Board adoption in 2015. These tools combined will delineate a broadly-supported long term vision for growth in our Town.

The Planning Commission also looks forward in the coming year to working with the Main Street group in support of greater cohesion between Town government and volunteer groups interested in working together toward shared community and economic development goals. Town-wide work sessions and other events will be a means to enhance communication and collaboration. It only makes sense to leverage resources and expertise in building Brandon's future.

The Brandon Planning Commission seeks new Commission members and alternates. We also seek greater local business and resident participation in the work of the Commission, and we welcome public input at all meetings. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 PM at the Brandon Free Library on Route 7 (at the intersection of Park Street and Route 7), unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact Brandon Planning Commission Chair Anne Bransfield at Anne.Bransfield@gmail.com

Please also visit the Brandon Planning Commission blog at <http://planningbrandon.wordpress.com/>.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Planning Commission by Anne Bransfield, Chair

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Brandon Development Review Board (DRB) is a five-member, quasi-judicial volunteer board whose members are appointed by the Brandon Select Board. Additionally, the DRB currently has one alternate member, also appointed by the Brandon Select Board. The DRB hears appeals and grants variances, conditional uses and setback waivers in accordance with the Brandon Land Use Ordinance (BLUO). The DRB is also charged with reviewing sections 6 (municipal impacts), 7 (school impacts), and 10 (compatibility with the Town Plan) of the Act 250 review process. All DRB hearings are publicly warned 15 days in advance in "The Reporter" and posted on the town bulletin boards. The DRB usually meets the fourth Wednesdays of the month, as needed. Location varies so check the town website for official hearing and meeting notices.

Development Review Board Members are: Samantha Stone, Chair; John Peterson, Vice Chair; Robert Clark; and Eric LaRock. Alternate: Kellie Martin.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

From 10/1/2013 to 9/30/2014 the Brandon Fire Department responded to 156 emergency calls. This number reflects an increase of 15 more calls for the year. Our thirty-two active members dedicated over 4,226 hours of time to the community; over 1,300 of these hours were for training and drills. These numbers reflect a significant increase over last years. In addition the members have spent many untracked hours working on fire department tasks. All of this is an indication of the dedication and commitment of the members of the Brandon Fire Department. I want to thank them all for their many hours spent serving and protecting the citizens of Brandon and other areas served by the department. Our main mission is protecting life and property. To ensure the safety of both the community and the firefighters themselves we now have formed and trained a Rapid Intervention Team. These are members who have chosen to take on additional training so that they are prepared to deal rapidly with situations where lives are in immediate peril. We have over 20 members who have trained and been accredited as Firefighter 1 and / or Firefighter 2. These are national levels of accreditation given after completion of numerous hours of training and testing. I am proud to say that we currently have three new members taking the Firefighter 1 class. They are Nick Audet, John Delgado, and Kyle Hutchins. In addition to calls and training members of the department continue to be involved in various community outreach activities. Be it proudly marching in the Brandon Independence Day parade or working with various school groups on Fire Prevention the members are out there as ambassadors to the community.

The budget this year has increased. The biggest reason is due to payroll costs. With the number of calls being up as well as training hours the budget has been significantly impacted. These are numbers that cannot be predicted in each budget cycle. We also still are encountering unforeseen costs in the area of repairs. Our apparatus and equipment as well as the station have needed significant attention recently. We are also striving to meet the requirements placed on the department by organizations like ISO and the NFPA all of which have impacted the budget. We are currently in the process of applying for grants to help with these costs. We continue to proactively fund a vehicle replacement program and a capital replacement fund. In the future these will make it easier to deal with apparatus and equipment costs. We continue to work in partnership with the Brandon Area Rescue Squad and the Brandon Police Department to make our community safer. To ensure a proper and timely response to incidents we have in place automatic mutual aid responses with neighboring departments. These responses have been essential when dealing with structure fires and with serious incidents along the Route 7 corridor. I would like to acknowledge the help and support of the Pittsford Fire Department have given not just to the Brandon Fire Department but also to the people we serve. This holds true to the Vermont tradition of neighbor helping neighbor-Something that makes us all stronger.

I want to greatly thank the Prudential Board as well as Superintendent Ray Counter. They are the ones behind the scene that make what we do possible. Without their continued help and support it would be next to 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 who's unending support make it possible for us to do the things that we do.

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

Respectfully submitted, Roman Wdowiak, Chief Engineer

FRIENDS OF THE BRANDON TOWN HALL

Thanks to the generosity of the Town, donors, sponsors, contributors, the Board of Directors and Volunteers we had another successful year with over 35 scheduled events. Having heat in the downstairs area enabled us to continue to provide the community with a place to meet year round. The Town Hall has become a true community center used by the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Brandon Select Board, Water Department., Fire Department., Chamber of Commerce, DRB, Planning Commission, our successful participation in Moonlight Madness, and many more. We were able to generate some income by renting out the downstairs for special presentations, birthday and anniversary parties, state and regional events. Our main source of income was the ticket sales for our weekly scheduled events, the very successful raffle, our Annual Campaign and the monetary assistance from the town. With these funds we have been able to maintain the usual building repairs, cleaning and restroom supplies, upgrading some of the electrical system, rebuilding and painting the side entrance shed that was in dire need of repair, paint the downstairs lobby and meeting room, provide the matching funds for two grants and finish paying off our Revolving Loan. Our main focus and most fund raising efforts for 2015 and beyond will be the much needed repairs on our 150 year old slate roof.

The Board of Directors have accrued over 3,000 volunteer hours during the 2014 year. The upstairs hall and downstairs was used for 256 days with the downstairs area used for 175 of those days. We estimate that over 9,000 people entered the Town Hall over the past year. The sponsorship program enabled us to provide a variety of events including children's productions, puppet shows, classical, folk, jazz, bluegrass and Celtic music groups. Once again our Silent Movie series proved extremely popular and one of our largest productions was the very successful "Brandon Has Talent" show.

After almost 7 years of not being awarded a grant we were fortunate enough to garner two in 2014. Our ongoing Historic Preservation Grant for \$28,000 continues to move along with four of our main hall windows completely restored and renovated. We hope to have the remaining windows completed by the time we open for the 2015 season in May. Our second grant was a Cultural Facilities Grant for \$8,000. This enabled us to add much needed electrical improvements throughout the building and stage area, efficiency upgrades to our sound and lighting systems in and around the stage in the main hall plus the addition of an assisted listening system. These improvements will give us the ability to provide educational workshops and even more professional productions/events for the entire Brandon Community.

The Town Hall has become a destination venue, not only for the Brandon community and surrounding area but for Regional and State presentations. We value the wonderful community support through the sponsorship program, financial contributions and volunteering. Because of all this we have been able to provide low cost or free admission to

over half the events. Look for upcoming events on our website: www.BrandonTownHall.org or contact us at FOTH, PO Box 181, Brandon, Vt., 05733. You can also visit us on Facebook or at info@BrandonTownHall.org. Thanks again for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you next season at your Town Hall.

Dennis W. Marden, President Friends Of The Brandon Town Hall

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRANDON

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1862 (a) and the affirmative vote at the Annual Town Meeting March 6, 2006, the Town hereby gives notice that the annual independent audit conducted by Mudgett Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. will be available in the Town Offices located at 49 Center Street. A complete copy may be requested by contacting the Town Office at 802-247-3635. PLEASE NOTE: The Town Offices are temporarily located at 2417 Franklin St.

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

Property Owner	Property Owner
* 27 29 31 CHURCH STREET LLC	COURTNEY NANCY
ALBARELLO ANTHONY & CARRIE	COVELL BONNIE
* ATWOOD KELLY A	* CUMMINGS LINDA E
BAILEY MICHELE BROWN JOSEPH	* CYR MARIE M
BAKER MIMI MARIE	* CYR MARIE M
BAKER RICHARD A	DANYOW NICOLE REMY
BARON KENNETH ENGLE SARA	* DENIS ANTHONY & CHRISTINE
BARROWS RUSSELL II BRISCOE	DEVINO BEVERLEY
BASSETT RICHARD & VICTORIA	DIKE CHRISTOPHER
BATES PROPERTIES OF BRANDON L	DIKE ASHLEY KIMBALL NICHOLAS
BATES PROPERTIES OF BRANDON L	DINN GEORGE
BAUSSMANN KEVIN & JESSICA	* DISORDA JEREMY S
BEER DAVID & DIANNA	* DRISCOLL MICHAEL & TERESA
* BENDER GARY & SARAH	DULAURENCE TARA
BERGERON REAL & JEANNE	* EASTMAN STEVEN JR & THERESA
BIERWIRTH JOHN H III	FIFIELD DAVID
BIERWIRTH JOHN H III	FISHER ROBERT
* BILODEAU CLAUDIA	FLORES TENNILE
* BIRD GLENN E	* FOLAN MARY L DECICCO JOHN J
BISHOP CHARLOTTE	FOREST DALE MOBILE HOME PARK
BISSETTE ANTHONY & ANN	FRARY DOUGLAS & TERESA
BISSON EUGENE & COBELENA	* FRASIER MARK & LISA
BLIER KEVIN & KRISTIN	FREDERICK GREGORY D & WENDY
BONAVITA FRANK	FREDETTE HEATHER
BOUDREAU GLENN & TASSIE	GALICKI FLOYD L & SANDRA A
* BOVEY LINWOOD & CHERYL	GALLIVAN ERIN H
BOWEN HOWARD & SHIRLEY	GEARWAR BRADLEY
BOYCE DEBRA L & DAN W	GEROW MICHAEL A & SADIE E
* BOYD DAVID & TINA	GIBBS MATTHEW
BRESETTE JOSEPH	* GILLETT GREGORY LEIVERS CO
BRESETTE JOSEPH	GOULD GINGER
BRESETTE JOSEPH	* HAHN CHRIS
BRESETTE JOSEPH	* HALLETT RANDALL
BRESETTE JOSEPH	HALLETT RANDALL & TAMMY
BRESETTE JOSEPH & CRYSTAL	HANCSARIK CHRISTOPHER/ALICE
* BROSSÉ RICHARD & CALLEEN	HATCHER STEPHEN K
BROUILLARD MARK T & WENDY G	HAYES RANDY
BROWN CHRISTINE & DAVID	HAYES RANDY
BROWN JOSEPH & DALE	HAYES RANDY
BRYANT PATRICK J	HAYES RANDY
BUNKER JOSHUA & CAREY	HAYES RANDY
CABOT JANE	HEATH JEFFREY & ASHLEIGH
COBB JO ANN	* HEITMANN IAN & DARCIÉ
COOK KATE C & DAVID R	HIER RONALD H JR & TINA M
COOMBS MARY E	HOLBROOK CHARLES
COOMBS MICHAEL & CHRISTINA	HOLMAN DENNIS & PAULA

All Accounts shown are for amounts due over \$25.00

*Indicates properties with agreements

**SEWER DELINQUENCY LIST
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014**

Property Owner	Property Owner	
ISRAEL DONALD KIRK & KAREN	OLSEN JAMES & TAMMIE	
* JAMES FRANK & AMY	PACKARD JOANNE B	
JOHN DAVID & LESLIE	* PARKER JEFFREY S	
* JOHNSON AUSTIN W JR	PONOZZO KRISTI M	
JOHNSON LAWRENCE & ROSEANN	* PRATT BONNIE	
JOHNSON LESLIE	PULSIFER ALLEN	
JOHNSON THOMAS & JACQUELINE	PULSIFER ROSE	
JOHNSON TIMOTHY & JEAN	PUTNAM SCOTT	
JONES ROBERT L & KIM	QUENNEVILLE MATTHEW URSO MOR	
KEELER WALTER	RAYMOND DOREEN	
KEITH DEBORAH E	* REED DIANNE C	
* KENNEDY PETER	REED GREGORY	
* KENYON DEAN PAGE LISA	* RENFREW ISABELLE & JEFFREY	
* KEOUGH WARREN DUNBAR ASHLEY	* ROGERS RICHARD & AMY	
* KERR ROBERT	* ROWE JOHN W & THERESA G	
KERR TIMOTHY	SCOTT TIMOTHY & BILLIE ANN	
KEYES PHILIP KING LAURA	* SHACKETT BRENDA	
* LADD JEFF & DALLAS	SHERWIN JAMES JR & KATHLEEN	
LAFLAM THADDEUS BURNHAM LORI	* SHERWOOD HOPE	
* LAMOUREUX CHARLES & SUSAN	SMITH DEREK	
LAMOUREUX LISA M	* SMITH KEVIN	
LAMOUREUX FRANKLIN STREET TRU	STANLEY JOHN & MARY	
LARAWAY LANCE & JORDAN	STEARNS NANCY M	
LAROCK CHRISTINE & MAURICE	STEARNS NANCY M	
LARSON TODD E & PAMELA H	STEARNS NANCY M	
* LEAR GORDON JR	STEWART JEFFREY & SANDRA	
* LEAVITT ALLAN M	STONE DAVID & LINDA	
LLOYD THOMAS & DEBORAH	SUNDSTROM BOBBI-JO PISCOPO	
LOVELETTE MICHAEL & MARY	TAYLOR LOU MAXWELL	
LUFKIN MICHAEL & KATHRYN	* TAYLOR ROBERT S	
LUTZ JOHN & VALERIE	THOMPSON COREY & RENEE	
MACKIE TROY & TARA	THOMPSON ROGER	
MAHONEY HAROLD P	TRUDEAU THEODORE & TAMMY	
MAHONEY MICHAEL A & LISA M	TUCKER AARON A & DEBORAH E	
* MALLORY MATTHEW E	WARREN WAYNE G	
* MANCHESTER LUCAS & BETH	WEDGE BILLY & JENNIFER	
MCARDLE ETHAN & REBECCA	WELDON RICHARD & KAREN	
MCCOY PATTI	WHIPPLE BARBARA	
MESA 690 TRUST	WHITE RICHARD	
MICHAUD ANDREA A	WHITNEY DOUGLAS M & DREW G	
* MITRANO DONALD S & LESLIE A	WIGMORE WILLIAM & DOROTHY	
* MOSELEY DAMON R	WILLIAMS ALBERT	
MYERS LIZA S GERMOND JAMES E	WILLIAMS LAURIE	
NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLEBUIRY	WOOD PAUL	
O'HALLORAN THOMAS & LESLIE	WOODS CONNIE M	
OJALA JEFFREY JETTON HEATHER	Total Delinquent Sewer	\$ 317,214.66

All Accounts shown are for amounts due over \$25.00

*Indicates properties with agreements

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014**

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY OWNER
* 27 29 31 CHURCH STREET LLC ATWOOD KIM	HUMISTON RICHARD & JOYCE HUNTOON HIRAM
BAILEY MICHELE & BROWN JOSEPH	* JOHNSON AUSTIN W JR
* BAILEY NORMAN C JR & EUNENIE C BAKER RICHARD A	* KANE PATRICK A & KAREN M * KEHOE EDWARD C & ANN C
BAKER RICHARD A	* KENNEDY PETER
BAKER RICHARD A	* KERR ROBERT K
BEER DAVID & DIANNA	KEY SUSAN A
BELLONIO PAUL J	* LAMOUREUX CHARLES E & SUSAN R
BELLONIO PAUL J	* LEAVITT ALLAN M
* BERTRAND RANDALL & LAURIE	MACKIE TROY D & TARA S
BIERWIRTH JOHN H III	MAHONEY HAROLD P
* BILODEAU CLAUDIA A	MALINOWSKI DAVID
* BIRD EDITH	* MARTIN WANDA A BANNISTER
* BOVEY LINWOOD L & CHERYL H	WANNETTA LOWELL WERDNA
* BOYD DAVID & TINA	MCCOY PATTI A
* BRESETTE JOSEPH	MUNGER ROBERT & LISA
BRESETTE JOSEPH & CRYSTAL	MUNZBERG WALTER & MARILYN
BRESETTE JOSEPH & CRYSTAL	PALSHAN ROBERTA
* BROSSÉ RICHARD & CALLEEN	PHILLIPS PAUL & LOIS ESTATE OF
BROWN JOSEPH & DALE	PRATT TIMOTHY CRAM NIOKA
BUSHEY HAROLD A & MARION T	PULSIFER ALLEN R SR
* CARLETON EDWARD & LINDA	PULSIFER ROSE
CLARK STEVE	PUTNAM SCOTT
* CLARK THOMAS	* RENFREW ISABELLE RENFREW JEFFREY
CRAM WALTER & SMITH SHERRY	ROBERTS CHARLES & DEBORAH
* CUMMINGS LINDA	* ROSANIA MARY ANN
* DANLEY CHERYL	SARWALASTU CORP C/O H. SHULMAN
* DENIS ANTHONY & CHRISTINE	SARWALASTU CORP C/O H. SHULMAN
DINN GEORGE	SARWALASTU CORP C/O H. SHULMAN
* FITZGERALD PATRICK J & SHARON	SAUDER JAMES N
FOREST DALE MOBILE HOME PARK INC	* SCHANER DONNA L
* FORREST LARRY T	* SHERWOOD HOPE
FREDERICK KENNETH & RICARD AMY J FREDETTE HEATHER	* SMITH CLIFTON & MARGUERITE TAYLOR MELISSA
GEROW MICHAEL A & SADIE E	* TAYLOR ROBERT S
GRIFFIN DAVID A & KATHY J	* TEDDY TIRE SALES & SERVICE
GYDUS WILLIAM JOSEPH & ROBERT	* TOTH ROBERT & RUTH
HANFIELD WILLIAM & ROBIN	* TULIANO PATRICIA M
HANFIELD WILLIAM B & ROBIN	* VAFIAS JOHN & DEMETRIOS (MITCH)
HANFIELD WILLIAM B & ROBIN	* WARSHAUER TREV
HANFIELD WILLIAM B & ROBIN	* WHEELER SHIRLEY & QUESNEL M.
HANFIELD WILLIAM B & ROBIN	WIGGIN RANDALL E & DOUGLAS

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014**

WILLIAMS LAURIE	
* WOOD ROLLIN ESTATE C/OLORENE HANNON	
* WRIGHT MARK E & CUMMINGS LINDA E	
* Total Delinquent Taxes Due	\$387,843.26
* indicates properties with agreements	
All accounts shown are for amounts due in excess of \$25	

**STATE PAYMENTS TO THE TOWN OF BRANDON
DEPT. OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014**

Description	Amount
FY13 Railroad Tax	\$ 234
Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 34,350
Pilot Reimbursement	\$ 4,955
FY 14 Per Parcel Payment	\$ 18,867
Paid by AOT-Class 1,2,3 Roads	\$ 148,897
Paid by AOT-Grants/Other H/W Projects	\$ 1,326,098
Paid by AOT - Sewer Payments	\$ 375
Paid by Judiciary-Municipal/Civil Fines	\$ 2,825
Liens/Releases	\$ 140
Lister Education	\$ 403
Paid by AOT Recording/Copies	\$ 90
Dept. of Public Safety/Grant Funds	\$ 70,792
Paid by Judiciary-Annual VTTC Refund	\$ 3,692
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	\$ 130,455
Paid by Housing & Comm. Development	\$ 4,308
Total	\$ 1,746,481

TREASURER'S TAX REPORT

TAXES FOR 2013-2014	TAX RATE	X GRAND LIST =	TOTAL RAISED
NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1.4067	\$ 1,472,760	\$ 2,071,731
HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	\$ 1.3251	\$ 1,860,893	\$ 2,465,869
MUNICIPAL			
TOWN	\$ 0.6998	\$ 3,330,914	\$ 2,330,974
FIRE DIST	\$ 0.0579	\$ 3,330,914	\$ 192,860
VOTED EXEMPTIONS	\$ 0.0042	\$ 3,330,914	\$ 13,990
VETERANS EXEMPTION	\$ 0.0023	\$ 3,330,914	\$ 7,661
APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 0.0215	\$ 3,330,914	\$ 71,615
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			\$ 7,154,699
CORRECTIONS/ABATEMENTS/ADJ.			\$ (74,620)
TOTAL TAXES COLLECTABLE			<u>\$ 7,080,080</u>
TAXES PAID BY 5/15/14		\$ 6,742,475	
DELINQUENT TAXES		<u>\$ 337,605</u>	
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			<u>\$ 7,080,080</u>
TAXES PAID TO:			
BRANDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		\$ 2,081,748	
OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL		\$ 1,684,077	
BRANDON FIRE DISTRICT #1		<u>\$ 192,903</u>	
TOTAL			<u>\$ 3,958,729</u>

GRANT STATUS REPORT 2013-2014

name of agency or dept.	name of program	name of grant/notes	grant ID #	award amount	grant term	Current	
						total 2013/2014	%FED. funds
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	Equipment Incentive	02140-1314-2007	\$ 5,000.00	02/06/14-09/30/14	\$ 5,000.00	100%
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	DUI Enforcement Grant	02140-1113-5003	\$ 4,000.00	10/01/2012-09/30/13	\$ 1,588.15	100%
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	Governors Highway Safety	02140-1114-5004	\$ 6,000.00	10/01/13-09/30/14	\$ 716.68	100%
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	Highway Safety Enforcement	02140-1213-2103	\$ 2,600.00	10/01/12-09/30/2013	\$ -	100%
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	Equipment Incentives	02140-1213-2205	\$ 5,000.00	10/22/2012-09/30/2013	\$ 5,000.00	100%
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	2014 OP Enforcement 40ZOP	02140-1314-1004	\$ 5,000.00	10/01/13-09/30/14	\$ 2,747.03	100%
State of Vermont	Dept. of Public Safety	FY 11 State Homeland Security	02140-71164V-581	\$ 48,860.00	03/19/14-07/31/14	\$ 48,860.00	100%
US Dept of Justice	US Dept of Justice	Cops Hiring Program	2009RKMWX0867	\$ 187,710.00	07/01/09-07/01/12	\$ 26,091.59	100%
State of Vermont	Housing & Comm. Affairs	Nexus	0164/097CA(05)	\$ 375,000.00		\$ -	0%
Brandon Industrial Park	BFD-40,000, BIC 100,000-VAOT 200,000	Reim. Town as lots are sold	2010 balloon	\$ 176,800.00		\$ -	Local/State
State of Vermont	VCDP	Erastus Thayer	0164/031G(27)	\$ 391,000.00		\$ -	State
State of Vermont	Dept of Public Safety	HMGP DR 4022 FEMA	02140-34000-004	\$ 121,597.00	2014	\$ 93,855.43	80%
State of Vermont	Dept of Public Safety	HMGP DR 4022 FEMA	02140-34000MC-004	\$ 1,000.00	2014	\$ -	80%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	Churchill Bridge	08126-CA0120	\$ 137,404.00		\$ -	80%
State of Vermont	VTRANS	Maple Union Sidewalk	STP EH05(4)	\$ 155,000.00		\$ -	80%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	Bridge #114	BHF 019-3(58)	\$ 1,044,000.00	Current -06/20/30	\$ 28,604.60	80%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	Neshobe Bridge	THS 30008-307	\$ 120,000.00		\$ -	95%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	RT 7	NH 019-3(496)	\$ 3,821,640.00		\$ 1,421,495.00	95%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	Town of Brandon FEMA4022 Dis/	08131-FE0621	\$ 486,567.23	See WWW 6294.27	\$ -	90%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	ER Fall Flood VT 11-2 Brandon Town	08131-ER0050	\$ 223,749.56	2012-2013	\$ -	100%
State of Vermont	Agency of Transportation	FEMA Disaster 4140	08131-FE0827	\$ 18,191.35		\$ 13,643.55	75%
				\$ 10,532,020.11		\$ 1,647,602.03	

BRANDON TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Beginning Balance Lake Sunapee NOW Checking Account - July 1, 2013 \$ 3,142.72

Receipts:

Interest Income Deposited	\$ 0.09	
Transfer from Merrill Lynch/Morgan Stanley Investment Account	27,250.00	
Trial Deposit from Morgan Stanley to verify account	0.68	
Total Receipts		<u>27,250.77</u>

Total Cash Available 30,393.49

Expenditures:

Brandon Free Public Library	5,000.00
Brandon Senior Citizen Center - Handicapped access	3,000.00
Brandon Cemetery Association	5,000.00
Brandon Christmas Toy Project	2,500.00
Town of Brandon-Mosquito Control	9,250.00
Brandon Senior Citizen Center - Repair crushed sewer line	5,000.00

Total Expenditures 29,750.00

Ending Balance Lake Sunapee NOW Checking Account - June 30, 2014 \$ 643.49

Composition of Fund as of June 30, 2014

Lake Sunapee NOW Account #177244060	\$ 643.49	
Morgan Stanley Investment Account		
Cash Balance	19,734.53	
Equities	186,161.52	
Fixed Income	492,566.40	
Total Fund Value at June 30, 2013		<u>\$ 699,105.94</u>

Five Year Historical Record of Fund Value

Year ended June 30, 2010	<u>\$ 557,760.54</u>
Year ended June 30, 2011	<u>\$ 637,099.92</u>
Year ended June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 605,269.29</u>
Year ended June 30, 2013	<u>\$ 643,605.57</u>
Year ended June 30, 2014	<u>\$ 699,105.94</u>

The following outstanding fund commitments existed as of June 30, 2014
 Brandon Free Public Library - 3rd of 3 Payments, Maintenance Project - \$5,000.
 Brandon Senior Citizen Center - 2nd of 2 Payments, Sewer Line repair - \$5,000.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Carolyn Whittaker (2015) - Sharron Kenney (2016) - Tanner Romano (2017)

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

***** ELECTED OFFICIALS *****

Justices of the Peace

Seth Clifford	2017
Dei Cook	2017
Sally Cook	2017
Bud Coolidge	2017
Hanford "Skip" Davis	2017
Lou Faivre	2017
Wilda Harris	2017
Bill Moore	2017
Marge Munger	2017
Joan Thomas	2017
Ken Torrey	2017
Richard White	2017

Library Trustees

Beth R. Carr	2015
Sharron Kenney	2016

Moderator

L. Arthur Doty	2015
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Neshobe School Board

Debbie Boyce	2015
Devon Fuller	2017
Erin Gallivan	2016
Lisa Kenyon	2015
Michael Lufkin	2016

OVUHS Board

Kevin Thornton	2016
Peter Werner	2016
Richard White	2017

Select Board

David Atherton	2015
Doug Bailey	2015
Devon Fuller	2016
Seth Hopkins	2015
Ethan Swift	2015

Town Agent

vacant

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Sue Gage	2017
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Town Grand Juror

vacant

Trustees of Public Funds

Sharron Kenney	2016
Tanner Romano	2017
Carolyn Whittaker	2015

***** APPOINTED OFFICIALS *****

Animal Control

vacant

BLSG Insect Control District Rep

Jeremy MacLachlan	2015
Wayne Rausenberger	2015

Budget Committee

Carol Bertrand	2015
Janet Coolidge	2015
Seth Hopkins	2015
Doug Sawyer	2015

Development Review Board

Robert Clark	2015
Eric LaRock	2014
John Peterson	2016
Samantha Stone	2014
Kellie Martin, alt.	2015

Economic Development Committee

Robin M. Bennett ~ Bernie Carr	
Marty Feldman ~ Devon Fuller	
Liz Gregorek ~ Stephanie Jerome	
Bill Moore ~ Dennis Reisenweiver	
Jeff Stewart ~ Linda Stewart	
Alyssa Zollman	

Emergency Management Director

Robin M. Bennett	
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Fence Viewers

Susan Benedict	2015
Seth Clifford	2015
John Wilson	2015

Fire Warden

Linwood Bovey	2015
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Friends of the Town Hall

Maria Ammatuna ~ Richard Baker	
Bruce Brown ~ Jan Coolidge	
Dolores Furnari ~ Deb Jennings	
Robert Kinchen ~ Dennis Marden	
Debbie Perry ~ Kathy Rausenberger	
Dave Rowden	

Green-up Day Coordinator

Gail M. Barr	
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Health Officer

Anna Scheck	2017
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Deputy Health Officer

Dolores Furnari	2017
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Historic Preservation Commission

Bill Powers	2015
Kevin Thornton	2015

Independence Day Committee

Lesley J. Bienvenue	
Debbie Boyce ~ Marie Bradbury	
Sarah-Lynne Carrara ~ Derrick Cram	
Lou Faivre ~ Bob Gearwar	
James Leary ~ Bill Moore	
Phyllis Reed ~ Jon Rishel	
Peggy Rishel ~ Susan Stone	

Inspector of Lumber

John M. Reynolds	2015
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Planning Commission

Anne Bransfield	2016
Marty Feldman	2014
Jeff Guevin	2015
Linda Stewart	2016
Tracy Wyman	2016

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Karen Lynch	2015
Joel Mondlak	2016
Tom Whittaker	2016
Stephanie Jerome, alt.	2016

Rutland Reg. Plan. Comm. Rep.

Atherton, David	2015
Baker, Richard, alt.	2015

Solid Waste District Rep

Gabe McGuigan

Town Service Officer

vacant

Transportation Council Rep

Richard Baker

Tree Committee

Bruce Brown ~ Mei Mei Brown
Bob Clark ~ Lorraine Kimble
Laura Peterson ~ Mary Lou Webster

Tree Warden

Cindy Bell	2015
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Weigher of Coal

Lou Faivre	2015
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***** EMPLOYEES *****

Economic Development Officer

Bill Moore

Police Department

Christopher Brickell - Chief
Anne Bandy ~ David Butterfield
Linda Graziano ~ Benjamin Herrick
Tyler Martin ~ Adam Murach
Rodney Pulsifer ~ Michael Winkler

Public Works Department

Stephen J. Cijka ~ Fred Colburn
Mike Denis ~ Charles "Ed" LaGrange
Rick Nicklaw

Recreation Director

Bill Moore

Rental Housing Code Officer

Dolores Furnari

Town Manager

Robin M. Bennett

Town Office Staff

Dolores Furnari ~ Luanne Merkert
Anna Scheck ~ Elaine S. Smith

Zoning Administrator

vacant

BRANDON TOWN ANNUAL MEETING - MAR. 3, 2014
NESHOBE SCHOOL – FOREST DALE

Moderator Art Doty called the annual Brandon Town meeting to order at 7:59 P.M. Attending the meeting were Selectpersons Ethan Swift, Maria Ammatuna, Dave Atherton, Blaine Cliver, Chairman Devon Fuller, Town Manager Robin Bennett, Clerk Bill Dick and 205 registered voters.

Devon Fuller moved that town employees not living in Brandon be allowed to speak. Nancy Leary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The following business was transacted:

1. Take appropriate action on the reports of officers as they appear in the Town Report. Devon Fuller moved to accept the reports as presented. Nancy Jakiela seconded the motion. The reports were accepted.
2. To hear a presentation by the select board of its recommended budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. This budget and appropriations will be voted by Australian ballot on March 5, 2013 at the Neshobe School located at 17 Neshobe Circle. Board Chairman Devon Fuller presented a brief overview of the proposed budget of \$3,276,095, a 14% increase from the previous year. Items contributing to this increase are health and casualty insurance increases, employee salary increases, and revenue shortfall of \$211,825. Insurance premiums and coverage, the recreation program, the police budget, and the capital improvement program were discussed.
3. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will authorize the Select Board to spend unbudgeted, unanticipated income received by the Town so long as the expenditure of such funds will not create a deficit? Sue Wetmore moved to adopt the article. Nancy Jakiela seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the building and property belong to the Brandon Area Rescue Squad located at 1338 Franklin Street (parcel ID number 0086-1338) from municipal property tax for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A. Sect 3840? Sue Wetmore moved to adopt the article. Second by Nancy Jakiela. Motion passed.
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the building and property belong to the Brandon Area Rescue Squad located at 1338 Franklin Street (parcel ID number 0086-1338) from educational property tax for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A. Sect 5404a? Charles Jakiela moved to adopt the article. Second by Bill Moore. Motion passed.
6. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the building and property belong to the Rutland County Parent Child Center located at 34 Faivre Circle (parcel ID number 0999-0004) from municipal property tax for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A. sect 3840? Bernie Carr moved to adopt the article. Second by Devon Fuller. Motion passed.
7. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the building and property belong to the Rutland County Parent Center located at 34 Faivre Circle (parcel ID number 0999-0004) from educational property tax for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A. Sect 5404a? Bill Moore moved to adopt the article. Second by Charles Jakiela. Motion passed.
8. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the building and property belong to the Brandon Masonic Association located at 1066 Park Street (parcel ID number 0030-1066) from municipal property tax for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A. Sect 3840. Bernie Carr moved to adopt the article. Nancy Jakiela seconded the article. Motion passed.
9. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the building and property belong to the Brandon Masonic Association located at 1066 Park Street (parcel ID number 0030-1066) from educational property tax for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A. Sect 5404a? Sue Wetmore moved to adopt the article. Second by Nancy Jakiela. Motion passed.
10. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard 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? Bernie Carr moved to adopt the article. Second by Cindy Bell. Town Lister Dolores Furnari spoke in favor of the article. Voting on the article was conducted by paper ballot. Motion passed 105 in favor, 36 opposed.

11. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a certified public account, and all other auditor duties performed by others as directed by the Selectboard, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. Sect 2651b? Bernie Carr moved to adopt the article. Second by Carol Moyer. Voting on the article was conducted by paper ballot. Motion passed 96 in favor, 21 opposed.
12. Shall the voters provide notice of availability of the auditor's report to the voters of the town in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report itself? The notice of availability will be located on the Town's website. Janet Coolidge moved to adopt the motion. Second by Carol Fjeld. Kevin Thornton spoke in opposition to the article. Motion was defeated.
13. To transact any other business proper to be done when met. State Representative Steve Carr introduced fellow State Representative Butch Shaw and State Senator Peg Flory, all of whom will be available for questions after the meeting. Devon Fuller asked the assembly to acknowledge retiring Town Clerk, Bill Dick, for his 20 years of service. Moderator Art Doty asked the assembly to observe a moment of silence for the Brandon citizens who have served Brandon admirably and have passed away during the year. Kevin Thornton moved that the Town of Brandon instruct and direct its legislators to inquire why the University of Vermont has spent over one million dollars on its' President's residence and approximately four hundred thousand dollars landscaping the administration building but has not done anything to commemorate Andrew Harris, Class of 1838, the first black abolitionist in America with a college degree. Bill Moore seconded the non-binding motion. The assembly approved.

Meeting recessed at 10:38 P.M.

These 20 years have quickly passed.
 The memories are far from few.
 These minutes are my last.
 Thank you Lu. And to all adieu.

Respectfully submitted,
 William A Dick
 Town Clerk

Arthur Doty
 Moderator

Maria Ammatuna
 BCA Chair

REPORTS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

BLSG INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT

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

The BLSG is the only control district within the state that uses a fully integrated pest control management (IPM) to control our mosquito population. Our larval program samples the many breeding sites that are prevalent in the Otter Creek, Leicester Creek and Brandon Swamps and apply larvicides at the appropriate time to prevent the mosquito from hatching. This effort is partially supported by the State of Vermont who provide funds for the approved materials and the aerial applications. IPM also implies the citizens and the town crews aid in reducing standing water sites which are breeding sites for the mosquitoes. Keeping culverts open and ditches free of debris, eliminating old tires (or drilling holes in them for drainage), even collecting discarded bottles and cans can aid in eliminating breeding sites. Also eliminating wet, moist sites around your properties, such as piles of leaves, can help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your property.

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

Remember mosquitoes reproduce at an exponential rate!!
 For more information visit: <https://healthvermont.gov/> and BLSG insect control district web site: <http://blsgmosquito.wordpress.com/>

**Also google: Arbovirus Surveillance site: healthvermont.gov/

Note: 2 mosquito pools from Whiting tested positive for EEE on August 22nd
1 from Whiting positive for EEE Sept 12th
1 from Cornwall, 1 from Whiting positive for EEE Oct 14th
** please click on Vermont Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan for more information

In reviewing the statistics, please note that State of Vermont discontinued their sampling of dead birds because the viruses were endemic in most counties of Vermont. From the state plan:
"The goal of the State of Vermont Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan is to protect public health from an outbreak of WNV or EEE virus."
"However, mosquito surveillance is resource intensive, and available funding supports only limited surveillance."
DO YOU FEEL PROTECTED???

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

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

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

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

MARBLE VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT "THE BUS"

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its thirty-eighth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Transit District is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 679,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 85 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 3,000 rides to Brandon on the Middlebury Route, a commuter service with stops at the American Legion, Brandon Post Office, Estabrook Field and Park Village. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel. An additional 3,020 medically necessary trips were provided to Brandon residents as well.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Brandon for many years in partnership with Bridges and Beyond. For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x117 or visit MVRTD's web site at www.thebus.com.

MVRTD thanks the residents of Brandon for their continued support of public transit. Live Green – Ride the Bus

Minga Rae Dana, Executive Director

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
The Commission's Mission: Cooperative planning in the Region - www.rutlandrpc.org

RRPC Mission: To develop and implement a regional plan, to provide assistance to municipalities with the planning process and information gathering, to be a central repository of planning information and to administer regional programs while remaining consistent with our federal and state requirements.

The Commission's 2014 Activities Included:

- Technical assistance to municipalities on land use, GIS, capital budgeting, and economic development planning.
- Town Planning, including enhanced consultation meetings with Planning Commissions and the update and implementation of town plans and land use bylaws.
- Provided grant writing assistance and general administration services to municipalities receiving funding from the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development.
- Operated the Brownfields Reuse Program, conducting environmental site assessments, remediation planning and redevelopment assistance.
- Provided review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications for municipalities, with comments to the Public Service Board and District Environmental Commission.
- Continued assistance to towns on resiliency planning and disaster recovery, including the development of hazard mitigation projects, Public Assistance community briefings, updated lists of critical facilities and the update of local hazard mitigation plans.
- Support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council to plan for transportation needs of the Region, including roundtables of local road commissioners to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Use of GIS capabilities to provide mapping and data collection on a variety of land use, public health and safety, and economic development topics such as: State of Vermont Community Center mapping, creating the Rutland Region Bicycling Network map and working with the agriculture community to create maps for the Annual Growers Guide.
- Education, training, and information outreach programs on various topics for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees for attendance at workshops offered through other organizations.
- Update of the Rutland Regional Plan, including updates to the Energy, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Recreation and Land Use chapters.
- Provided regular disaster training for town officials and first responders through the Rutland Region Local Emergency Planning Committee and emergency management planning including assistance to towns updating their Emergency Operations Plans.
- Supported agricultural viability and economic development through work on an Agritourism Toolkit and collaboration with the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link and VT Farmers Food Center.
- Natural resource planning, including work with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District and various green infrastructure projects.
- Worked with the Vermont Department of Health on projects exploring links between community health and land use planning.

In Brandon the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- Paid for local officials' participation in planning & zoning workshops.
- Coordinated Vermont Economic Resiliency Initiative (VERI) in town, including a community forum held October 16, 2014.
- Provided zoning administrator with several wetland/flood hazard maps for National Flood Insurance Program review.
- Created an electronic timesheet for Highway Department to track time by personnel, road, material, and equipment
- Completed a Better Backroads grant to conduct a culvert inventory, mapping, and updates to the State VTCulverts.org website.
- Worked with the Planning Commission to update the town's land use documents.
- Provided Act 250 and Section 248 project review and comments to District Commission and Public Service Board.
- Provided maps and other support for VTRANS and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications.
- Provided the planning commission with a bylaw review focusing on stormwater management.
- Assisted town update and submit the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Reviewed Town Plan for Regional Approval and Confirmation of the planning process.
- Provided Planning Commission with GIS services to update the town's land use documents.

RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

The Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for public involvement in transportation planning, the development of regional transportation planning and priorities for the Region, assistance on transportation projects, coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff to the Council.

All towns in the Rutland Region can participate in the RRTC and those with representatives appointed by their town to the Council may vote on any issue. Meetings are held monthly, normally on the fourth Thursday, at the RRPC office. All are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to: Susan Schreiber, Assistant Director (775-0871 ext. 204) or Richard Baker, Chair (236-2946) or check the website: <http://rutlandrpc.org/transportation.php>.

Highlights of 2014 include:

- Assessed and prioritized the Rutland Region's VTrans transportation project list. A brochure of all transportation projects in the Region is available upon request;
- Served on the Board of Marble Valley Regional Transit District, participated in the Strategic Plan and facilitated the regional advisory group of Public Transportation for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, who met twice with the Rutland delegation;
- Organized monthly meetings of the Region's Road Commissioners/Foremen on topics such as Winter Maintenance, Lake Champlain Restoration Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, Excel 101, Hazard Communication Plan, Complete Streets, VTrans Safety and Enforcement and Hazard Trees.
- Represented the RPC/Regional Transportation Council on the Statewide Safe Routes to School Task Force, Public Transit Advisory Council, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield Regional Advisory Board, statewide committee for the development of both On Road State Highway Bicycle Plan and transit board trainings;
- Assisted Rutland City, Town and Fair Haven with grant applications for bike/pedestrian feasibility studies and infrastructure projects;
- Assisted Rutland Town and West Rutland on a joint application for a Strong Communities, Better Connections grant
- Assisted towns of Brandon, Fair Haven, Killington and Wallingford on Better Backroads grant applications and work to inventory culverts and input the data onto vtculverts.org, the state on-line culvert database;
- Provided technical assistance/ project management to Rutland City for Rutland Creek Path - construction of Segment 2 and right-of-way and final engineering for Segment 4 and a scoping study and grant application for engineering and construction of Segment 5;
- Worked with towns on Stone Valley Byway on an updated brochure and an interactive map. The Stone Valley Scenic Byway extends along Route 30 from Hubbardton through Castleton, Poultney, Wells and Pawlet to Manchester in Bennington County;
- Assisted individual towns with infrastructure (culverts, road and sign) inventories to reduce their local match on bridge and structure grants;
- Conducted traffic counts and speed analysis reports for Rutland City, Danby and Pawlet;
- Participated in High Risk Rural Road Studies in Danby/Pawlet and Shrewsbury/Clarendon;
- Conducted bicycle/pedestrian counts in Rutland City
- Continued and expanded support of the Safe Routes to Schools Program;

Currently and in the future, the RRTC will continue working on these efforts, with the goal of coordinating land use and transportation to create a more balanced, efficient multi-modal transportation network.

RUTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) has for over 75 years served this region with economic development services. During this time the organization has worked with businesses in all parts of the county, helping them to start, expand and prosper. And when a company has an impediment to progress, REDC is the "One-Stop-Shop" to find them the resources they need. The Development Corporation acts as a single source point of contact to access regional, State, and Federal programs to assist business.

REDC provides a local home base for several programs based in Montpelier. By locating staff in Rutland, these programs are more accessible for business, and technical assistance advisors have the opportunity to build relationships with local entrepreneurs. Currently REDC is home to the Procurement Technical Assistance Program, which helps guide businesses through government contracting opportunities. The Small Business Development Center

provides counseling services and technical assistance with one-on-one counseling and group training programs . REDC provides a conduit to the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, Global Trade Office, and many more State run programs.

The Development Corporation has been very active this past year working with new prospects and existing businesses in expansion mode. We continue to see significant growth in our manufacturing sector across a variety of industries, and new opportunities with supply-chain companies serving our existing base. This coming year will include a renewed focus on entrepreneurial development, and the leveraging of our higher education institutions to support new business ideas.

REDC is a regional support system, providing assistance to companies throughout the County. Each year we work with communities to plan for future economic development, as well as provide direct services to small businesses located in each town. Through a collaborative process with a variety of programs, REDC is the one-stop-shop to access small business assistance for home-grown enterprises.

With a resurgence of domestic manufacturing occurring nationally , now is the time to redouble our efforts to rebuild this region as a prominent economic driver for the State. With your help we can continue this important work, creating an economic vitality that provides for the high quality of life we all desire. And please don't stop with membership . Participate in REDC activities, join a committee, be part of the solution.

Jamie Stewart, EDP, Executive Director

GREEN UP DAY

Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 3, 2014: Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

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

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

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

PUBLIC AWARENESS & HEALTH

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT FOR RUTLAND COUNTY

Your Health Department district office is in Rutland. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Rutland Area Prevention Coalition was awarded \$140,000.00 and the Partnership for Success was awarded \$130,000.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Rutland district office 2,430 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September in 2014 we responded to 242 cases of infectious disease in Rutland County. In 2013, \$13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases were distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$1,240,588.81 of which was in your district's area.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov. Join us at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/vdhrutland> and www.facebook.com/HealthVermont. Follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

VERMONT 2-1-1

Vermont 2-1-1 is an Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By dialing 2-1-1 from any phone in Vermont, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health services, human service resources, and community programs all across the state.

2-1-1 is a local call, free and confidential, and you will receive person-to-person assistance, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Language translation services are also available, as is accessibility for persons who have special needs.

Vermont 2-1-1 is the entry point for the Fuel and Food Partnerships, Flu and other health clinics, plus all other local, state, and federal services. 2-1-1 serves as the Public Inquiry Line for the Vermont Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security during a disaster or emergency incident. Vermont 2-1-1 staff will assist callers with evacuation routes, shelters, commodity points of distribution locations, federal reimbursement procedures and more.

Dialing the simple, three-digit number, 2-1-1, helps ensure that Vermonters have access to community, regional, and state-based services to help them with everyday needs and in difficult times.

For further information: dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-652-4636 ~ www.vermont211.org

REPORTS FROM APPROPRIATIONS

BRANDON AREA RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Brandon Area Rescue Squad, Inc serves towns Brandon, Goshen, Forest Dale, Sudbury and Leicester. Brandon Rescue has a staff of 26 volunteers, full time Operations Chief, full time Paramedic and 2 per diem employees. Certification held by Rescue staff range from Driver, Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic.

- Total calls for 2012/2013- 672 calls in Brandon/Forest Dale.
- Total call volume of 752 calls for 2013-2014.
- B.A.R.S. responded to 11 calls for mutual aid for neighboring towns.
- Total Volunteer Hours: Over 25,000 hours of time for On Call shift, 2nd or 3rd Calls, Special Events, Trainings etc.

If you have ever thought about doing something to help in your community, please think about joining Brandon Rescue. Currently over 50% of our volunteers are from outside our service area. We are always in need of good people who want to make a difference in their Community and in others lives. There is not much that is more rewarding than helping your neighbors in their time of need.

Please be sure your house number is very clearly marked and visible from the road. The quicker we can find you, the quicker we can help you!

Appropriation Request - \$20,735

BRANDON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization dedicated to the improvement and advancement of a positive and dynamic economic, industrial, professional, and business climate and community enhancement in the Brandon area. We strive to make the Brandon area a better place to live, work, and play. The Chamber of Commerce puts on many community events throughout the year including the free Summer Concert Series, Great Brandon Auction, Yard Sale Day, Make Your Own Leaf Person, Memory Tree, and Moonlight Madness. In 2014, we contributed to the Toy Project, awarded a scholarship to an outstanding OVUHS graduating student, lit Central Park and downtown trees in December, and sponsored or participated in informational meetings for area businesses and residents to learn more about insurance options, website development and, in conjunction with Brandon Cares, a very successful and enlightening forum involving opiate addiction. The Chamber also organizes the Meet the Candidates Night each year. The Chamber continues to support the activities and operations of our wonderful Museum, Visitors Center and community meeting space at the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace.

We have an active and busy website full of information for the traveling public and the community. Our popular electronic newsletter is sent to more than 1400 email addresses on a regular basis. We continue to be heavily involved with town economic development, striving to bring new residents and businesses to expand our tax base. We thank the Brandon voters and taxpayers for past support and look to them for help with future expenses. We're proud to be part of Brandon and hope to continue to effect change in a positive and dynamic way.

Please contact the Chamber at 802-247-6401 with any questions or look us up on-line at www.brandon.org. If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, click on the "Chamber Newsletter" link on our website, open one of the archived newsletters and follow the instructions at the end to join in the fun.

Businesses of every size and many "Individual" members contribute greatly to making Brandon the place we all love. So call or email today and join in the journey!

Liz Gregorek, 2014/15 President ~ Bernie Carr- Executive Director info@brandon.org

Appropriation Request - \$1,000

RAVNAH

In 2014, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. Last year, RAVNA's dedicated staff made more than 92,168 visits to 2,373 patients. In the town of Brandon, we provided 8,117 visits to 197 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director ~ Dr. Richard Lovett, President of the Board of Directors

Appropriation Request - \$10,200

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF BRANDON

The Boys & Girls Club of Brandon provides quality programming and an inclusive atmosphere where all members are respected and provided avenues to grow individually but also in an accepting group dynamic. While the afterschool program is the backbone of our organization, we have strived to continue to serve the needs of the township of Brandon. The Club provides several youth life skills education and training curriculums year round. Smart Directions, an evidenced based prevention program designed for elementary age youth, is offered at The Club. Teenagers also are offered programming in healthy relationships, anti-smoking, and alcohol abuse. We are always seeking additional programming to better serve the Town and its youngest members.

Studies have shown lack of supervision during afterschool hours leads to an increase in at risk behaviors from school age children. The Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention state- **"Youth who are unsupervised during the afterschool hours of 3 to 6 p.m. are more likely to engage in risky behaviors—drug and alcohol abuse, sexual activity, cigarette smoking, and carrying and using weapons—than youth who are supervised by a parent or another adult or who are involved in structured activities during those hours."** The Boys & Girls Club of Brandon partners with other agencies offering youth and adult residents employment/training opportunities year round. We are proud to partner with various organizations to ensure all Brandon residents receive balanced daily meals. Last year we served over 5,000 meals in Brandon. The Club is proud to support and serve the local Brandon Cares citizen coalition. With the requested appropriations from the Town of Brandon, The Club can provide these services while continuously seeking to expand and adapt to best suit the community needs of Brandon.

For more information about the Club, our staff, our programming or to volunteer your time and talents please contact Dennis McNichol at 802 465 4131, via email dmcnichol@rutlandbgclub.org or on our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/BrandonVermontBoysandGirlsClub](https://www.facebook.com/BrandonVermontBoysandGirlsClub)

Appropriation Request - \$10,000

RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

In the year 2014, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Brandon assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services

- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2014, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 48,572 hours of services to 208 Brandon residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Brandon in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dan Quinn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

Appropriation Request - 6,624

BRANDON MUSEUM at the STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS BIRTHPLACE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Brandon Museum and Stephen A Douglas Birthplace continues to be Brandon's primary cultural, historical, architectural, and community asset. The building is a first generation Vermont home, built in 1802. The famous 19th century American statesman, Stephen A Douglas, was born in the home in 1813. Two hundred years later, the building stewardship was graciously passed on to the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce from the Daughters of the American Revolution. A separate 501C3 entity was established and with financial, physical and intellectual input from many Chamber members and others in the community, the home has been totally renovated and has evolved into a fine example of a multi-use community building.

Through the use of hundreds of digital photographs, antiques, paintings and many other eclectic items, many donated by citizens of Brandon, the museum features the thematic history of our town and tells the detailed story of the early anti-slavery movement of the first half of the 19th century. The museum also traces the architectural history of the building starting with two rooms in 1802 and gradually increasing in size to its present configuration.

The Museum is open daily from mid-May through mid-October from 11am - 4 pm thanks to an active group of approximately 25 volunteers and a part-time Museum Steward, Brandon resident Dan Celik. Dan will be spending time in the off-season curating old Brandon Union newspapers, passed along to us by the now defunct Brandon Historical Society.

We are always looking for more volunteers and for historic photos of Brandon, which we scan and return to you very quickly. If you would like a special museum tour for your classroom, community group or any other large party, please contact us for special arrangements. There is no admission to the museum.

The building also houses the town's newly dedicated Janet Mondlak Visitor Center, full of Vermont brochures, maps, guidebooks, information and a municipal restroom. The Visitor Center is open daily from 8 am - 6 pm, 365 days a year and it is handicapped accessible. The Cliver Community Meeting room continues to be used by many community organizations, boards, associations, committees, and businesses. If you would like to schedule a time to use the meeting space, please contact us.

The Stephen A Douglas Birthplace operates on a small budget and is asking Brandon voters and taxpayers for \$2500.00 to help us continue to protect and maintain the building and the artifacts that are our history. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Museum, the Meeting Room, or the Visitor Center, please contact us through the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce at 802-247-6401 or email us at info@brandon.org

Sincerely, John Dilts, President ~ Bernie Carr, Executive Director

Appropriation Request - \$2500

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" offers educational enrichment opportunities for PreK through 8th grade during school day, after school, special project-based sessions and field trips. All participating students take an active role in contributing to their community through the farm and its resources.

Harvest's "Growing to Work" supports after school sessions and a seven week summer session for 9th-12th grade students to grow work-readiness skills and prepare for a future in the job market. It also provides school day sessions with vocational training in agriculture, culinary and woodworking for out-of-school youth to develop interest toward a trade, work ethic and job skills. *Growing to Work* participants develop self-reliance and work to make significant contributions to their community throughout the year. They help to keep the farm growing and provide assistance to the younger students.

Harvest serves between 65-75 students annually in daily and weekly sessions. We also provide educational field trips and sessions for special projects to support school groups and classes, generally hosting between 150 and 200 students annually. *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 3% of our operating budget is supported through school funding. 8% of our budget is supported through Brandon appropriations. On average, about 60% of our services support Brandon youth and their community. To learn more: please call, visit our website (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 and Board of Directors: Peter Lebenbaum, Shirley Markland, Charlie Tatro, Addie Gladding, Catherine Raishart, Jill Blanchard, Lacey Tatro, William Moore

Appropriation Request - \$15,000

BRANDON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, INC.

The Center has seen many changes this past year. When the furnace "blew" the end of 2012, it dumped water all over the floor downstairs which created a chain reaction of repairs. We had to rip up the linoleum tile floors, take out a wall and repaint the entire room and bath. This created a wonderful space for meetings, clinics and parties. We also installed a complete kitchen area and furnished the room with tables, chairs and works of art. Having renovated this space forced us to install an ADA compliant walkway complete with perennial gardens throughout the area. We have also removed pine trees surrounding the area as they presented a hazard.

The Board of Directors have strived to change the thinking of folks by opening up the Center for a myriad of events. Bone Builders meet every Mon. & Wed. followed by Meals on Wheels. We host a free community lunch every Fri. at noon, which is open to the public. The comfortable atmosphere which has been created lends itself to people wanting to stay and socialize. A knitters group has been formed as well as a card club, along with a jigsaw puzzle table enticing those interested. WIC clinic is held every month and the Visiting Nurses Toenail Clinic every three months. The Lions Club and Weight Watchers also use this facility for their meetings.

We would like to thank Foxcroft Farms, the Harvest Program for building new windowboxes and selling farm fresh eggs at our Friday lunch. We would also like to thank the Girl Scouts for filling the boxes every spring with beautiful flowers and for baking cookies for the 50 Christmas boxes to shut-ins. Otter Valley North staff and students need to be commended for creating a vegetable garden which produces fresh produce for the Community lunch. The Center continues to be "green" and recycles and composts all materials. We also collect returnable bottles to help defray operating expenses.

Thank you. Funds from the Town of Brandon help keep the doors open at the Center. We thank everyone who contributes and encourage the citizens to visit us anytime Monday through Friday 9am - 3pm. We are located at: 1591 Forest Dale Road and our phone number is: 247-3121.

Appropriation Request - \$13,500

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 Town Meeting 2015, 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 (and a reduction from 2013) and is not new money. The only difference is that approval is now needed as a separate question on the ballot.*

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

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

General Library Services

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

Children's Services

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

Library Building is a Resource

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

Computer & Digital Services

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

Non-traditional Services

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

Elderly Services

- Huge "Large Print" book selection
- Home delivery for members of the community who can't get out -- this is a personalized service. The Library is often one of the few links someone might have to the community.

- Workshops geared to "Elderly" topics such as: Start the Conversation Final Affairs Planning, and Elder Blooming Workshop.
- Library volunteers and Librarians will drive non-drivers to the election polls on Town Meeting or to the town office for early voting

Funds from the Town of Brandon 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.

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

Appropriation Request - \$85,500

BRANDON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank all of the voters who have approved our \$6000.00 request annually the past 5 years, as well as the residents and friends of Brandon who have made financial contributions supporting the two day event.

Putting on an event the size of the Brandon Independence Day Celebration is no small feat or expense. Each dollar committed to our annual two days of festivities goes to cover \$18,000 in expenses. Where does the money go? Fireworks; Marching Bands; entertainment, Port-A-Potties and dumpsters, postage, prizes and awards, Flags and Buntings replacement, the list goes on and on. Spending has been reduced over the last several years: in 2007 expenses were \$25,000. The celebration is completely accomplished by volunteers - no one involved is paid.

When working as a volunteer on a committee, there can often be heartaches and headaches, but most regularly there are rewards. Being involved with the Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee, I have experienced the hundreds of people who turn out for the Street Dance the night before the parade, cleanup by the committee, and the Brandon PD marking the streets and areas for our 18 hour celebration, and the Brandon Fire Department. Vendors from all over New England fill the main street park in preparation for thousands of people to arrive. In the morning, families experience games and activities behind the Brandon Inn. As the clock strikes 1pm., there are smiles of enjoyment and the excitement on the people's faces as they line the Parade route to watch of a parade. This year we will be able to do The Annual Ball Race down the Neshobe Falls. The evening culminates with vendors, music and the magic of fireworks at the Park Village.

If you or your family are interested in helping in any way or would like information regarding July 4th, please don't hesitate to call 345-0056 or email your requests to BDCC@yahoo.com. There are many opportunities big and small that could use the attention of great volunteers! If you are interested in entering a float in the parade you can easily find an application on the Brandon Chamber of Commerce website www.brandon.org. The theme this year is 'OUR HEROS'. Bill Moore and Sue Stone are recruiting 100 floats to celebrate the 40th year. Monthly Planning Meetings the last Wednesday of each month starting January.

BIDCC Chairman- Debbie Boyce

Appropriation Request - \$6,000

ARC-RUTLAND AREA

Our mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with Developmental Disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. In 2014:

- We were representative payee for about 50 clients referred to us by Social Security and other Human Service agencies and organizations.
- Provided Five dances throughout the year: Valentines, End of Winter, Spring Fling, Halloween, and our annual Christmas Dinner Dance – together these events were attended by about 468 people.
- ARC Rutland Area supported the local Self Advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities; members focus on group goals, share their lives and gain committee meeting experience. They can be called upon to provide

an Abilities Awareness Training. Pennies collected, funds from a car wash, and funds from their bake sales go to adopt a family at Christmas through the Boys and Girls Club. This year the group sponsored a Seven Habits of Highly Effective People training from the Green Mountain Self Advocates.

- ARC continued to support The Rutland Family Support Network, which is lead by parents, is ongoing with their listserve and sibshops.
- Some of our efforts have again gone into the Transportation grant. We used the Elderly & Disabled Grant to help get people with transportation gaps to where they need to go. We provide transportation for the self advocacy group, AKtion Club, events and our dances.
- The AKtion Club, is a group of adults living with disabilities giving back through community service projects and is co sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rutland. This year they participated in a pet food drive, Pack the Paramount food drive, Stuff A Bus food drive, Grow and Donate Garden veggies, cards to recovering soldiers and help ARC with petitions.
- Each time an event is being planned we mail out a newsletter to invite all members and interested parties on the mailing list (approximately 470 addresses), they also get updates with any information we have in regard to the Advocacy, Resources or Community opportunities for people with Developmental Disabilities and their families. People have gotten valuable information on; upcoming trainings, possible legislative changes, support circles, upcoming events, and some free to low cost activities in the community.

On behalf of the Board Members, friends, and families; we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of the Rutland Area. We receive neither state nor federal funding, our main sources of income continue to be allocations from United Way and 14 other towns/city in the greater Rutland Area. Our minor sources of income come from our membership, service fees, 50/50 raffles, door donations, and new this year our Pampered Chef Bingo fundraiser. We thank all who have donated to ARC Rutland Area and made these great things possible. In 2014, there were a total of 59 residents in Brandon and 826 residents in the greater Rutland Area who took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. Our 2015 funding request is \$3,500. We do all this, with three part-time employed positions, one part-time staff volunteer, twelve volunteer board members and much community support. For those who want to use our services or volunteer, please call 775-1370.

Sincerely, Lisa S. Lynch, Executive Director

Appropriation Request - \$3,500

**TOWN OF BRANDON
FY 15-16
BUDGET SUMMARY**

Department	Actual		Actual FY 14-15	Actual FY 15-16	Proposed FY 15-16	Difference	Note	Percentage
	FY 13-14	Unaudited						
Income:								
Revenue Restated	666,500	554,859.62	454,675	228,093.51	470,705	16,030		3.5%
	150,000	134,445.57	150,000	-	-	(150,000)	1	-100.0%
Total:	816,500	689,305.19	604,675	228,093.51	470,705	(133,970)		-22.2%
Expenses:								
Administration	455,574	450,832.93	477,865	222,980.02	458,925	(18,940)		-4.0%
Clerk	155,975	152,648.50	135,680	69,725.57	141,975	6,295		4.6%
Zoning/Code/LHO	51,081	45,113.70	52,270	2,638.30	96,405	44,135		84.4%
Assessor	49,971	30,782.91	26,595	14,254.16	25,945	(650)		-2.4%
Police	822,909	723,381.48	768,985	371,703.17	795,100	26,115		3.4%
Public Works	821,534	770,747.98	755,255	330,221.09	812,670	57,415		7.6%
Buildings & Grounds	52,627	50,574.01	101,315	26,605.98	107,060	5,745		5.7%
Recreation	74,564	109,024.39	103,735	64,591.72	102,205	(1,530)		-1.5%
Debt Service	354,589	383,571.70	248,090	203,129.84	241,505	(6,585)		-2.7%
Intergovernmental	55,310	55,937.39	56,800	41,297.77	57,400	600	2	1.1%
CIP	-	-	17,885	17,885.00	66,885	49,000		274.0%
Total:	2,894,134	2,772,614.99	2,744,475	1,365,032.62	2,906,075	161,600		5.9%
Buildings & Grounds Restated	150,000	134,444.57	150,000	-	-	(150,000)	1	-100.0%
Intergovernmental Restated	103,500	103,500.00	98,325	48,912.54	-	(98,325)	2	-100.0%
Total:	3,147,634	3,010,559.56	2,992,800	1,413,945.16	2,906,075	(86,725)		-2.9%
Net Municipal Budget	2,331,134	2,321,254	2,388,125	1,185,852	2,435,370	47,245		2.0%

Notes:

1. Expense and Revenue for MSW have been removed for improved accounting practices. This change creates at net \$0 change in the General Fund Budget
2. The Library and Senior Center expenses were removed to reflect the change in their now being voted on as an appropriation.

**TOWN OF BRANDON
PROPOSED BUDGET
FY 15-16**

Revenues								
	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Revenue:								
Surplus Forwarded	175,000	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Local Options Tax	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Duplication Revenue	300	351.75	300	239.00	400		100	33.3%
Administrative Services	7,000	7,000.00	20,000	10,000.00	30,000	1	10,000	50.0%
Vendor Permits	200	44.00	200	100.00	200		-	0.0%
Act 60/Reappraisal	18,000	402.92	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Land Use Permits	7,000	4,680.00	7,500	1,514.00	5,000		(2,500)	-33.3%
Rental Code Compliance	-	-	12,000	-	12,000		-	0.0%
Misc. Zoning	500	280.00	500	-	500		-	0.0%
Liquor Licenses	1,800	1,505.00	1,285	-	1,200		(85)	-6.6%
Misc.	1,400	1,111.49	1,800	1.01	-		(1,800)	-100.0%
Land Records	28,000	23,381.00	30,000	12,045.00	30,150		150	0.5%
Vault Time	3,500	2,697.00	3,000	1,465.80	3,000		-	0.0%
Misc. Clerk	1,500	2,169.47	1,000	764.23	1,000		-	0.0%
Marriage Licenses	1,800	2,655.00	400	210.00	400		-	0.0%
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	1,800	1,608.50	200	(6.75)	100		(100)	-50.0%
Dog Licenses	4,500	4,195.00	2,080	100.00	2,000		(80)	-3.8%
Vital Records	2,200	2,692.00	2,600	1,395.00	2,600		-	0.0%
Records Preservation	3,000	2,582.00	3,500	1,400.00	3,350		(150)	-4.3%
PILOT/CU	55,000	38,509.90	38,000	39,304.76	38,000		-	0.0%
Interest	12,000	9,390.47	4,000	6,770.06	4,000		-	0.0%
Delinquent Tax Interest & Penalties	50,000	109,539.92	65,000	35,431.42	65,000		-	0.0%
Traffic Tickets	9,000	7,895.67	6,500	5,299.81	5,000		(1,500)	-23.1%
Parking Fines	200	202.50	100	10.00	100		-	0.0%
Court Fines/Costs	300	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Forfeiture Funds	6,000	3,400.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Misc. Police	500	841.04	500	1,743.09	500		-	0.0%
COPS Grant	22,500	891.04	-	-	-		-	0.0%
SRO Reimbursement	35,000	37,168.14	36,000	-	36,000		-	0.0%
Click it or Ticket	1,000	5,051.85	3,000	218.38	3,000		-	0.0%
Document Reimbursement	1,000	2,465.00	3,000	1,640.00	3,000		-	0.0%
Access Permits	250	100.00	100	-	100		-	0.0%
Excavation Permits	300	300.00	100	50.00	100		-	0.0%
State Highway	145,000	148,964.95	145,000	74,414.84	147,000		2,000	1.4%
Misc. PW	-	27,602.58	1,500	-	1,500		-	0.0%
Capital Transfer In	51,000	51,492.17	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Overweight Permits	450	520.00	450	20.00	400		(50)	-11.1%
Bldg & Grounds Misc.	500	180.00	-	17.14	-		-	0.0%
Rent-MSW	6,000	6,600.00	6,000	3,000.00	7,200		1,200	20.0%
Mixed Recyclables	1,000	2,236.61	8,000	4,165.62	9,000		1,000	12.5%
Mosquito-Trustee Reimbursemen	12,000	9,250.00	9,250	-	9,250.00		-	0.0%
Recreation-Programming	-	34,902.65	41,810	26,781.10	49,655		7,845	18.8%
Total Revenue:	666,500	554,859.62	454,675	228,093.51	470,705		16,030	3.5%
Casella Reimbursement	80,000	8,777.38	70,000	-	-	2	(70,000)	-100.0%
EWM	70,000	125,667.19	80,000	-	-	2	(80,000)	-100.0%
Total:	816,500	689,304.19	604,675	228,093.51	470,705	2	(133,970)	-22%

Notes:

**TOWN OF BRANDON
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1. Gradual increase of Administrative Overhead the Waste Water budget should be paying to the General Fund Budget.
2. Reflects a change in accounting for the transfer station fees. There is a net \$0 impact on the budget as the expenses are reduced by the same amount.

Administration								
	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13 14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage Difference
Expense:								
Personnel & Benefits								
Salaries & Wages	223,213	223,338.15	224,680	105,850.64	217,205		(7,475)	-3.3%
FICA/Medicare	17,076	17,331.41	17,190	8,224.72	16,615		(575)	-3.3%
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	1,520		1,520	100.0%
Health Insurance	25,000	31,119.50	49,580	22,125.96	39,535		(10,045)	-20.3%
Health Deductible	8,000	1,840.15	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Dental Insurance	2,200	2,188.03	3,480	1,319.35	2,860		(620)	-17.8%
Life & Disability	3,600	4,116.67	3,980	1,380.93	3,145		(835)	-21.0%
VMER	14,200	12,896.40	14,980	7,123.81	11,965		(3,015)	-20.1%
Total:	293,289	292,830.31	313,890	145,825.41	292,845	1	(21,045)	-6.7%
Travel & Expenses	3,000	3,036.10	4,000	1,520.16	4,000		-	0.0%
Personnel Recruitment	250	7,741.27	1,000	-	1,000		-	0.0%
Miscellaneous	600	1,466.58	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Dues & Subscriptions	500	825.00	6,625	5,785.00	6,625		-	0.0%
Professional Development	1,300	3,026.37	3,800	2,849.22	3,800		-	0.0%
Contractors	9,000	6,581.25	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Legal	2,500	14,658.42	25,000	6,711.67	20,000		(5,000)	-20.0%
Auditing Services	23,000	16,000.00	20,000	6,678.75	20,000		-	0.0%
Consultants	250	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Office Supplies	10,000	12,353.32	10,000	4,186.30	10,000		-	0.0%
Utilities:								
Telephone	6,500	8,134.45	6,500	4,318.13	7,000		500	7.7%
Heating Fuel	15,000	7,775.20	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Water	400	88.16	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Electric	8,000	5,109.85	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Postage	7,000	6,750.74	7,000	4,989.06	8,000		1,000	14.3%
Technical Support	1,500	1,908.11	3,000	2,418.75	5,000		2,000	66.7%
Service Contracts	10,000	8,477.45	10,000	5,045.16	10,000	2	-	0.0%
Legal Advertising	1,000	2,069.82	1,000	1,001.28	1,000		-	0.0%
Town Report	5,000	5,424.15	5,000	-	5,000		-	0.0%
Insurance:								
Property & Casualty	33,248	34,475.20	35,105	24,930.78	38,615		3,510	10.0%
Workers Comp	1,137	2,401.00	4,445	3,497.93	4,890		445	10.0%
Claim Deductions	500	3,000.00	1,000	-	2,000		1,000	100.0%
Unemployment	5,000	2,167.20	1,500	1,842.36	1,650		150	10.0%
Public Transportation	4,000	3,500.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Tax Sales/Legal	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000		-	0.0%
Elected Auditors	100	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Historical Preservation Committee	500	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Economic Development	9,000	1,032.98	5,000	40.00	3,000		(2,000)	-40.0%
REDC	-	-	-	-	500	3	500	100.0%
Tax Anticipation Note	-	-	10,000	1,340.06	10,000		-	0.0%
Total Expenses:	455,574	450,832.93	477,865	222,980.02	458,925		(18,940)	-4.0%

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Notes:									
1. Reflects changes in positions charged to Administration. Bookkeeper - 30 Hours No Benefits; Cleaning Personnel - Moved to Buildings & Grounds.									
2. Maintenance contracts for the copier, postage meter, and annual municipal software.									
3. Line items moved from Intergovernmental to reflect being a membership dues.									
Clerk									
	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage	
Expenses:									
Personnel & Benefits									
Salaries & Wages	92,336	90,997.26	74,360	39,486.00	79,455	1	5,095	6.9%	
FICA	7,064	6,344.28	5,690	2,766.76	6,080		390	6.9%	
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	555		555	100.0%	
Health Insurance	23,500	31,339.46	29,405	17,073.95	32,630		3,225	11.0%	
Health Deductible	6,400	97.75			0		-	0.0%	
Dental Insurance	2,140	2,764.31	1,720	1,313.62	2,775		1,055	61.3%	
Life & Disability	2,323	1,799.23	1,595	630.05	1,755		160	10.0%	
VMER	7,462	7,341.12	5,260	3,016.34	5,675		415	7.9%	
Total:	141,225	140,683.41	118,030	64,286.72	128,925		10,895	9.2%	
Travel	350	260.00	350		350		-	0.0%	
Professional Development	-	-	500	65.00	500		-	0.0%	
Dues & Subscriptions	200	240.00	200	75.00	200		-	0.0%	
Elections	-	-	4,100	2,952.00	5,000		900	22.0%	
Dog License	2,300	2,058.58	-	-	-		-	0.0%	
Marriage License	1,500	2,065.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%	
Hunting & Fishing License	1,000	1,516.50	-	-	-		-	0.0%	
Office Supplies	1,500	1,381.77	1,600	66.47	1,500		(100)	-6.3%	
Records Preservation	5,400	2,405.00	5,900	2,280.38	5,500		(400)	-6.8%	
Office Equipment	2,500	2,038.24	5,000				(5,000)	-100.0%	
Total Expenses:	155,975	152,648.50	135,680	69,725.57	141,975		6,295	4.6%	
Notes:									
1. Clerk salary increase from \$49,920 to \$55,016									
Zoning/LHO/Rental Code									
	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage	
Expenses:									
Personnel & Benefits									
Salaries & Wages	33,145	30,486.21	33,135	1,956.02	54,135		21,000	63.4%	
FICA/Medicare	2,536	2,332.18	2,535	149.63	4,140		1,605	63.3%	
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	380		380	100.0%	
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-	15,485		15,485	100.0%	
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	-	970		970	100.0%	
Life & Disability	-	-	-	-	1,235		1,235	100.0%	
VMER	-	-	-	-	3,260		3,260	100.0%	
Total:	35,681.00	32,818.39	35,670.00	2,105.65	79,605	1	43,935	123.2%	
Travel & Expenses	650	320.54	1,200	-	1,200		-	0.0%	

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Dues & Subscriptions	200	376.58	350	-	350	-	0.0%
Professional Development	1,200	350.00	750	-	750	-	0.0%
Professional Services	500	-	4,200	-	4,200	-	0.0%
Contractor	2,000	4,064.20	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Legal Services	5,000	1,811.00	5,000	-	5,000	-	0.0%
Office Supplies	500	403.45	300	85	300	-	0.0%
Postage	-	240.72	500	-	500	-	0.0%
Office Equipment	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Legal Advertising	750	1,421.32	1,000	448.07	1,000	-	0.0%
Printing	100	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Mapping	3,000	3,307.50	3,300	-	3,500	200	6.1%
Total Expenses:	51,081	45,113.70	52,270	2,638.30	96,405	44,135	84.4%

Notes:

1. Combined Zoning Administrator, Rental Code Enforcement Officer, and Local Health Officer into 1 Full-time position with benefits.

Assessor

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expenses:								
Personnel & Benefits								
Salaries & Wages	14,000	14,148.27	7,800	3,472.00	7,935		(6,065)	-43.3%
FICA	1,071	1,082.34	595	265.62	605		(466)	-43.5%
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	55		55	100.0%
Total:	15,071	15,231	8,395	3,738	8,595		(6,476)	-43.0%
Travel & Expenses	200	144.47	100	-	100		(100)	-50.0%
Dues & Subscriptions	300	50.00	200	238.81	250		(50)	-16.7%
Professional Development	500	350.00	200	-	200		(300)	-60.0%
Assessor Contract	12,000	11,424.99	16,000	10,062.73	16,800		4,800	40.0%
Office Supplies	400	68.99	-	-	-		(400)	0.0%
Telephone	1,800	1,379.82	-	-	-		(1,800)	0.0%
Postage	200	134.32	200	-	-		(200)	-100.0%
Office Equipment	1,500	980.17	1,500	215.00	-		(1,500)	-100.0%
Legal	-	1,019.54	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Reappraisal	18,000	-	-	-	-		(18,000)	0.0%
Total Expenses:	49,971	30,782.91	26,595	14,254.16	25,945		(24,026)	-48.1%

Police

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expenses:								
Personnel & Benefits								
Salaries & Wages	489,150	434,344.85	449,240	206,734.32	458,530		9,290	2.1%
FICA	37,364	33,168.83	34,365	17,550.48	35,080		715	2.1%
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	3,210		3,210	100.0%
Health Insurance	62,000	76,678.67	75,170	37,736.20	82,525		7,355	9.8%
Health Deductible	14,400	2,566.18	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Dental Insurance	6,110	6,526.92	7,725	3,320.27	8,495		770	10.0%
Life & Disability	8,610	7,490.38	8,210	3,096.40	9,030		820	10.0%
VMER	39,940	32,101.49	29,950	15,912.66	30,460		510	1.7%

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Total:	657,574	592,877.32	604,660	284,350.33	627,330	1	22,670	3.7%
Travel & Expenses	2,000	445.65	1,000	1,568.22	1,500		500	50.0%
Clothing Allowance	5,500	4,380.69	5,500	1,443.95	5,500		-	0.0%
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000	1,150.24	1,200	918.01	1,200		-	0.0%
Professional Development	4,000	1,000.00	4,000	846.00	4,000		-	0.0%
Forfeiture Fund Payments	5,000	-	-	845.00	-		-	0.0%
Radio Maintenance	1,500	348.99	1,500	526.00	1,500		-	0.0%
MDTs/Video	3,000	1,927.76	3,000	933.54	3,000		-	0.0%
Legal Services	1,000	25.00	1,000	-	1,000		-	0.0%
Office Supplies	2,500	2,365.61	3,000	1,595.26	3,000		-	0.0%
Professional Supplies	3,500	2,087.22	3,500	251.70	3,500		-	0.0%
Service Contracts	9,200	8,854.48	9,200	6,494.38	9,200	2	-	0.0%
Utilities:	10,000							
Telephone/Internet	3,000	2,042.37	3,000	1,276.98	3,000		-	0.0%
Heating Fuel	-	-	4,000	1,219.18	3,500		(500)	-12.5%
Electric	-	5,331.57	3,900	1,597.61	3,900		-	0.0%
Water	-	-	400	39.66	400		-	0.0%
Sewer	-	-	800	-	800		-	0.0%
Building Maintenance	-	-	5,000	239.63	5,000		-	0.0%
Postage	500	76.69	500	112.49	500		-	0.0%
Document Requests	300	20.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Office Equipment	4,000	2,407.36	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Legal Advertising	200	-	200	-	200		-	0.0%
Special Investigations	250	-	250	-	-		(250)	-100.0%
Community Police	250	-	250	-	-		(250)	-100.0%
Vehicles:								
Equipment	2,000	2,100.00	2,000	1,707.79	2,000		-	0.0%
Fuel	24,000	21,188.78	27,000	7,584.03	24,000		(3,000)	-11.1%
Maintenance	11,500	7,503.45	11,500	6,442.10	11,500		-	0.0%
Insurance:								
Property & Casualty	44,118	48,409.43	40,575	28,600.53	44,635		4,060	10.0%
Workers Comp	19,317	15,895.19	28,715	21,360.74	31,585		2,870	10.0%
Unemployment	3,500	2,711.16	2,135	1,750.04	2,350		215	10.1%
Constable	200	232.52	200	-	-		(200)	-100.0%
Animal Control	4,000	-	1,000	-	1,000		-	0.0%
Total Expense:	822,909	723,381.48	768,985	371,703.17	795,100		26,115	3.4%

Notes:

1. Reflects a 7 person Police Force. Without an 8 person force, we are unable to provide 24/7 police protection.
2. Maintenance contracts for copier, State databases/software, and alarm monitoring.

Public Works

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expense:								
Personnel & Benefits								
Salaries & Wages	235,712	232,047.75	207,760	89,709.69	221,025	1	13,265	6.4%
FICA	18,032	18,927.81	15,890	7,395.61	16,910		1,020	6.4%
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	1,545		1,545	100.0%
Health Insurance	46,850	50,916.34	42,440	20,857.16	67,665		25,225	59.4%
Health Deductible	11,200	1,994.31	-	-	-		-	-
Dental Insurance	4,086	3,842.93	3,480	1,487.34	5,635		2,155	61.9%

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Life & Disability	4,475	4,563.62	3,005	1,264.10	4,640		1,635	54.4%
VMER	15,539	15,335.79	8,730	5,221.04	12,815		4,085	46.8%
Total:	335,894	327,628.55	281,305	125,935	330,235		48,930	17.4%
Travel & Expenses	750	349.82	600	16.80	600		-	0.0%
Uniforms	3,000	3,179.77	3,500	1,167.23	3,500		-	0.0%
Dues & Subscriptions	200	10.00	150	-	150		-	0.0%
Professional Development	550	255.00	500	-	500		-	0.0%
Engineering	15,000	-	20,000	-	20,000	2	-	0.0%
Contractors	10,000	4,485.76	30,520	282.50	30,520	3	-	0.0%
Equipment Rental	2,000	-	2,000	250.00	2,000		-	0.0%
Office Supplies	750	402.16	750	111.40	750		-	0.0%
Utilities								
Telephone	2,500	2,065.82	2,500	1,099.85	2,500		-	0.0%
Heating Fuel	8,000	11,658.69	8,750	483.47	8,750		-	0.0%
Electric	2,000	2,203.78	2,300	603.19	2,300		-	0.0%
Tools-Misc.	2,000	1,541.51	2,000	180.00	2,000		-	0.0%
Safety Equipment	750	683.74	750	75.00	750		-	0.0%
Vehicle Maintenance								
Fuel	40,000	42,698.48	40,000	8,928.51	40,000		-	0.0%
Oil	3,000	1,763.03	2,000	291.52	2,000		-	0.0%
Parts & Supplies	17,500	14,732.08	15,500	8,192.02	16,000		500	3.2%
Tires	3,000	1,810.72	9,500	2,811.00	3,000		(6,500)	-68.4%
Repairs	8,000	9,095.19	8,000	5,123.17	9,000		1,000	12.5%
Building Maintenance	7,500	3,924.73	10,000	2,203.89	8,000		(2,000)	-20.0%
Ditching	1,500	1,238.87	700	50.00	700		-	0.0%
Roadside Mowing	7,500	5,943.65	5,400	-	5,400		-	0.0%
Tree Removal & Planting	5,000	1,046.00	3,000	209.50	2,000		(1,000)	-33.3%
Guardrails	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000		-	0.0%
Street Sweeping	-	270.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Street Lights	50,000	82,219.90	50,000	17,618.55	50,000		-	0.0%
Signs & Posts	4,000	2,286.08	4,000	264.52	3,000		(1,000)	-25.0%
Line Painting	500	917.26	1,000	-	1,000		-	0.0%
Paved Road Patching	8,000	2,530.00	8,000	741.50	15,000	4	7,000	87.5%
Cold Patching	2,500	4,297.64	2,500	1,728.29	3,500	5	1,000	40.0%
Culverts	2,500	5,281.57	2,500	-	2,500		-	0.0%
Gravel	30,000	23,766.47	30,000	13,956.38	25,000		(5,000)	-16.7%
Chloride	10,000	9,240.00	10,000	-	10,000		-	0.0%
Road Salt	45,000	45,179.08	50,000	20,447.83	50,000		-	0.0%
Winter Sand	25,000	25,849.34	25,000	24,272.81	35,000	6	10,000	40.0%
Project Expenses:								
Bridge Work	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Bridge 114	10,000	10,000.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Resurfacing	40,000	38,160.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Sidewalks	-	1,250.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Insurance:								
Property & Casualty	17,350	19,046.31	17,740	11,891.67	19,515		1,775	10.0%
Works Comp	12,500	13,809.17	24,090	16,370.61	26,500		2,410	10.0%
Unemployment	1,790	1,385.64	1,200	1,012.95	1,500		300	25.0%
Equipment Leases	85,000	48,542.17	78,500	63,901.99	78,500		-	0.0%
Total Expenses:	821,534	770,747.98	755,255	330,221.09	812,670		57,415	7.6%

Notes:

1. Increase Public Works Director's hours to full-time

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2. Contracting with engineers for minor projects such as the FEMA PA grants.
3. Hiring Contractors for projects that PW staff can not complete do to scope of project or equipment needs.
- 4.. Increased use of hot mix vs. cold patch. Projects on Grove, Champlain and Smalley streets.
5. Increased cost of cold patch.
6. Reflects the sand: salt ratio due to increased price of salt.

Buildings & Grounds

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expense:								
Personnel & Benefits								
Salaries & Wages	1,000	773.25	-	-	6,455		6,455	100.0%
FICA/Medicare	77	49.58	-	-	495		495	100.0%
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	45		45	100.0%
Total:	1,077	823	-	-	6,995	1	6,995	100.0%
Supplies	3,000	2,535.10	3,000	983.84	3,000		-	0.0%
Repairs	7,500	11,393.06	8,800	1,709.51	8,000		(800)	-9.1%
Cemeteries	1,000	-	1,000	-	-		(1,000)	-100.0%
Mowing	8,800	7,650.00	12,000	3,085.00	12,000		-	0.0%
Recreational Fields	1,000	2,050.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Town Clock	500	-	500	-	500		-	0.0%
Town Office	-	-	15,000	-	10,000		(5,000)	-33.3%
Town Hall (FOTH)	15,000	15,000.00	10,000	5,320.55	10,000		-	0.0%
Tree Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Park Maintenance	2,000	2,965.36	1,000	2,301.94	2,500		1,500	150.0%
Green Up Day	-	-	-	-	300	2	300	100.0%
Utilities:								
Heating Fuel	-	-	15,000	1,521.71	12,000		(3,000)	-20.0%
Electric	-	-	11,000	2,985.74	11,000		-	0.0%
Water	-	-	400	195.01	400		-	0.0%
Sewer	-	-	1,000	-	1,000		-	0.0%
Rental	-	-	12,000	-	-	3	(12,000)	-100.0%
Trash Removal	2,500	2,870.97	-	1,140.80	15,000	4	15,000	100.0%
Licenses & Fees	400	180.00	300	206.20	300		-	0.0%
Testing & Monitoring	3,000	2,775.00	3,000	2,624.16	3,000		-	0.0%
RCSWD/Recycling	6,000	2,236.61	6,000	4,088.48	9,000		3,000	50.0%
Insurance								
Property & Casualty	750	95.08	1,315	443.04	2,000		685	52.1%
Unemployment	100	-	-	-	65		65	100.0%
Total Expenses:	52,627	50,574.01	101,315	26,605.98	107,060		5,745	5.7%
Casella - Disposal	80,000	8,777.38	80,000	-	-	5	(80,000)	-100.0%
EWM	70,000	125,667.19	70,000	-	-	5	(70,000)	-100.0%
Total:	202,627	185,018.58	251,315	26,605.98	107,060	5	(144,255)	-57.4%

Notes:

1. Cleaning personnel moved from Administration.
2. Moved from Intergovernmental.
3. Rental on 2417 Franklin St.
4. Cost of Town's MSW expenses.
5. Reflects change in accounting for MSW. There is a corresponding reduction of revenue for a net \$0 impact on the budget.

Recreation

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	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expense:								
Personnel & Benefits								
Salaries & Wages	40,000	36,853.21	30,510	17,153.79	31,030		520	1.7%
FICA	3,060	2,764.69	2,335	1,292.99	2,375		40	1.7%
VT PR Tax	-	-	-	-	215		215	100.0%
Health Insurance	14,000	15,983.91	14,700	8,684.82	16,315		1,615	11.0%
Health Deductible	3,200	2,034.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Dental Insurance	1,590	1,145.70	1,260	668.31	1,385		125	9.9%
Life & Disability	950	705.60	715	309.46	785		70	9.8%
VMER	2,405	2,763.84	2,480	1,439.52	2,520		40	1.6%
Total:	65,205	62,250.95	52,000	29,548.89	54,625		2,625	5.0%
Travel & Expenses	300	247.00	150	-	150		-	0.0%
Dues & Subscriptions	200	225.00	200	80.00	200		-	0.0%
Office Supplies	500	321.40	400	33.58	200		(200)	-50.0%
Telephone	1,200	112.84	700	-	500		(200)	-28.6%
Park Maintenance	-	-	-	-	500	1	500	100.0%
Mowing	2,000	1,515.81	4,000	2,250.00	4,500	2	500	12.5%
Programming	-	38,914.97	37,145	28,215.81	34,775	3	(2,370)	-6.4%
Computer Software	-	-	3,000	-	-		(3,000)	-100.0%
Insurance:								
Property & Casualty	4,700	5,142.08	3,570	2,565.03	3,925		355	9.9%
Workers Comp	-	-	2,430	1,673.46	2,675		245	10.1%
Unemployment	459	294.34	140	224.95	155		15	10.7%
Total Expenses:	74,564	109,024.39	103,735	64,591.72	102,205		(1,530)	-1.5%

Notes:

1. Improvements to recreation parks such as paint, equipment maintenance/replacement, fence repair, tennis courts crack filling and net replacements
2. Contracted services reclassified as Mowing for clarity in expense.
3. Reduction of the Zumba program.

Debt Service

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expense								
Route 7 - Segment 6	222,139	222,139.00	216,290	177,192.49	210,355		(5,935)	-2.7%
Police Station	32,450	32,450.33	31,800	25,937.35	31,150		(650)	-2.0%
Equipment Replacement	100,000	128,982.37	-	-	-	1	-	0.0%
Total Expense:	354,589	383,571.70	248,090	203,129.84	241,505		(6,585)	-2.7%

Note: Lease-Purchase Agreements have been moved to the departments which have entered into the agreement.

Intergovernmental

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expense:								
Intergovernmental:								

**TOWN OF BRANDON
PROPOSED BUDGET
FY 15-16**

County Tax	21,000	21,407.44	22,100	22,022.71	23,500		1,400	6.3%
VLCT	4,820	4,820.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Rutland Regional Planning	875	1,094.95	900	900.00	900		-	0.0%
REDC	500	500.00	500	125.06	-	1	(500)	-100.0%
Mosquito Control	27,815	27,815.00	29,500	14,750.00	29,500		-	0.0%
Public Transit	-	-	3,500	3,500.00	3,500		-	0.0%
Green Up Day	300	300.00	300	-	-	2	(300)	-100.0%
Total Expenses:	55,310	55,937.39	56,800	41,297.77	57,400		600	1.1%
Brandon Library	90,000	90,000.00	85,500	42,500.04	-	3	(85,500)	-100.0%
Senior Center	13,500	13,500.00	12,825	6,412.50	-	4	(12,825)	-100.0%
Total:	158,810	159,437.39	155,125	90,210.31	57,400		(97,725)	-63.0%

Notes:

1. Moved to Administration.
2. Moved to Buildings & Grounds.
3. Now a separate Appropriation.
4. Now a separate Appropriation.

Appropriations

	FY 13-14	Actual FY 13-14 Unaudited	Voted FY 14-15	Actual FY 14-15 12/31/14	Proposed FY 15-16	Notes	Difference	Percentage
Expense:								
Appropriations:								
Brandon Area Rescue Squa	20,735	20,734.99	20,735	10,367.50	20,735		-	0.0%
Brandon Area Chamber of	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	500.00	1,000		-	0.0%
RSVP & Volunteer Center	406	406.00	406	406.00	-		(406)	-100.0%
Rutland Area Visiting Nurs	10,200	10,200.00	10,200	5,100.00	10,200		-	0.0%
VT Adult Learning	1,200	1,200.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Boys and Girls Club of Bra	10,000	10,000.00	-	-	10,000		10,000	100.0%
Brandon Independence Da	6,000	6,000.00	6,000	3,000.00	6,000		-	0.0%
Southwestern VT Council c	2,400	2,400.00	2,400	1,200.00	-		(2,400)	-100.0%
ARC-Rutland Area	3,500	3,500.00	3,500	1,750.00	3,500		-	0.0%
Rutland Mental Health Serv	6,624	6,624.00	6,624	3,312.00	6,624		-	0.0%
Rutland County Parent Chil	3,250	3,250.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Community Health Service	750	750.00	750	-	-		(750)	-100.0%
BROC-Community Action	1,650	1,650.00	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Stephen A. Douglas Comm	3,600	3,600.00	-	-	2,500		2,500	100.0%
Independent Living Center	420	-	-	-	-		-	0.0%
Foxcroft Farm	-	-	15,000	7,500.00	15,000		-	0.0%
Brandon Library	-	-	85,500	42,500.04	85,500	1	-	0.0%
Senior Center	-	-	12,825	6,412.50	13,500	2	675	5.3%
Union St.	-	-	125,000	-	-		(125,000)	-100.0%
Wheeler Rd. Bridge	-	-	24,000	-	-		(24,000)	-100.0%
Overflow Culvert HMGP M	-	-	-	-	68,640		68,640	100.0%
Marble St. Overlay	-	-	-	-	24,545		24,545	100.0%
Champlain St. Overlay	-	-	-	-	18,295		18,295	100.0%
Sidewalk Repairs	-	-	-	-	20,000		20,000	100.0%
Total Expenses:	71,735	71,314.99	313,940	82,048.04	306,039		(7,901)	-2.5%

Notes:

1. Moved from Intergovernmental
2. Moved from Intergovernmental

TOWN OF BRANDON
PROPOSED BUDGET
FY 15-16
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Administration									
Item	Acquired	Cost	Useful Life	Replacement Cost	Scheduled Replacement	Annual Contribution	In Reserve as of 6/30/15	FY 14-15	Proposed FY 15-16
Computers/Printers	Varies	29,005	3	26,650	2015	8,885	-	8,885	8,885
Copier (used)	2009	1,410	5	8,000	2015	1,600	-	4,000	4,000
Reappraisal	2008	200,000	NA			5,000	140,000	5,000	5,000
Total:		30,415		34,650		15,485	140,000	17,885	17,885

Police									
Item	FY Acquired	Cost	Useful Life	Replacement Cost	Scheduled Replacement	Annual Contribution	In Reserve as of 6/30/15	FY 14-15	Proposed FY 15-16
2006 Chevy Impala	2006		5	30,000	2015	6,000	-	-	30,000
2007 Dodge Charger	2008		5	30,000	2015	6,000	-	-	15,000
2008 Dodge Durango	2008		5	32,575	2015	6,515	-	-	0
2009 Chevy Impala	2009		5	30,000	2015	6,000	-	-	0
2010 Dodge Charger	2011		5	30,000	2016	6,000	-	-	0
2010 Dodge Charger	2011		5	30,000	2016	6,000	-	-	0
2013 Dodge Charger	2013		5	30,000	2018	6,000	-	-	0
Tasers (3)	2012		5	3,500	2017	700	-	-	0
Vests (10)	2011		5	8,000	2016	1,600	-	-	4,000
Speed Cart	2014		10	4,000	2018	400	-	-	0
Garage	NA		40			-	-	-	0
Police Station	NA		40			-	-	-	0
Total:				228,075		45,215	-	-	49,000

Public Works-Equipment									
Item	Acquired	Cost	Useful Life	Replacement Cost	Scheduled Replacement	Annual Contribution	In Reserve as of 6/30/15	FY 14-15	Proposed FY 15-16
John Deer Backhoe 4x4 410G	2004		10	120,000	2014	12,000	-	-	-
Clean-up Bucket	2004		10	1,200	2014	120	-	-	-
Wain-Roy Swivel	2004		10	6,000	2014	600	-	-	-
International 7500 HT570 Dum	2005		8	140,000	2014	17,500	-	-	-
11" One-way Plow	2005		8	7,000	2014	875	-	-	-
Wing Plow	2005		8	3,500	2014	440	-	-	-

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Gallion Road Grader	1996		10	250,000	2015	25,000	-	-
One Way Plow	1996		10	7,000	2015	700	-	-
Wing Plow	1996		10	16,000	2015	1,600	-	-
Ford F-550 Super-Duty Dump	2008		8	60,000	2016	7,500	-	-
One Way Plow	2008		8	3,500	2016	440	-	-
New Idea Agricultural Lime Sp	???		8	6,000	2016	750	-	-
Utility Trailer	???		10	1,800	2017	180	-	-
International Maxforce 10 Wo	2011		8	140,000	2019	17,500	-	-
11' One-way Plow	2011		8	7,000	2019	875	-	-
Wing Plow	2011		8	3,500	2019	440	-	-
Gehl Skidsteer Loader SL4640	2008		12	35,000	2020	2,915	-	-
6' V-Plow	2008		12	3,500	2020	290	-	-
6' Snow Blower	2008		12	6,000	2020	500	-	-
Sweeper Broom	2008		12	6,000	2020	500	-	-
Tow Behind Material Spreader	2008		12	8,000	2020	665	-	-
International SFA 7400 Dump	2012		8	140,000	2020	17,500	-	-
11' One-way Plow	2012		8	7,000	2020	875	-	-
Wing Plow	2012		8	3,500	2020	440	-	-
Chevy Silverado 3/4 Ton Utility	2012		8	25,000	2020	3,125	-	-
Caterpillar 924K Wheel Loader	2014	130,000	10	130,000	2024	13,000	-	-
Adjustable Forks	2014	3,500	10	3,500	2024	350	-	-
10' Reversible Plow	1995		10	11,000	2024	1,100	-	-
Pequea Trailer	2008		10	3,500	2028	350	-	-
11' One-way Plow	1995		8	7,000	NA	875	-	-
Total:				1,161,500		129,005		
Public Works-Projects								
Item	Acquired	Cost	Useful Life	Replacement Cost	Scheduled Replacement	Annual Contribution	In Reserve as of 6/30/15	Proposed FY 15-16
Union St. Road Project			20	292,000	2015	14,600	-	-
Country Club Rd. Road Project			20	663,000		33,150	-	-
Park St. Road Project			20	750,000		37,500	-	-
Champlain St. Road Project			20	110,000		5,500	-	18,295
Wheeler Rd. Bridge #23			20	120,000	2015	6,000	-	24,000
Sidewalk Projects			20	2,305,250		115,263	-	20,000

BRANDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Brandon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Neshobe School on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the following business:

Article I. To hear the reports of the Brandon Town School District Officers.

Article II. To hear a presentation by the School Board of its recommended budget for FY2015/2016.

Article III. To fix the compensation of the Brandon Town School District Officers.

Article IV. To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the BrandonTown School District.

Article V. To do any other business proper to be done when met.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Neshobe School to vote on the remaining articles by Australian ballot.

Article VI. To elect the following Town School District Officers:

- a. A Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- b. A Town School Director for a term of two (2) years.
- c. A Town School Director for a term of three (3) years.
- d. A School Director for Otter Valley Union High School District #8 for the remaining one (1) year of a three (3) year term.

Article VII. Shall the voters of the Brandon Town School District appropriate the sum of Five Million Four Hundred Sixty-SevenThousand One Hundred and Eleven Dollars (\$5,467,111) necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2015. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.

Dated at Brandon, Vermont, this 13th day of January, 2015.

BRANDON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Lisa Kenyon, Chair	2015
Erin Gallivan, Clerk	2016
Devon Fuller	2017
Michael Lufkin	2016
Debra Boyce	2015

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

As a newcomer to the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union this school year, I am continually amazed and impressed with the quality of education in our schools. With our Compass Points guiding our way, we have developed amazing programs and are preparing our students well for their future.

Character is being worked on through a variety of means. One curriculum we use is Responsive Classroom, which explicitly teaches students appropriate social skills. Lothrop Elementary has added Positive Behavior Supports which builds a learning community that focuses on the strengths of our students. We also offer community service and internships where our students learn to give back to our community.

Competence is developed through rigorous academic skills, with an eye on the 21st Century career skills our students will need. Using data, we identify students who need extra support to succeed and provide that support in the classroom. We have provided technology hardware to enhance our student learning and prepare our students for the skills needed in a global economy. All students are expected to progress and succeed in a comprehensive program that calls for critical thinking skills, collaboration and communication.

Creativity is abundant in RNESU schools. From the Walking Stick Theater to visits from Circus Smirkus; from the rich music programs, highly developed art programs and science exhibits, we seek promotion and development of creativity. Even our preschool and afterschool programs value creativity in the offerings they present. The community is often invited to share in the celebrations of creativity the schools engage in.

Community is present everywhere in the SU. School communities have great support for events that highlight our students. Community outings connect students and the adults in the community on a regular basis. Students learn to give to the community and learn how communities work, through elections, volunteering and community service. The School Boards are also addressing community in their work as community elected liaisons. Three of the larger Boards now have their Board meetings taped by PegTV (Lothrop, Otter Valley and RNESU). An app on the websites called Let's Talk has been added as a means for parents and community members to explain their concerns and receive feedback easily. The app also allows us to track the community's concerns and adjust our policies and practices accordingly. As superintendent, I continue the practice of writing the Compass Points column in the Brandon Reporter monthly and have started a blog at jcollinsrnesuvt.wordpress.com.

Rutland Northeast is a vibrant, forward moving educational community. I am thrilled to be part of it and I hope to meet many community members at school events and the upcoming town meetings.

Jeanné Collins, Superintendent of Schools

BRANDON TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Brandon School Board oversees Neshobe School and includes five elected members from our community. Our Board members come from diverse of backgrounds, bringing a variety of views to the table. As Chair, I, Lisa Kenyon, am a stay at home mother and caregiver. Our Clerk is Erin Gallivan, who is a lawyer specializing in workers compensation, and the other Board members include Devon Fuller, a stay at home father, Debbie Boyce, a retired teacher, and Mike Lufkin, Vice President and Portfolio Manager at Peoples United Bank.

The focus of our Board over the last year has been on overseeing the quality of education for Brandon students and discussing fiscal sustainability. The School Board set five goals for action this year which are:

1. To develop opportunities that fully engage the whole child in a community of belonging;
2. To develop and implement a study plan to meet the present and future needs of Neshobe school;
3. To develop and implement an Ely fund plan and procedure;
4. To develop and present a fiscally responsible budget for 2015 2016; and
5. To increase and expand the partnership between Neshobe school, the school community and the communities of Brandon, Forest Dale and Goshen.

The Board began in October to develop the budget for FY16 with the goal of bringing in as low a budget as possible while keeping quality programs. This gets harder each year and this year is no different. Offering five community forums over the past two months before finalizing a budget for voter approval, we reached out to the community and feel that we have brought forth a budget that the voters can be proud of.

We welcome the public at our Board meetings, which usually take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at Neshobe School.

Respectfully, Lisa Kenyon, Board Chair

NESHOBE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Neshobe Elementary continues to have high expectations for our students that we have set as a school community. It is our belief that all students can learn with the appropriate level of support, and we provide a solid framework for providing a strong learning environment educationally, socially, and emotionally. The mission statement of our school reads:

We Believe...

We believe in the potential of every student. We believe each student has unique needs, and that we can provide the safe, supportive, yet challenging learning environment to meet those needs and foster growth. We believe all students learn better if there are strong connections with their teachers and other school staff, based on positive, respectful interactions. We believe family involvement is essential to the success of our students.

We encourage families to take an active role in the social and academic lives of our students. We believe it is our responsibility to provide opportunities for families to contribute to the school community. We believe connections that are personal, educational, and family and community oriented support the whole child. These strong connections help students feel safe both physically and emotionally in their school setting.

We believe in actively communicating to students that they are valued and guiding them so a sense of personal and group responsibility permeates the learning environment.

This encourages students to care for and support each other, the school, and their environment, and to carry their responsible behavior into field studies and other off-campus settings. Providing many opportunities for choices helps students build the skills of decision making, problem solving, as well as supporting responsible actions. As staff, we are responsible for and invested in every child. We believe in nurturing the hopes and dreams of our students.

We believe in ourselves and our colleagues and that working together we can support all students to feel success and make those hopes and dreams a reality.

We are guided by the framework of our Mission Statement, the RNESU Compact, and the Common Core State Standards in our work to advance the learning of all students. It is essential that these frameworks support and promote opportunities for student-centered learning that is project based and personalized to meet the needs and goals of all students.

We have worked over the last few years to make the shift to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) which were adopted by the Vermont Board of Education.

Our professional development has been focused on the transition to the new Bridges to Mathematics in kindergarten through grade five and Connected Math in grade six, which are now aligned to the CCSS. We are continuing our work with the Green Mountain Writing Project to support the Writer's Workshop model which is used kindergarten through sixth grade. Our reading curriculum is being studied to ensure it is meeting the needs of all students. This work is supported by the RNESU Literacy and Math Teacher Leaders and a Title I Reading Consultant.

Teaching and learning is always evolving to best meet the needs of all students and utilizing new research. To ensure the balance between where we are and where we need to be, Neshobe School has a school-wide Action Plan that outlines goals for reading, writing, math, science, social studies, parent involvement and social emotional development. It also describes the additional supports available to students, including interventions for reading and math, an educational support team that provides academic, emotional and social supports for students and their families, before-school homework support, after-school and summer programs. Each grade level teaching team has developed a specific action plan which identifies their role in attaining the goals set.

Last year, we implemented Neshobe Expectations, Rights, and Responsibilities. Our goal is to provide the support for students to be kind, respectful, caring and responsible students and citizens. This goal is realized when:

- There is a safe, challenging, engaging and positive learning environment
- Children learn and practice social skills of cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control
- Students feel respected, valued, successful and share a sense of belonging and ownership
- All members of our school community model expected behaviors and make positive contributions

For many years, we have followed the Response to Intervention (RtI) model to ensure we were meeting the needs of students requiring support. This summer, a team of ten attended the BEST Institute conference on Multi-Tier Systems of Support (MTSS). MTSS expands upon the RtI model for a more comprehensive approach which includes all students. Our team focused on building upon the foundation of Neshobe Expectations, Rights, and Responsibility for behavior. The school-wide expectations and classroom procedures were taught at the beginning of the year and are revisited

within each classroom on a regular basis. On a monthly basis grade level teams are looking at data to assess progress and identify next steps. To further develop and ensure a feeling of community, connection, and sharing between students and students and staff, we have created new opportunities such as Primary Nation (K-2) which meets every Monday morning. Our third and fourth grades are hosting small social lunch groups, and fifth and sixth grades have added a service learning component to their committees, to name a few new opportunities. The counselors are also providing classroom instruction in developing problem solving and social skills, self-regulation, independence, communication, and sportsmanship.

Neshobe School follows The Vermont School Crisis Guide outlined procedures and practice drills on a monthly basis to ensure all children and staff know what to do in case of an emergency. We will remain vigilant and reevaluate our security procedures on a regular basis in consultation with the Brandon Police and Fire Departments to ensure our students' safety.

We believe the whole community is essential to each child's success in our school community. We have supportive community and parent volunteers providing learning opportunities through such programs as Four Winds and Everybody Wins, as well as, volunteers in our classrooms, library, and on field studies.

We have an amazing and dedicated PTO that works hard to raise funds which will provide enrichment opportunities and a safe playground. Our collaborative partnership with Bill Moore, Brandon Recreation Director, provides additional learning opportunities for our students and the Brandon Community through physical activities, seasonal events, and adult programs. It also ensures that Neshobe School remains a resource which benefits the community outside of school hours. And, finally, we have a very supportive community without which none of this would be possible.

Congratulations and best wishes to Nick Montello on his retirement after 27 years teaching physical education! He leaves a legacy of believing in the physical ability of every child and creating the challenges which motivated them to succeed.

It is my privilege to be part of the Neshobe School Community, working with students, staff, parents, school board, and community members to support all students in reaching their full potential. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this information or our school.

Respectfully, Judith A. Pulsifer, Principal

RNESU BUDGET NOTE

The District Wide Transportation Proposed Budget and Assessments, the Special Services Proposed Budget and Assessments and the Central Office Proposed Budget and Assessments can be found in the Otter Valley Union High School Report; which is available on-line at www.ovuhs.org or by calling Otter Valley Union High School at (802) 247-6833.

RNESU PROFESSIONAL SALARIES

The Rutland Northeast professional salaries by negotiated groups for 2014-2015 (as of January 1, 2015) can be found in the Otter Valley Union High School Report; which is available on-line at www.ovuhs.org or by calling Otter Valley Union High School at (802) 247-6833.

SOAR

SOAR (Success through Opportunities, Academics and Recreation) provides afterschool programming including:

- Mondays – Thursdays @ Neshobe School
- Fridays – Rockin' With the Rec @ Neshobe School
- Summer SOAR in July @ Neshobe School

The 2014 SOAR summer program continued collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of Brandon and the Brandon Recreation Department, which enabled families to have full-day programming for four weeks during the summer months. Students who attended the summer program learned about Dinosaurs, Vikings, Waterworks, Medieval Times, Outdoor Adventure, Animal shelters, Financial Literacy, and being an Entrepreneur. Two 2-week programs allowed for more in-depth learning with project based activities.

The program is in the second year of a five-year 21st CCLC grant. The present grant provides 50% of the program's funding.

Students Served - Neshobe				
	Total	School Year Only	Summer Only	Both
2006-2007	113	69.9%	8.0%	22.1%
2007-2008	81	76.5%	7.4%	16.0%
2008-2009	118	62.7%	17.8%	19.5%
2009-2010	153	54.9%	22.2%	22.9%
2010-2011	144	53.5%	25.0%	21.5%
2011-2012	158	55.1%	26.6%	18.4%
2012-2013	143	53.1%	32.2%	14.7%
2013-2014	152	62.5%	14%	23.7%
2014 July-Dec	134	51.5%	21%	27.7%

Student Characteristics – 2013-2014 data		
Male	Female	Free & Reduced Lunch
57%	43%	60%

SOAR Funding – 2014-2015 Budget Year					
Total	21CCLC	Child Care Financial Assistance	Program Fees	School & SU	In-Kind Donation
\$144,514.86	42%	34%	19%	4%	1%

**NESHOBIE PROFESSIONAL SALARIES BY NEGOTIATED GROUPS
2014-2015 (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015)**

Column A or Bachelor's + 0 Credits \$36,439 – 46,642	Column B or Bachelor's +15 Credits \$37,897– 49,557	Column C/Bachelor's +30/Master's+0 \$39,354 – 52,472
Sally Beayon Kathleen Mack Kelly Markowski** Julia Varian	Alia Dick Hannah Fjeld Michele La Flam	John Brodowski Christina Charbonneau Susan Dier Mary Heath*
Column D or Master's+15 Credits \$40,812 – 59,760	Column E/Bachelor's+60/Master's+30 \$42,269 – 68,505	Column F or Master's+45 Credits \$43,727 – 72,878
Monica Keith Julie Sequeira-Bacher John-Charles Sharrow Danielle Spaulding Kathryn Tricario	Heather Best Elizabeth Greeno Ellen Knapp Harriet Wyman	Kelly Coolidge Sharon Desforges Kim Faber Christopher Greco Donna Howe Nancy Merriman Nicholas Montello Donna Peduto Derreth Romano Shannon Stoner

* less than 100% FTE
** long term substitute

SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICES – TOWN OF BRANDON

School Board - The school board welcomes your input on all issues. The school board meetings are held on the second and fourth (*the fourth only when necessary*) Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Neshobe School library. Please call the school in advance (247-3721) in order to assure a place on the agenda and to see if there have been any meeting changes, postponements or cancellations.

Equal Opportunity - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union insures equal employment and educational opportunities regardless of race, color, handicap, national origin, or sex.

Students with Disabilities - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is required by federal laws IDEA-B (Formerly EHA-B) and Section 504 and state regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the town of Brandon who you suspect of having such needs, but who is not currently receiving them, please contact the Director of Special Services, Marsha Bruce, at (802) 247-5757 or the school principal for your town.

Records Review - As provided under federal and state laws and regulations, all parents and legal guardians are hereby notified that they have a number of rights under FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). You may inspect the educational record, request an amendment or file a complaint. If you find this necessary, please contact your school principal. You may also contact your school for a copy of the RNESU Records Policy, which outlines your rights under this law.

Asbestos - The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act [40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)] requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative offices of each facility listed below. Please contact the building Principal if you wish to read this plan.

	<u>School Address</u>	<u>Designated Person</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1.	Neshobe Elementary School 17 Neshobe Circle Brandon, VT05733	Jeff Bushey JudiPulsifer	247-3721

- | | | | |
|----|---|----------------|----------|
| 2. | Otter Valley Union H. S.
2997 Franklin Street
Brandon, VT05733 | Kyle Watrous | 247-6833 |
| 3. | Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
49 Court Drive
Brandon, VT05733 | Brenda Fleming | 247-5757 |

Audit Reports - Certified Public Accountants audit reports are available for public inspection. These may be found on the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union website at www.rnesu.org or by calling the business office at (802) 247-5757.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Notification (PPRA) - PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys. These include the right to:

- *Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use –
 1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

Educator Quality - Under the No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher. This information includes: whether the teacher has met the state requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) they are teaching; whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency license; the college major and/or graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher; and whether their child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. During the 2013-2014 school year, 100% of core academic classes at Neshobe Elementary School were taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) and 0% of the teachers were on provisional licenses.

State Assessment Results - Under the No Child Left Behind Act, students in grades 3– 8 and 11 are assessed annually in reading, writing, math and science. School wide test results may be found on the State Agency of Education website at www.education.vermont.gov.

RNESU Annual Report - The RNESU Annual Report and Profile is available electronically and may be found on the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union website at www.rnesu.org or by calling the Central Office at (802) 247-5757.

**BRANDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 201 – RESTRICTED AND ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES**

Restricted, committed and assigned fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source. A more detailed explanation is provided in Note 10 of the Audit Report.

Reservations at year end are for the following

General Fund:

Fiscal 14-15 Budget \$0

Special Reserve Funds:

After School Fund	\$211,192
Buildings & Grounds Reserve	<u>\$158,203</u>
Total	<u>\$369,395</u>

Capital Projects Fund:

Energy Project \$ 29,744

Permanent Fund:

Ely Fund \$188,348

Private Purpose Trust Funds

Awards and Scholarships \$1,225,301

**BRANDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 3, 2014
NESHOBIE SCHOOL - FORESTDALE**

Cub scout Keith Carrara of Pack 123, Brownie Christina Carrara of Brownies of Brandon and Den leaders Jeff Carrara and Debbie Boyce presented the colors and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Art Doty called the Annual Brandon Town School District meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Attending the meeting were school board members Chairman Devon Fuller, Erin Gallivan, Michael Lufkin, Lisa Kenyon, Bill Moore, Clerk Bill Dick and 205 registered voters. The following business was then transacted:

Article I. To hear the reports of the Brandon Town School District officers. Bernie Carr moved the reports be accepted. Wayne Rausenberger seconded the motion. The reports were accepted.

Article II. To hear a presentation by the School Board of its recommended budget for FY2014/2015. Board Chairman Fuller gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed budget of \$5,356,775, an increase in the school tax rate of 2.3% from the previous year. Chairman Fuller stated that the enrollment has stayed steady. Average class size is 17 students, which is above state average. Chairman Fuller commented on the NECAP scores, many of the school's programs, and student involvement with community projects.

Article III. To fix compensation of the Brandon Town School District Officers. Bernie Carr moved to fix compensation as budgeted. Nancy Jakiela seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Article IV. To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the Brandon Town School District. Seth Clifford moved to adopt the article. Nancy Jakiela seconded the motion. The article was adopted.

Article V. To do any other business proper to be done when met. Former School Principal Bud Coolidge acknowledged the names and accomplishments of former board members, teachers and staff that have passed away. Those mentioned were June Atwood, Francis Salengo, Carolyn Memoe, Virginia Larabee, Richard Smith, Eugenie MacMurtry, Dave Gibson, Dave Walker, Bette Moffett, Maxine Thurston and Francis Canfield.

The meeting was recessed at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Doty
Moderator

Maria Ammatuna
BCA Chair

William Dick
Town Clerk



Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union

... dedicated to the development of character, competence, creativity and community

VALUES

- Caring • Effort & Resilience • Visual & Performing Arts • Social & Personal Responsibility • Acceptance & Celebration of Diversity •
- Mutual Respect • Individual & Collective Achievement • Appreciation of the Natural World • Physical Health & Wellness •
- Lifelong Learning • Equity •

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students are successful learners, workers and citizens by becoming:

- Academically Accomplished
- Effective Oral and Written Communicators
- Effective Collaborators
- Independent & Creative Thinkers
- Innovators & Problem Solvers
- Globally Aware & Responsible Citizens
- Community Contributors
- Physically & Emotionally Healthy
- Kind, Caring & Gracious
- Appreciative of Visual & Performing Arts
- Aware & Respectful of the Natural World
- Confident, Courageous & Persistent
- Responsible & Motivated Self-Advocates
- Respectful, Fair & Just Individuals
- Curious & Lifelong Learners

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Students participate in learning opportunities that:

- ...provide access to a rigorous academic curriculum
- ...engage students in authentic and relevant work
- ...integrate best and "next" instructional practices
- ...promote critical thinking & innovation
- ...are personalized & proficiency-based
- ...are both minds on and hands-on
- ...are project/problem based
- ...are interdisciplinary
- ...include community service & service learning experiences
- ...engage students in the natural world
- ...integrate the effective use of technology
- ...are vocational and experiential in nature
- ...encourage student voice, ownership and leadership
- ...promote "habits of mind" or executive skills
- ...are extended beyond the school day, school year and school building

OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS, RESOURCES & PRACTICES

The RNE SU community is committed to fulfilling our mission and values by providing:

- Adequate Instructional Staffing
- Adequate Support Staffing
- Adequate Continuum of Intervention & Support
- Access to Quality Professional Development
- Adequate Instructional Resources
- Access to Current Technology
- Safe and Adequate Transportation
- Safe, Healthy & Efficient Facilities
- Equity in Access to Programs & Services
- Positive Learning Environments
- Effective Governance & Leadership
- Effective Professional Practices
- Effective Feedback, Assessment and Grading Practices
- Effective Communication
- Opportunities to Collaborate
- A Culture of Continuous Improvement
- Opportunities to Recognize & Celebrate Achievements
- Community Engagement

NEEDS ASSESSMENT & PROGRAM EVALUATION

RNESU will assess student outcomes and evaluate programs based on:

- Regular Review of RNE SU, School and Grade Level Profiles
- Regular Review of State, RNE SU, School, Grade Level and Individual Student Data

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

RNESU will develop and implement programs with attention to:

- The Common Core State Standards
- Vermont Educational Quality Standards
- Vermont School Quality Standards
- Common Board Policy
- Multi-Year Supervisory Union Action Plan
- Annual School Action Plan
- Professional Goal Setting
- Student Goal Setting

Brandon Town School District

Budget Expenditures	Current Year	Proposed	
Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Budget FY2016
001.1100. Teacher Salaries	\$1,513,479	\$1,554,021	\$1,544,640
001.1100. Paraprofessional Salaries	\$172,450	\$160,917	\$122,017
001.1100. Teacher Substitutes Salaries	\$27,699	\$28,000	\$28,000
001.1100. Summer School Salaries	\$2,742	\$5,000	\$5,000
001.1100. Teacher and Para Health Benefits	\$466,753	\$476,769	\$417,541
001.1100. Teacher and Para FICA	\$125,251	\$134,008	\$128,553
001.1100. Para Retirement Contributions	\$5,699	\$5,259	\$4,730
001.1100. Teacher Retirement Benefit	\$17,936	\$17,936	\$13,685
001.1100. Workers Compensation	\$10,630	\$8,575	\$17,419
001.1100. Unemployment Compensation	\$796	\$748	\$3,500
001.1100. Teacher Para Dental Insurance	\$13,669	\$13,515	\$12,929
001.1100. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$6,328	\$6,600	\$4,383
001.1100. Instructional Contracted Services	\$8,462	\$16,500	\$16,500
001.1100. RNESU - Billback	\$6,151	\$3,500	\$3,500
001.1100. Instructional Equipment Repair	\$316	\$400	\$400
001.1100. Ely Fund Supplies	\$13,548	\$15,000	\$15,000
001.1100. Teaching Supplies	\$51,217	\$58,000	\$58,000
001.1100. Periodicals	\$679	\$1,000	\$1,000
001.1100. New/Replace Instr Equip	\$18,339	\$11,700	\$11,700
Function: Direct Instruction - Regular Programs - 1100	\$2,462,144	\$2,517,448	\$2,408,497
001.1200. Special Education Assessment	\$1,164,802	\$1,281,602	\$1,360,983
Function: Direct Instruction - Special Education - 1200	\$1,164,802	\$1,281,602	\$1,360,983
001.1400. Co-curricular Salaries	\$1,310	\$1,100	\$1,100
001.1400. Co-Curricular FICA	\$100	\$61	\$61
001.1400. Co-Curricular Workers Comp	\$0	\$4	\$8
001.1400. Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$100
001.1400. Co-curr. Unemployment	\$0	\$21	\$21
Function: Direct Instruction - Co-curricular - 1400	\$1,410	\$1,186	\$1,290
001.2120. Guidance Salary	\$103,961	\$110,775	\$116,732
001.2120. Guidance Health Benefits	\$24,519	\$25,549	\$26,622
001.2120. Guidance FICA	\$7,697	\$8,483	\$8,930
001.2120. Retirement Contributions	\$11,370	\$11,370	\$0
001.2120. Workers Compensation	\$635	\$538	\$1,149
001.2120. Unemployment Compensation	\$42	\$42	\$200
001.2120. Guidance Dental Insurance	\$415	\$436	\$417
001.2120. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$446	\$468	\$327
001.2120. Guidance Disability	\$0	\$453	\$453
Function: Student Support Services: Guidance - 2120	\$149,085	\$156,114	\$154,830
001.2130. Nurse Salary	\$45,572	\$46,642	\$47,890
001.2130. Nurse Substitute Salary	\$233	\$1,000	\$1,000
001.2130. Nurse Health Benefits	\$17,774	\$18,521	\$19,298
001.2130. Nurse FICA	\$3,281	\$3,568	\$3,664
001.2130. Nurse Retirement	\$0	\$10,340	\$0
001.2130. Workers Compensation	\$279	\$230	\$471
001.2130. Unemployment Compensation	\$21	\$21	\$100
001.2130. Nurse Unemployment	\$0	\$21	\$21
001.2130. Nurse Dental Ins.	\$415	\$436	\$417
001.2130. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$196	\$200	\$135
001.2130. Nurse Disability	\$0	\$198	\$198
001.2130. Health Supplies	\$1,232	\$1,250	\$1,250
Function: Student Support Services: Health - 2130	\$69,003	\$82,427	\$74,444

Brandon Town School District

Budget Expenditures

Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Current Year Budget FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
001.2213. Social Security (FICA)	\$11	\$0	\$0
001.2213. Workers Compensation	\$2	\$0	\$0
001.2213. Tuition/Workshop Reimbursement	\$45,445	\$30,000	\$30,000
001.2213. Dental Insurance	\$17	\$0	\$0
001.2213. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$2	\$0	\$0
001.2213. Local In-service	\$599	\$1,000	\$1,000
Function: Instr. Staff Support: Training Svs - 2213	\$46,076	\$31,000	\$31,000
001.2222. Library/Media Salary	\$51,244	\$52,472	\$41,904
001.2222. Library Health Ins.	\$17,774	\$18,521	\$14,396
001.2222. Library FICA	\$3,709	\$4,014	\$3,206
001.2222. Workers Compensation	\$312	\$258	\$412
001.2222. Unemployment Compensation	\$21	\$21	\$100
001.2222. Library Dental Ins.	\$415	\$436	\$417
001.2222. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$219	\$225	\$117
001.2222. Information Technology Licensing	\$1,823	\$8,500	\$8,500
001.2222. Library Books	\$5,380	\$5,500	\$5,500
001.2222. Audio Visual	\$23	\$0	\$0
Function: Support Services - School Library - 2222	\$80,920	\$89,947	\$74,552
001.2300. Board Salaries	\$2,417	\$2,500	\$2,500
001.2300. Board Secretary	\$1,120	\$1,500	\$1,500
001.2300. Social Security (FICA)	\$185	\$0	\$0
001.2300. Central Office Assessment	\$265,768	\$280,259	\$284,731
001.2300. Legal Services	\$3,867	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.2300. Audit	\$4,800	\$4,500	\$4,500
001.2300. Printing & Publishing	\$2,263	\$1,000	\$1,000
001.2300. Board Misc. Expense/VSBA	\$3,909	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.2300. Manditory Employment Testing	\$165	\$240	\$240
001.2300. BB Pathogens	\$0	\$100	\$100
Function: General Admin Support Services - 2300	\$284,494	\$294,099	\$298,571
001.2410. Principal Salary	\$86,520	\$89,116	\$93,216
001.2410. Secretary Salaries	\$64,680	\$66,258	\$68,568
001.2410. Admin Health Benefits	\$47,288	\$48,824	\$50,978
001.2410. Admin FICA	\$11,381	\$11,886	\$12,376
001.2410. Principal Life/Ltd Insurance	\$855	\$850	\$850
001.2410. Secretary Retirement	\$2,587	\$2,650	\$2,743
001.2410. Workers Compensation	\$924	\$765	\$1,592
001.2410. Principal Workmans Comp	\$0	\$680	\$680
001.2410. Secretary Workers Compensation	\$0	\$521	\$521
001.2410. Unemployment Compensation	\$62	\$62	\$400
001.2410. Admin Dental Insurance	\$1,246	\$1,309	\$1,251
001.2410. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$278	\$284	\$192
001.2410. Admin Printing & Publishing	\$50	\$500	\$500
001.2410. Travel Administration	\$246	\$1,000	\$1,000
001.2410. Supplies Administration	\$445	\$600	\$600
001.2410. Supplies - Petty Cash	\$200	\$500	\$500
001.2410. Dues & Publications	\$524	\$700	\$700
Function: School Administration Services - 2410	\$217,286	\$226,505	\$236,667
001.2523. Short Term Interest Expense	\$107	\$2,000	\$2,000
Function: Support Svc - Short Term Borrowing - 2523	\$107	\$2,000	\$2,000
001.2620. Custodial Salary	\$83,041	\$79,334	\$82,440
001.2620. Substitute Custodian	\$33	\$0	\$0

Brandon Town School District

Budget Expenditures		Current Year	Proposed
Account Description	Prior Year Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
001.2620. Custodian Summer Parttime	\$3,623	\$6,200	\$6,200
001.2620. Custodian Health Benefits	\$50	\$0	\$0
001.2620. Custodial Health Insurance	\$2,156	\$2,000	\$1,990
001.2620. Social Security (FICA)	\$3	\$153	\$153
001.2620. Custodian FICA	\$6,783	\$6,069	\$6,613
001.2620. Retirement Contributions	\$0	\$80	\$80
001.2620. Custodian Retirement	\$1,590	\$1,554	\$1,689
001.2620. Workers Compensation	\$4,592	\$3,645	\$7,780
001.2620. Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$83	\$83
001.2620. Unemployment Compensation	\$98	\$0	\$600
001.2620. Custodian Dental Ins.	\$415	\$436	\$417
001.2620. Other Benefits - Disability Insurance	\$227	\$268	\$156
001.2620. Water & Sewage	\$7,778	\$10,000	\$10,000
001.2620. Contracted Maintenance Services	\$50,677	\$40,100	\$40,100
001.2620. Building Maintenance	\$9,727	\$20,000	\$20,000
001.2620. Upkeep of Grounds	\$8,355	\$10,000	\$10,000
001.2620. Property Insurance	\$22,122	\$23,111	\$23,111
001.2620. Internet Service - Comcast	\$940	\$900	\$900
001.2620. Telephone	\$4,708	\$6,000	\$6,000
001.2620. Custodial Travel	\$0	\$100	\$100
001.2620. Custodial Supplies	\$14,896	\$15,000	\$15,000
001.2620. Electricity	\$35,882	\$36,000	\$36,000
001.2620. Heat	\$39,849	\$40,250	\$40,250
001.2620. New/Replace Non-Instr Equipment	\$3,203	\$3,300	\$3,300
Function: Operating Building Services - 2620	\$300,748	\$304,583	\$312,962
001.2711. Bus Driver K-Run Salary	\$160	\$0	\$0
001.2711. Bus Driver FICA	\$5	\$0	\$0
001.2711. Drivers Workers Comp	\$22	\$0	\$0
001.2711. Transportation Assessment	\$165,722	\$173,011	\$174,916
001.2711. Homeless Transportation Svcs to SU	\$6,244	\$6,000	\$6,000
Function: Student Transportation Services - 2711	\$172,153	\$179,011	\$180,916
001.2720. Bus Driver Field Trip Salary	\$3,575	\$3,800	\$3,800
001.2720. Bus Driver - Summer CoCurricular	\$172	\$550	\$550
001.2720. Bus Driver FICA	\$288	\$400	\$400
001.2720. CoCurricular Fuel Costs	\$1,525	\$2,000	\$2,000
Function: Student Transp. Svcs - Co-curricular -2720	\$5,560	\$6,750	\$6,750
001.3110. Hot Lunch Supplies	\$0	\$250	\$250
Function: Food Service Program - 3110	\$0	\$250	\$250
001.5100. Performance Contract Payment	\$59,056	\$59,056	\$59,056
Function: Debt Service - 5100	\$59,056	\$59,056	\$59,056
001.5300. General Fund Transfer Out	\$32,000	\$0	\$0
Function: Transfers - 5300	\$32,000	\$0	\$0
001.1100. PreK Salaries	\$0	\$35,235	\$170,030
001.1100. PreK Health	\$0	\$37,288	\$75,599
001.1100. PreK FICA	\$0	\$2,696	\$13,104
001.1100. PreK Para Retirement	\$0	\$1,409	\$1,464
001.1100. PreK Workers Comp	\$0	\$151	\$1,686
001.1100. PreK Unemployment	\$0	\$42	\$400
001.1100. PreK Dental	\$0	\$871	\$1,668
001.1100. PreK Disability Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$392
Function: Direct Instruction - Regular Programs - 1100	\$0	\$77,692	\$264,343

Brandon Town School District

Budget Expenditures			
Account Description	Prior Year Actual FY2014	Current Year Budget FY2015	Proposed Budget FY2016
001.3300. After School Sinking Fund	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$0
<i>Function: Community Services - 3300</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Grand Total	\$5,064,844	\$5,321,670	\$5,467,111

Budget Revenue

Account Description			
001.0704. Fund Balance Forward	\$0	\$0	\$80,155
001.1312. Tuition Revenue	\$73,800	\$118,000	\$111,900
001.1500. Interest Revenue	\$507	\$1,000	\$1,000
001.1920. Ely Fund Revenues	\$6,389	\$20,000	\$60,737
001.1960. Sales of Assets/Insurance Settlement	\$500	\$0	\$0
001.3110. Education Spending Revenue / Food Svs	\$4,219,831	\$4,308,643	\$4,299,100
001.3150. Transportation Aid	\$74,497	\$73,862	\$66,287
001.3201. Mainstream Block Grant	\$115,402	\$786,665	\$832,132
001.3202. Special Ed Expenditure Reimbursement	\$490,454	\$0	\$0
001.3203. Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$15,342	\$0	\$0
001.3204. EEE Block Grant	\$46,440	\$0	\$0
001.4810. National Forest Receipts	\$66	\$0	\$0
001.5300. Sale/Loss Comp. for Fixed Assets	\$12,500	\$0	\$0
001.5300. Transfer In - Energy Sinking Fund	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
001.5400. Prior Year Refunds	\$16,641	\$0	\$0
001.5910. E-Rate Reimbursement	\$3,360	\$1,000	\$3,300
Grand Total	\$5,075,729	\$5,321,670	\$5,467,111

District: **Brandon**
County: **Rutland**

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Rutland Northeast

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page. Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.

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Expenditures

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$5,056,888	\$5,250,119	\$5,321,670	\$5,467,111	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$5,056,888	\$5,250,119	\$5,321,670	\$5,467,111	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$5,056,888	\$5,250,119	\$5,321,670	\$5,467,111	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (Included in local budget) - informational data	\$264,366	\$285,768	\$280,259	\$284,731	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (Included in expenditure budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$1,026,115	\$1,030,288	\$1,013,026	\$1,168,011	10.
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$1,026,115	\$1,030,288	\$1,013,026	\$1,168,011	13.

14.	Education Spending	\$4,030,771	\$4,219,831	\$4,308,644	\$4,299,100	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	337.78	338.34	344.62	345.30	15.

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$11,933.13	\$12,472.16	\$12,502.59	\$12,450.33	16.
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$174.84	\$174.55	\$171.37	-	17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$17.18	\$11.17	\$3.39	-	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$11,933	\$12,472	\$12,503	\$12,450	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$12,450 / \$9,459)	136.801% <small>based on \$8,723</small>	136.293% <small>based on \$9,181</small>	134.654% <small>based on \$9,285</small>	131.824% <small>based on \$9,469</small>	27.

Prorating the local tax rate

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (131.624% x \$1.000)	\$1.2175 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.2812 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.3196 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.3162 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.
29.	Percent of Brandon equalized pupils not in a union school district	54.01%	55.26%	56.76%	57.90%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (57.90% x \$1.32)	\$0.6576	\$0.7082	\$0.7490	\$0.7621	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	99.48%	102.37%	105.42%	103.80%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7621 / 103.80%)	\$0.6610 <small>based on \$0.99</small>	\$0.6918 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$0.7105 <small>based on \$0.90</small>	\$0.7342 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (131.624% x 1.94%)	2.46% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.45% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.61% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.55% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (57.90% x 2.55%)	1.33% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.35% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.48% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	1.48% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Otter Valley UHSD	45.99%	44.72%	43.24%	42.10%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Neshobe School
S.U.: Rutland Northeast S.U.

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

FY2014 School Level Data

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Derby Elementary School	PK - 6	384	37.50	2.00	10.24	192.00	18.75
	Stowe Elementary School	PK - 5	386	24.95	1.00	15.47	386.00	24.95
	Academy School	K - 6	400	38.50	2.00	10.39	200.00	19.25
	Neshobe School	PK - 6	401	24.91	1.00	16.10	401.00	24.91
← Larger	J F Kennedy Elementary School	PK - 5	403	38.59	1.49	10.44	270.47	25.90
	Founders Memorial School	3 - 5	407	29.18	1.00	13.95	407.00	29.18
	Elm Hill School	PK - 2	407	25.50	1.00	15.96	407.00	25.50
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			425.10	31.93	1.51	13.31	281.64	21.16

School District: Brandon
LEA ID: T026

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 300
(12 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 7 out of 12
Smaller →	Highgate	PK-6	316.69	\$11,106	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Norwich	K-6	319.04	\$12,491	
	Newport City	PK-6	341.37	\$10,772	
	Brandon	PK-6	359.44	\$13,405	
← Larger	Cambridge	PK-6	369.87	\$10,461	
	Derby	PK-6	394.44	\$10,934	
	Middlebury ID #4	PK-6	451.56	\$12,065	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			458.53	\$11,102	

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller →	T058 Derby	PK-6	328.89	12,383.24	1.3070	1.3838	97.76%	1.4155
	T040 Cambridge	PK-6	336.33	13,387.28	1.4130	1.4400	101.73%	1.4155
	T139 Newport City	PK-6	340.33	12,506.78	1.3201	1.3821	85.97%	1.6077
	T026 Brandon	PK-6	344.62	12,502.59	1.3196	1.4086	105.42%	1.3362
← Larger	T123 Middlebury ID #4	PK-6	414.32	14,393.51	1.5192	1.6330	91.89%	1.7772
	T204 Swanton	PK-6	545.90	12,605.47	1.3305	1.3358	110.54%	1.2084
	T145 Norwich	K-6	638.28	16,995.03	1.7938	1.7938	99.33%	1.8059

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.