

Town of Williston Annual Town Meeting Abstract March 3 and March 4, 2014

The legal voters of the town of Williston met at the Williston Central School in Williston, Vermont at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 5, 2014 for the Annual Town Meeting.

100 voters were present at this meeting.

Selectboard Chair, Terry Macaig called the meeting to order at 7:00 and introduced the members of the Selectboard, Jay Michaud, Debbie Ingram and Jeff Fehrs. He noted that Christopher Roy was unable to attend due to illness.

Michael Sirotken, newly appointed State Senator for Chittenden County, was introduced. It was pointed out that Senator Sirotken was formerly a Williston resident.

Bill Skiff was introduced and honored for his many years of service to the Williston community including many years as the coordinator of the Annual Frog Jumping Contest, a member of the Recreation Committee, Lake Iroquois Representative, Justice of the Peace and a founding member of the Williston-Richmond Rotary.

Article 1: Anthony Lamb was elected moderator for the ensuing year on a motion by Jim McCullough and seconded by Bill Skiff and on a motion by Jim McCullough and seconded by Charlie Magill one ballot was cast unanimously electing Tony Lamb moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: On a motion by Charlie Magill seconded by Laurie Dearing, it was unanimously voted that current taxes will be paid to the Town Treasurer in three equal installments with due dates of August 15, November 15 and February 15 as authorized by 32 V.S.A. §4871

Article 3: On a motion by Carl Fowler seconded by Ken Stone it was unanimously voted to accept the reports of the several town officers.

Carl Fowler expressed concern with the equity of the fees that will be assessed for the stormwater mitigation costs. He urged the Town to look for ways to assist neighborhoods and encourage equitable ways to spread the expenses to everyone.

Article 4: To transact any other business proper to be brought before the meeting.

A motion was made by Charlie Magill, seconded by Ken Stone and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM at which time the polls will be open to vote by Australian Ballot. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

March 5 Voting by Australian Ballot

1241 voters cast ballots

Article 5: Shall the voters adopt a budget for operating and capital expenses of \$9,809,700 for the year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015?

Yes	748
No	510

Article 6: To elect for the Williston Town Selectboard one member for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2014.

Debbie Ingram 1008 (elected)

Article 7: To elect for the Williston Town Selectboard one member for a term of two (2) years beginning March, 2014.

Christopher D. Roy 982 (elected)

Article 8: To elect for the Board of Listers one member for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2014.

Vacant

Article 9: To elect for the Library Board of Trustees one members for a term of five (5) years beginning March, 2014.

Kristin M. Caterer	976 (elected)
Karla Karstens	986 (elected)

Article 10: To elect a First Constable for a term of one year beginning March, 2014.

Vacant

Article 11: To elect one Representative to the Champlain Water District for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2014.

Joe Duncan 1013 (elected)

Article 12: To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2014.

Deborah Beckett 1087 (elected)

Article 13: To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2014.

Deborah Beckett 1063 (elected)

/s/Anthony Lamb, Moderator

/s/Deborah Beckett, Town Clerk

Board of Civil Authority

TOWN MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT

"Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important." These are words spoken by Stephen Covey, a noted American writer and educator. With leadership from the Selectboard and support from the town staff, focus remains firmly on the long-term, important issues for the town.

For example, during calendar year 2014, construction of the new Public Works Facility was completed. This new facility will serve the Highway, Water, Sewer and Stormwater departments for a long time into the future. The new facility will provide for a more efficient operation and allow for growth as the departments it houses expand to meet the needs of a growing community.

Stormwater planning projects also continued as a major focus this past year and will likely be a major focus for the next several years. The Selectboard adopted a Stormwater Ordinance in April and a new stormwater fee was adopted in September of 2014. A new Stormwater Coordinator position was created to handle all of the details of implementing this program which will provide community benefits including; protecting essential infrastructure, enhanced safety for vehicles and pedestrians, decreased ponding/flooding issues and water quality improvements. Town stormwater runoff contributes to seven unique watersheds, three of which (Allen Brook, Muddy Brook and Sucker Brook), are tributaries to the Winooski River which ultimately discharges into Lake Champlain. By properly capturing and treating Town wide runoff the effects of urbanization on both our Towns waterbodies and Lake Champlain will be minimized.

This past year, one employee marked a major service milestone: Roger Boyer has served Williston for the past 20 years in the Public Works Department. In addition, Deborah Beckett has served the town as the elected Town Clerk/Treasurer for the past 15 years. The following employees celebrated ten years of service to the Town: Paul Latreille and John Wells (Public Works); Jill Coffrin (Library). Finally, several long-time employees have retired or moved on to other endeavors: Mike Lavoie (Police); Leon Stokes (Public Works); Susan Blair (Library) and Kevin Finnegan (Recreation).

Joining our dedicated employees in 2014 were the following individuals: Penny Barber (Public Works); Katrina Ducharme, Ben Hollwedel and Logan Young (Police); Todd Goodwin (Recreation); James Sherrard (Stormwater) Sarah Hibbeler (Library).

It is the responsibility of the Selectboard, the Town Manager and support staff to take the input provided by Williston residents and translate it into services, policies and procedures that meet the needs of this community. The input citizens provide during the year is extremely important in determining the future direction of the community. This input can take many forms, ranging from a simple telephone call or letter to a more active involvement including participating on an elected or appointed Board or Commission. If you have a concern or question, please contact someone on the Selectboard or town staff. Your input is important to the future of our community.

The Manager's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Should you wish to contact us, feel free to stop by the Town Hall or call 878-0919. You may also send email at rmcguire@willistonvt.org. Please visit our web site at <http://town.williston.vt.us>. It contains a wealth of information and is updated regularly.

As always, your suggestions and comments are welcome. We remain committed to providing the highest level of service in a professional manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard McGuire
Town Manager

SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT

2014 was another year of solving budget challenges and maintaining the tax rate at the lowest amount possible while preserving essential services. Thanks to the diligence and innovativeness of our Town Manager, Finance Director, town department directors and staff, we were able to stay within budget and fulfill the town's obligations to its citizens. The information listed below is not all-inclusive. Please visit the town website at <http://town.williston.vt.us> for updated information.

This past year was one of many accomplishments. Amendments to the Unified Development Bylaws were adopted to update impact fees, marijuana dispensaries and conservation areas. Several ordinances were adopted or amended, including the sewer allocation, stormwater and traffic ordinance. Thirteen public hearings were held. Energy conservation projects on town buildings have continued. Erosion control projects were constructed along Allen Brook. A collective bargaining contract covering police department unionized employees was negotiated and signed.

Town infrastructure continues to be improved. Several storm water projects were completed and much more needs to be done due to federal and state requirements. The adopted policy for working with associations and others with expired storm water permits was implemented. The Selectboard and Town staff explored, and agreed, the best way to provide storm water services is by creating an enterprise fund. The fund will be financed by a new fee to be paid by all entities who own property in Williston and is based on the amount of impervious surface on the property. A public works facility task force completed plans for a new building. A preferred site was agreed on and the Town Manager signed a purchase agreement as well as a design and build contract. The building, located on Avenue A, was completed on time, **under** budget and occupied. An affordable housing task force explored ways to facilitate affordable housing and issued their report.

The Selectboard is committed to enhancing Williston's strong sense of community. We could not do that without the competent staff in each of our Departments and in the Town Clerk's Office. Each Town employee works quietly behind the scenes to keep Williston running smoothly. As Town Manager, Rick McGuire is primarily responsible for carrying out the policies and directives of the Selectboard. He serves as the primary contact with Town staff and the public. Thank you to Rick for all that he does and his 16 years as Town manager.

The Williston in Bloom Program continues. Our citizens made the Town beautiful once again through their financial and labor contributions. We are grateful to businesses and to all citizens who work to make our town beautiful during the spring, summer and fall. Volunteers also put in countless hours on committees, commissions and programs. Our strong planning, development review, recreation, conservation, library, sidewalk and other programs only happen because of the great people who volunteer in our community.

We encourage members of the community to stay involved and welcome input as we address different issues. We continue to listen to each of you. Please consider serving on town boards and commissions. It is a great way to serve your community and to learn more about the great Town of Williston. Thank you.

Williston Selectboard: Terry Macaig-Chair, Jeff Fehrs-Vice-chair, Debbie Ingram, Chris Roy, Jay Michaud(resigned 11/1/14)

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Elections management and document recording along with the processing and collecting of taxes and water payments continued to keep the staff in the Clerk & Treasurer's office busy. Additionally, processing passports, dog licensing, DMV renewals and providing general information were mainstays of FY 2014.

Over this past year we have added 11,207 pages of document recording which includes Land Records, Maps, Miscellaneous Documents and Town Proceedings.



There was only one opportunity for Williston voters to cast their ballots during the past year. Out of 8113 eligible, approximately 15% of registered voters (only 1290) cast a ballot to pass the 2014 Town and School Budgets and to elect our Town Officials for the next 1-3 years.

We are continuing to offer automatic debit payments for taxes and water/sewer payments. We can initiate payments for water/sewer or tax customers electronically on the due date.

One of our goals of the past year was to increase the number of dogs licensed in the Town. The numbers of dogs being registered has been on the decline for many years while the actual number of dogs residing in town has seemed to be steadily increasing. Through our efforts to raise awareness we were able to license an additional 40 dogs from the previous year. We are going to continue to work with the Police Department and Animal Control Officer in order to get a higher percentage of dogs licensed. All dogs in the State of Vermont are required to be licensed by April 1 of each year. Dog owners will be able to pick up their 2015 license at the polls on March 3 or at the Town Hall during regular office hours.



In 2014 we bid farewell to Sam Ford, Assistant Town Clerk, who left to pursue a career in Historic Preservation in Jackson Hole, WY. We welcomed a new Assistant Town Clerk, Cindy Thurston. Cindy is a long time Williston resident and has proven to be a great addition to our staff.

We were also very fortunate to have Ben Townley, a CVU sophomore, work in our office for a few months. He proved to be a very valuable part of the team and took on several projects with enthusiasm and professionalism. His efforts were greatly appreciated.

Statistical Information for Calendar Year 2014

Birth	73	U.S. Passports	1015
Marriage	51	DMV Renewals	113
Death (Williston Residents)	40	Green Mountain Passports	77
Death (Respite House)	189	Vault Usage Hours	1170
		Dog Licenses	686

As always, do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Williston Town Clerk & Staff

Deb Beckett, CMC/CVC/CVT, Town Clerk/Treasurer	Sarah Mason, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer
Jennifer Munson, Assistant Town Clerk	Cindy Thurston, Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department provides the following community services to the Town: street and highway maintenance, stormwater system maintenance, water and sewer system operation and maintenance, parks and recreation services, including management of the Lake Iroquois Beach on behalf of the Lake Iroquois Recreation District, public building maintenance and construction management and inspection oversight. Public Works has maintenance responsibility of approximately 74 miles of public streets and their related infrastructure. The water system serves a year-round population of approximately 7,268 users with a total system demand of approximately 577,484 gpd. The sewer system serves a year-round population of approximately 6,125 users with a total sewage flow to the treatment plant of approximately 636,143 gpd.

The FY16 proposed highway budget as submitted to the Town Manager and Selectboard reflects a modest increase in funding over the current spending plan. The increases suggested will allow Public Works to complete its core mission while being responsible to the residents we serve.

The water system operating budget shows the lowest increase since 2012. The increase is due largely to having to increase the amount of money that we need to put into our capital savings and an increase in the wholesale rate by our water supplier Champlain Water District.

The sewer operating budget shows a significant increase due to payments becoming due for the rehabilitation of the Essex Junction Treatment Plant of which Williston is part owner. We are also using Sewer Fund balance to help offset a larger rate increase.

Listed below are some of the major projects completed by Public Works in FY 14:

- Portions of the following Town highways were resurfaced this year: South Brownell, Harte Circle, East Hill, Christmas Hill, Oak Knoll, Paddock and Oak Hill and Marshall to be done this spring.
- Design and permit efforts are ongoing in developing a Grid Street between Williston Road and Trader Lane near Taft Corners.
- Merchants Row and the extension of Wright Avenue were completed and opened.
- Three Major Pump station upgrades were completed, Old Stage Road, River Cove and Industrial Avenue.
- A new ordinance was passed for establishing how the town will deal with the requirements of the New MS4 Stormwater Permit.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the staff of the Public Works Department (Highway, Water & Sewer and Parks & Recreation) for all their efforts and commitment to making this a better community for our residents. They are an extremely dedicated group, always willing to assist and carry a positive attitude in their work efforts.

We welcome community input and suggestions on how better to serve the citizens of Williston. The Public Works Office is located at the Town Hall Annex with office hours Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Feel free to contact us at 878-1239 if you have questions or concerns, or visit the Town's web-site at www.town.williston.vt.us

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce K. Hoar
Public Works Director



WILLISTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Williston Recreation and Parks Department continues to serve the recreation needs of a growing population. Through diverse programming, special events, and the development and maintenance of recreation facilities, the Recreation and Parks Department offers Williston residents of all ages a wide range of choices for their leisure time.

Youth Sports Leagues:

The Recreation department organizes three youth sports leagues. Over 250 children participate in fall soccer league and over 200 participate in the winter basketball league. Lacrosse League has grown to over 100 participants. We would be unable to offer these leagues without the invaluable help of the more than 150 volunteer coaches.

Summer Camp:

In the summer months the department offers three full-time day camps; Explorer Camp for grades 1st-3rd based at Allen Brook School, Adventurer Camp for grades 4th-6th and Teen Adventure traveling camp for grades 7th-9th, both based out of Williston Central School. Campers take part in an enriching schedule which includes sports, fine arts, music and drama, field trips, swimming, and much more. The day camps served over 400 Williston families in 2014. Our Leaders in Training program offers teens the opportunity to learn the skills to be a successful youth worker. Successful participants are offered volunteer positions in our summer day camp and many later return as paid staff members.

Williston Ski and Ride Program:

2014 marked the eleventh year that the Williston Recreation Department has administered the Williston Ski and Ride Program formerly run by the Williston School District. Over 200 students participated in the program at Cochran's Ski Area every Friday January through March.

Senior Exercise Program:

A drop in fitness program for senior citizens operated in partnership with the Williston Federated Church and the YMCA of Greater Burlington, has grown steadily in the last six years. This program, supported by voluntary donations, serves more than 75 Williston seniors.



Allen Brook Trail

Recreation Facilities:

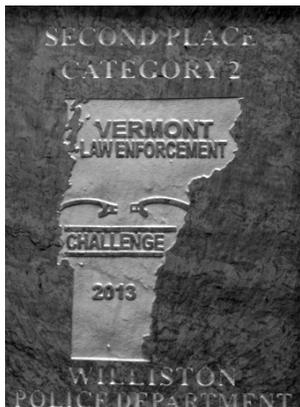
Our facilities include the Community Park, Rossignol Park, Brennan Park, Five Tree Hill, Mud Pond, Mud Pond Country Park and many miles of Recreation Paths throughout town.

The Recreation and Parks Department welcomes suggestions and inquiries. If you are interested in taking a class or offering a class please feel free to contact us at 878-1239 or email us- recreation@willistonvt.org. Be sure to like us on Facebook, sign up for the Recreation Newsletter or visit our website at www.town.williston.vt.us.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Erin Carmichael	Tom Watson
Keri Goldberg	Bob Metz
Eric Kelly	Mark Gagne
Lynn Reagan	

POLICE DEPARTMENT



This year has been one of progress and positive change for the Williston Police Department. Although we are not staffed to incorporate a school resource officer we do make efforts to visit our schools and remain actively engaged with school officials. School safety and emergency planning have been a focus for educational environments throughout the country. We have partnered with our school system and have engaged in further training, planning, and as well as continued to improve communications and relationships.

We are a full service police department and each of our shifts is currently scheduled with a supervisor and two patrol officers which enhance both performance and safety. As a result of added staff, we are in hopes of increasing our community outreach activities to include offering the R.A.D.

(Rape Aggression Defense) Training and maybe other events.

Our police officers elected to form a new bargaining unit this past year and became part of the New England Police Benevolent Association in the spring of 2014. Negotiations for a new contract were slated for the beginning of FY 2015. As of the writing of this report, negotiations went very well and a new contract was ratified.



At the beginning of FY 2015, we hired Officer Katrina Ducharme to fill the Community Oriented Policing Grant that we received last year. The grant entitled the Town of Williston a 3 year maximum of \$125,000 toward the cost of a new officer as long as we agree to fund this position for a total of 4 years. Incremental increases occur each year in our matching requirement for this position. In FY 2015, our match equaled 25%, but increases to 50% in FY 2016.

Our overall activity remained relatively consistent this year as compared to last. The following statistics describe our activity:

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Calls for Service	4248	4301	5013	4982
M/V Enforcement	5352	5050	5154	5109
M/V Violation Notices	2618	2094	3423	3677
Arrests	381	393	436	418
Offenses Arrested For	470	584	602	540

In addition to the statistics shown above surrounding arrests, officers directly referred 86 additional offenders to our Community Justice Center as an alternative to traditional criminal justice approaches. I point this fact out because the closure of these criminal cases, following the identification of an offender, does not get reported to the FBI, but an equal amount of work is done on them. In essence, these cases are equivalent to a criminal case closed by arrest.



Recent grants awarded to the Williston Police Department are as follows and are in excess of \$23,000:

Governor's Highway Safety & NHTSA	\$5,000	Highway Safety Equip.
Bureau of Justice & VLCT	\$1,300	Bullet Proof Vests
Vermont League Cities & Towns (PACIF)	\$2,500	Equipment
Border Security (Stonegarden)	\$6,000	State Patrols HSU
SHARP & Occupant Protection	\$9,000	Traffic Safety Patrols

In addition to meeting all mandatory annual training, numerous officers were sent to specialized training in leadership and executive management, background investigations, commercial motor vehicle enforcement, and a host of other training classes. .

Our Goals:

Our number one goal is to deliver high quality services to our community. In addition, we focus on the efficiency of our operations and resources, the reduction of perceived fear within our community, and improving job satisfaction with our employees. We have made significant progress in our efforts to communicate with our community on different levels including Facebook, Front Porch Forum, WPD Blue Light News, Website, and by quickly relaying important press releases to the media.

On behalf of our agency, I extend my thanks to the Williston community for it's overwhelming support of our department, officers, and employees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I encourage you to visit our website at www.town.williston.vt.us/police or send us an email at police@willistontown.com. All of my contact information is available on our website or call 764-1152.

Todd C. Shepard
Chief of Police



COMMUNITY JUSTICE BOARD

In the past fiscal year, our volunteer citizen board and administrative staff have worked hard to uphold the stated mission of the Williston Community Justice Center- that being; “promoting and advancing the well-being and safety of our community by providing resources for positive change and repairing damaged relationships through a collaborative, restorative process.”

The number of cases referred to the Williston Community Justice Center (WCJC) has increased 35% over the same time frame of the prior fiscal year. The center receives direct referrals from both Williston and Richmond Police Departments, directly from superior court judges, from the state’s attorney’s office, from Rapid Intervention Community Court, from the Vermont Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Office and finally we are referred cases from the community. Our response and goal in any of those cases is to make sure there are amends made by responsible parties for the harm caused to individuals and the community. We are responsible for handling cases with origins in the towns of Williston, Richmond, Huntington, Bolton, St. George and on occasion, Hinesburg.

When a crime is committed, an obligation is created by those who have committed a crime. It is our hope that in all cases we make sure that the obligation to make amends is addressed by using a proactive restorative justice approach, we work to ensure there are no more victims in the communities we serve and that those communities become safer places to live and work in. Statistics bear out that our Williston Community Justice Center, percentage-wise, has the highest successful completion rate in the state, according to Department of Correction statistics.

Board members and staff have addressed issues ranging from retail theft and juvenile issues on the lower end of the scale to credit card fraud, forged instruments/false pretenses, embezzlement and prescription drug fraud on the upper end. We have been actively involved in cases of harassment and bullying at senior residential community centers. We have had an invited and productive presence in our local schools to help resolve cases of disorderly conduct via electronic means (sexting), bullying and harassment and other juvenile issues.

In collaboration with the community, we have helped the Williston Police Association’s “Chowda” Challenge in October, participated as a presenter in a regional retail theft conference, collected coats mittens and warm clothes for needy clients, assisted local senior residents with mediation of community living issues, assisted staff and administration at the Jean Garvin School, Allen Brook Elementary School, CVU and the Williston Central School.

We have provided students education on internet safety and we currently mentor two youths in their 8th grade challenge project. Each year a CVU senior can join our board as a volunteer for the restorative justice panels and complete a senior graduation challenge project. That is the case as well this year.

The board and staff successfully mediated a neighborhood dispute involving dog issues. Since the completion of the mediation efforts, not a complaint has been received from the particular neighborhood! As testimony to our relationship with the Officers of the Williston Police Department, our center was awarded a “teamwork” citation by Police Chief Todd Shepard. We have also welcomed to the board seven new board members in the fiscal year.

Director Stephan LaTulippe and Re-Entry Coordinator Cristalee McSweeney have been invited to present and speak at the Vermont and New England Residence Service Coordinators Conference in March and May respectively. We will be speaking about and doing a presentation on using the restorative process in handling senior citizen resident issues where shared community space exists.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Williston Fire Department is a combination (call and career staff) fire department providing Fire and EMS services, including ambulance transport. There are a total of 45 personnel on the roster including 11 Firefighters, 18 Firefighter/EMTs, 13 EMTs, 2 Chief Officers, 1 Command & Safety Officer, and 1 Dispatcher. These dedicated members of your community are proud to provide protection to you and your family, 365 days per year. We have operated with six full-time career shift personnel who are assigned into three groups of two – effectively working 24 hours on duty, then 48 hours off-duty. These personnel, paired with call Firefighters/EMT's, allow the firehouse to be staffed at all times. The Department is dispatched by the Shelburne Police Department and has responded to fire calls and 898 EMS calls in 2014.

As Williston has grown, so has the need for an infrastructure that can support the equally expanding need for services. Williston hosts over 20,000 people each weekday, and the Fire Department continues to see an increase in call volume relative to the expanding population. As we support larger housing and commercial developments, we must also consider the number of souls that will occupy those spaces. In order to maintain the quality of life that we have grown accustomed to in Williston, it means being fiscally responsible and aware of the needs of our community now, in the near future, and in the distant future. It means funding, and setting aside the funds, needed to maintain our investments and, most importantly, our residents.

For over ten (10) years, I have stated that three (3) full-time career Firefighter/EMT's are needed per shift, versus the two (2) we currently operate with. When our part-time maintenance person retired, we added several line items cuts from our budget to the monies for that position, and were able to fund ONE full time FF/EMT position. That new person has been hired and is scheduled to begin in January, 2015. That leaves just two positions remaining to be filled. I hope the voters will actively involve themselves in supporting this very important need.

Our duty pager is no longer in service. Residents are asked to call the station (878-5622) and speak with a Shift Officer regarding non-emergency service requests, including burn permits.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Williston Fire Department is pleased to be able to provide a high quality transport ambulance service for medical emergencies in Williston and neighboring communities on a mutual aid basis. The Town's transport ambulance, now in its fifth year of service, continues to be a huge success.

The world of EMS has seen significant changes the past couple of years. The VT State EMS Office has adopted the national standard for EMS certification, meaning EMT's will be trained and certified on a national criteria rather than just the state where they trained. This standard helps create consistency across borders and allows EMT's more flexibility when moving from one state to another. We spent a significant amount of time training and transitioning our staff to meet the new protocol standards, which the State implemented on April 1, 2014.

We retain an Advanced EMT (AEMT) for all shifts, allowing us to provide advanced life support (ALS) care for all EMS calls. Call EMT's sign up for duty slots and remain at the Fire Station for the duration of their 12-hour shift. Our facility contains a dormitory, allowing for personnel to remain in the building where the ambulances are housed. The Fire Department operates two ambulances, and was added to the Mutual Aid Matrix on July 1, of 2011.

The 2004 Lifeline ambulance was retired in August, 2014 and the new 2014 Osage ambulance was placed in service. The new ambulance has an updated layout in the patient cabin, which includes easier access to instruments, while maintaining safety for those in the back. Ambulance related accidents are the #1 cause of injury for EMS workers nationwide, so great care was taken to ensure that seat belt use, and other safety measures, could be maintained while providing patient care.

FIRE

We provide traditional Fire Services as follows: Fire Suppression (car fires, outside fires, structure fires, building alarms); Hazardous Condition Management (downed wires, gas leaks, carbon monoxide incidents, spills), Vehicle Accident Response, Mutual Aid Assistance to neighboring Towns (police, ambulance, airport, other fire agencies), and other responses as requested. All Firefighters are trained to the minimum level of Firefighter I which consists of 208 hours of coursework. We have 20 Firefighters trained to the level of FF II, which requires an additional 244 hours of training. All of our career staff members are dually certified as Firefighter II and AEMT. In addition, all have taken specialized training this past year in the Urban Search and Rescue program, which includes structural collapse, rope, swift water and confined space rescue. Haz-Mat, CPR, wilderness/water and other specialized training classes, along with weekly department trainings, are also attended.

We continue to offer Fire Prevention activities in our community. In October, we interacted with over 600 children in local daycares, pre-schools, private and public schools. The Fire Department also sponsored numerous activities during Fire Prevention Week including an open house, live house fire demonstration, Home Depot Day, numerous station tours and outreach to the community. We issued 106 burn permits this past year, and provided 85 car seat installations. Four members of our career staff are certified car seat technicians, which is a very popular program with inspections offered every Friday between 1:30-3:00pm.

Eleven call staff members were certified after attending a 3-week intensive Pumping Apparatus Driver Operator (PADO) class in September. This was an intensive course which normally takes 10 weeks to complete. PADO is a huge benefit to the Department, as it allows Firefighters to operate our pumper trucks during an incident. We also had the opportunity to train on two structures this past year: a live house burn on North Brownell Road in late March, and an interior training at an apartment building in Essex. Live training provides the best opportunity for our staff to practice their skills, to test new methods, and to become familiar with any new equipment that has been added to the apparatus. We appreciate the opportunity provided by the owners of these two sites.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness and assistance is offered to members of the community as unique and large scale events occur. Weather-related emergencies remain one of our largest demands, as these types of emergencies require significant manpower and services related to road closures/redirection.

IN SUMMARY

A recognition dinner was held in June for Battalion Chief Mike Lizotte. Chief Lizotte stepped down in his role as Battalion Chief, after serving the fire service for over 40 years, and the Town of Williston for 20 years. He now serves the Department as Command & Safety Officer. Most of our staff attended the event, along with friends and family, to celebrate the many years of service that Mike has provided to this community. Several WFD members were also recognized for their achievements and received service pins, including three stork pins (K. Morton, Nadeau & Soper), several certification pins, and years of service awards (K. Morton/30, D. Hulbert/25, Lizotte/20, G. Morton/20, Adams/20, Nadeau/10, G. Shortsleeves/10, Auriemma/5, T. Hulbert/5, Moore/5, Robert/5). Two of our career staff passed their Lieutenant's exam (Baker & Prouty), and two passed their Senior Firefighter exam (Nadeau & Soper). We very much appreciate the time and effort our staff dedicates to the Department, and the level of expertise they strive to provide.

Your Fire Department is a 24-hour service based organization offering assistance with water issues, carbon monoxide and smoke detector calls, car seat installations and inspections, burn permits, CPR training, and many other safety needs. We maintain our own facility and grounds and perform our own repair on apparatus whenever possible. Daily meetings, pre-plans of buildings in town, an aggressive training program, and our modern facility all allow Williston Fire to provide progressive and professional services.

I again express my gratitude to all of the personnel under my command for the generosity of their time and considerable skills. I would also like to thank their families, and their supportive employers, who share our most valuable resource – our Firefighters and EMT's.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth N. Morton, Jr.
Fire Chief

FIRE WARDEN REPORT

During the 2014 calendar year, 106 burn permits were issued in the Town of Williston.

As the Williston Fire Department continues to monitor and issue burn permits for the Town, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of brush and open fires. There were no notable brush fires in 2013 or 2014. We appreciate residents adhering to the burn permit ordinance and upholding our standard of safety. Statewide, 56 forest fires were reported in 2014, down from 126 and 95 the two years prior.

While burning on weekends is preferred, a burn permit may be issued any day that adequate staff is available at the fire station. Hours to call in your request are from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. All burning should be completed by dusk.

Residents have called our duty pager in the past to request items such as burn permits. Please note that there was no longer a duty pager used after April 1, 2014. Residents are asked to call the station (878-5622) and speak with a Shift Officer regarding non-emergency service requests.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth N. Morton, Jr.
State Fire Warden

LISTERS & ASSESSORS OFFICE

The Town of Williston Listers and Assessors office is responsible for maintaining the Grand List on an annual basis. The Grand List is utilized for setting the Municipal and Education Tax Rates. Each year the office continues to update individual assessments as a result of new building permits and on-going construction projects. Additionally new subdivisions are added as they are processed through the approval process. The Lister's Office is also responsible for maintaining the Tax Maps which are a valuable tool in Listing, Zoning, Planning and Public Works. The Tax Maps have been updated annually.

The final Grand List for 2014 is \$1,691 billion, an increase of 1.0% from 2013. The final Common Level of Assessment for 2014 is 95.39%.

Most recent sales studies over the last year indicate a similar trend from previous years. While common level of assessment along with the coefficient of dispersion are considered statistically accurate, there are some specific inequities present in several neighborhoods. To further refine the Grand list the Listers have looked at completing a town wide reappraisal for 2016. The task will include three specific goals. First, to inspect all exterior and interiors of buildings in town. This is needed because the last full reappraisal was in 2003 and the condition of many properties has significantly changed since that date. The second, the Lister's office has found several neighborhoods where the market has changed substantially from overall real estate trends and values need to be recalibrated. And third, there is a discrepancy between sales ratios in the residential and commercial assessments.

The Listers want to remind property owners the Vermont Homestead Declaration needs to be filed annually. The form number, HS122, remains the same for 2015. It can be filed with the Vermont state income taxes or on-line at the State of Vermont tax department website (www.vermont.gov). The HI144 (Household Income) also needs to be filed in order to receive a property tax adjustment payment from the State of Vermont. The hours for the Listers Office are Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00 pm. Or go to the Williston Town Website for more town information. In 2015 we will be adding a public computer in the Town Clerk's office which will have the same information as the one in our office.

We would like to welcome Linda Levitt as a Lister. She was appointed in October to replace Gerald Huetz who has moved to Florida. We want to thank Jerry for his many years of service to the Board of Listers. We will miss his common sense approach and his wonderful sense of humor. Also Linda Ladd was appointed to the Board to help fill the void. Again we want to thank Linda for the extra year she has done.

Listers

Charles Coney
Linda Levitt

Assessor

Bill Hinman

Office

Debbie Greer
Dick Ransom

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY



“DAML YOUR HOME FOR LIFELONG LEARNING”

Our Williston town library (DAML) is an inviting and ever changing place to visit. The staff welcomes people of all ages to come-in and discover the many resources, activities and opportunities available. From your home, you can use your device and library card number to check-out online ebooks, read newspapers, download digital audiobooks, take on-line classes and more. Please visit our website at www.williston.lib.vt.us or come in and ask the staff to help you use your personal devices to find what will interest you. If we don't have exactly what you want, we can probably find it via interlibrary loan.

2013 Statistics

Our collections total 40,257 items including books, magazines, music CDs, and games as well as electronic formatted items. Over 4,500 people in our communities are library card holders and users of our services with an average of over 1,100 visits each week. During this past year we hosted 387 programs for adults and children with 8,461 patrons attending, these range from story and music hours for children to Audubon and financial education classes for adults. Throughout the year, we add programs to continually diversify our offerings in an effort to reach more of our community members.

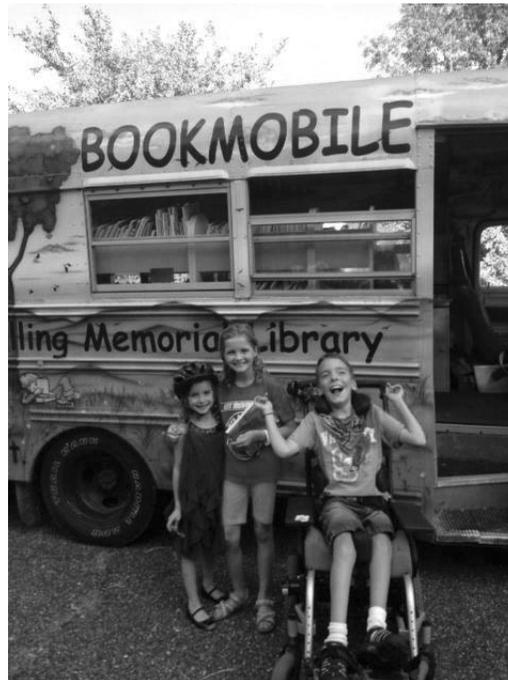
Our community room is an active place with 44 groups holding 108 meetings in this space. We now offer videoconferencing with training and equipment to all residents; just call the library and make a reservation. Pictured at the top on the left is a group having tea and viewing last season's finale of Downtown Abbey. On the right above is Elodie Gottfried making a gingerbread house at the Friends sponsored Winter Holiday Decorating Party. Pictured below are the UVM Top Cats, a male cappella group, who entertained the volunteers at our annual thank you breakfast. On the right is a water color class.

“Dottie,” our bookmobile is a part of our Outreach program and operated twenty-five evenings over the summer with 1,063 books circulated. Pictured on the next page is Dottie at one of her stops.



We want to thank the thirty adult and twenty-two student volunteers that play such an important part in the operations of the library. You often meet them at the front desk where they welcome you and help you get answers to your questions. The adult volunteers include Marian Bickford, Doris Bittruf, Deb Dinsmore, David Friedman, Catherine Goldsmith, Sue Hardin, Ann Harwood, Vicki Hudock, Judith Isham, Eleanor Jenks, LuAnn Koch, Elaine Lawrence, Lori Ledak, Elizabeth Llewellyn, Deb MacDonald, Deborah Manning, Lois Mason, Joan Oliveras, Josh Patnode, Carmen Portelli, Dianne Pratt, Linda Preziose, Susan Raimy, Mary Lou Rodes, Debra Runge, Janet Rutkowski, John Shook, Jean Staunton, Carol Stewart, Gloria Stowell.

The Student volunteers include Emma Anderson, Rory Anderson, Justin Bissonette, Samara Bissonette, Delan Chen, Lily Cote, Bailey Foxx, Isabel Glickman, Peter Hibbeler, Leigh Kerbaugh, Myleigh Kilbon, Brian Nelson, Josh Perkins, Abi Perocchi, Ashley Provost, Emma Richling, Mira Rieley, Josie Sinopoli, Ashley Thurston, Halina Vercessi, Kolena Vercessi, Eliza Willoughby.



The trustees and staff thank the Williston Community for its year-round support. And the trustees want to give special thanks to Marti and her staff for their thoughtful and professional work throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted: The DAML Board of Trustees, Kathy Fernee, chair, Jeff Dannies, Brian Goodwin, Jude Hersey, Kristin Caterer, Karla Karstens, and Barb Mieder

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The primary responsibility for the review and approval of proposals for new and expanded development in the town is held by the Development Review Board (DRB). The decisions made by the DRB concerning new development proposals often have long lasting effects that can affect the town for years and decades to come. The board is responsible for reviewing complex of development proposals spanning residential, commercial, industrial and institutional uses. The DRB also hears appeals of decisions made by the town's Zoning Administrator in cases where there is disagreement over the administration of the town's zoning bylaw between an applicant and the Administrator. The DRB receives input and recommendations from the town's Conservation Commission and the Historic and Architectural Advisory Committee as well as the staff from the town's planning office. The work of the DRB and the application of the town's development regulations is one of the most important aspects of implementing the town's comprehensive plan.

The DRB is made up of seven members and an alternate, and it is chaired by Scott Rieley who has served in that role since 2011. Other board members include Brian Jennings, Peter Kelley, John Bendzunas, David Turner, John Hemmelgarn, Rebecca Tharp, and Michael Alvanos as an alternate member. The members of this board are all volunteers from the town, and many of the board's members have served on the board for a number of years providing consistent leadership and oversight over the town's development review process.

In fiscal year 2014 (FY 2014), the DRB held 19 meetings and reviewed 44 applications for some type of development approval. The board normally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the town hall meeting room at 7:30 PM, and the meetings are open to the public.

- **Growth Management**

An important part of Williston's review and permitting of new houses and apartments is the town's residential growth management allocation review process. This process was designed to help the town manage levels of new growth activity in order to insure that essential public services and infrastructure is in place when new development occurs. Once each year in late winter or early spring, the DRB holds a public hearing where residential proposals initially heard during the previous calendar year are considered for growth management allocation.

In FY 2014, there were eight projects seeking residential growth management allocation for a total of 27 dwelling units of allocation: 16 units in the town's municipal sewer service area, and 11 units in the area outside of the town's sewer service area. All of the units requested were granted by the board.

- **Zoning Administration**

The review of development proposals by the DRB is one of the most important parts of the development approval process for the town, and this review is conducted with assistance for the planning and zoning office staff in consultation with other town advisory boards. The planning staff and Zoning Administrator work with applicants in preparing their plans and proposals for Discretionary Permit review by the DRB. In addition the Zoning Administrator reviews all administrative permits requests after DRB approval and for compliance with town regulations, and coordinates zoning enforcement activities. The DRB performs all of the regulatory review functions for Discretionary Permits including the Pre-Application review, review under the town's residential growth management system, and Discretionary and Final Permit applications.

Yearly Activity

Below is a summary of the permit activity processed by the DRB and planning staff in Williston in FY 2014. Development activity in Williston remains slower than the peak years of the 2000's, but there is still continued interest in the construction of new housing and new retail commercial property and in the construction, renovation or expansion of a number of commercial and industrial properties in FY 2014.

- **DRB Review**

In FY 2014 the DRB considered 32 applications for discretionary permit approval. The DRB also considered seven master sign plan proposals and eight growth management allocation requests. The DRB also issued two certificates of appropriateness for proposals in the historic town village, and heard two appeals of actions by the administrator. There were no requests for variances.

- **Replacement Dwellings**

There were no dwellings demolished or removed and replaced with new dwellings in Williston in FY 2014.

- **New Single Family Homes**

A total of 45 permits for new single family homes were issued in FY 2014. This is 35 more units than in the previous fiscal year when only 11 permits were issued; and the largest number of new single family houses in over a decade in Williston. Most of these new houses permitted are part of the Finney Crossing development currently underway.

- **New Attached Houses and Condominiums**

A total of 68 new attached dwelling units were issued permits in FY 2014. This compares with 79 units permitted in FY2013. These units are mostly due to the continued build out of the Finney Crossing Development in the Taft Corners area.

Permits were also issued for two accessory apartments in FY 2014; compared to four units issued permits in FY 2013.

- **Other Permits**

There were an additional 336 administrative permits issued in FY 2014. These included commercial construction, change in uses of existing buildings, additions, renovations, and site improvements; several barns; repairs, renovations and additions to existing homes; solar panels; signs; pools; home businesses; and new private roads. The Zoning Administrator also issued six special events permits as well.

- **Permit Applications / Construction Value**

There were a total of 336 Administrative/building permits issued in FY 2014; significantly more than the 280 permits in FY 201, and the 255 permits issued in FY 2012. The estimated cost of total construction was approximately \$44 million, compared with \$33 million in FY 2013, \$18.3 million in FY 2012, and \$22.2 million in FY 2011. This surge in the value of new construction, once again, was due to the continued build out of the Finney Crossing development, including the start of Zephyr Road.

People interested in speaking with the staff from the town Planning office can reach them at (802) 878-6704, or in the Planning office located in the Town Hall Annex building at 7878 Williston Road with any questions or issues they would like to discuss.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Development Review Board members
By Kenneth Belliveau, AICP, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Historic and Architectural Advisory Committee (HAAC) in Williston is involved in some of the oldest and also some of the newest development in town and serves two equally important functions in that regard:

1. HAAC members provide advisory comment to the Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator for site plans and remodeling projects that are proposed in the Design Review District in Williston, which encompasses the town's designated Growth Center as well as sites with frontage along Routes 2 and 2A, Marshall Avenue, and Industrial Avenue.
2. The HAAC also serves the same advisory function for projects in the Village Zoning District. Within the Williston Village Historic District, the HAAC also advises the DRB on the issuance of certificates of appropriateness (COA) for work proposed on some of Williston's most historically valuable properties.

The HAAC is made up of seven (7) members and is currently chaired by Doug Goulette. Other board members in fiscal year 2014 (FY 2014) included Joy Peterson, Mary Jo Childs, Liz Jordan-Shook, Brian Forrest, Rebekah Bose, Karen Fragnoli-Munn, and Emily Morton. The members of this board are all volunteers from the town, and the board's members bring their diverse backgrounds and qualifications as architects, engineers, long-time residents, and historic preservationists to their work.

In FY 2014, the HAAC held 11 meetings and seven reviewed applications for CoA's as well as two advice items for other projects in the Village. These applications included several projects on historic homes in the village. The HAAC also provided important input and comment on three projects in the Design Review District.

The board normally meets as needed on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Planning and Zoning conference room in the Town Hall Annex at 6:15 PM, and the meetings are open to the public.

People interested in a project under review by the HAAC may wish to contact the staff from the town planning office about their concerns and can reach them at (802) 878-6704, or in the planning office located in the Town Hall Annex building at 7878 Williston Road.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the FY 2012 HAAC members: Joy Peterson, Mary Jo Childs, Liz Jordan-Shook, Brian Forrest, Rebekah Bose, Karen Fragnoli-Munn, and Emily Morton.

By Kenneth Belliveau, AICP, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Williston Planning Commission has the primary responsibility for the development of the town's policies and regulations governing land use and development, and setting town priorities for important public infrastructure such as transportation projects. Principle among the commission's responsibilities is the development and implementation of the town's comprehensive plan, which contains a set of policy statements of the town's goals, objectives and policies concerning the future development of the town. The Planning Commission is also responsible for developing the tools for implementing the town plan including the town's zoning and subdivision regulations, and the prioritization and funding of the towns' infrastructure, such as transportation improvements, and water sewer services. The Planning Commission receives staff support from the town planning office and works closely with other town staff to complete its work and recommendations for consideration by the Selectboard.

The Planning Commission is made up of seven members and an alternate and is chaired by Jake Mathon. The commission meets on the first and third Monday evening at 7 PM in the planning and zoning office located in the Town Hall Annex Building and all meetings are open to the public. Collectively the commission strives to be mindful of the town's past and traditions while also bringing in new ideas and energy. Check with the town planning office for the most current schedule and agenda.

During Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Commission concluded its work with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission on a number of transportation studies. This included a larger area transportation study of the Williston and Essex area, the Williston-Essex Network Transportation Study. This multi-year, inter-agency planning effort was to identify and prioritize regional transportation solutions in the study area for the State and Town to pursue in lieu of the Circumferential Highway which was cancelled by Governor Shumlin in May 2011.

The planning commission continued its work on a number of small area studies that may result in zoning bylaw amendments including studies of the Lake Iroquois area in Williston and the area in and around South Brownell Road and Williston Road. The Commission completed work on amendments to the town's zoning bylaw that regulate medical marijuana dispensaries approved by the Selectboard in 2014.

In FY 2014, the planning commission also continued and concluded its work on refining the town's development regulations to better address preserving and protecting wildlife habitat areas and wildlife travel corridors, and updates to the town's development impact fees. This work resulted in a set of zoning bylaw amendments that were approved by the Selectboard in April 2014.

The Planning Commission also played an advisory role in the development of the town budget, and reviewed proposals for several important public improvement projects. In FY 2014, work began on several zoning bylaw amendments to help implement the recommendations of the affordable housing task force that had been prepared for the Selectboard. The Commission also completed its work on a set of bylaw amendments dealing with parks and recreation, school and transportation impact fees with recommendations which were approved by the Selectboard in February 2014.

Anyone interested in speaking with the Planning Staff can reach them at (802) 878-6704, or stop by the Planning office located at 7878 Williston Road.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Commission: Jake Mathon, Chairman; Vice Chairman; Kevin Batson, Michael Alvanos, Meghan Cope, Shannon Hiltner, Paul Laska and Thomas Walsh.

By Kenneth Belliveau, AICP, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Williston Conservation Commission (WCC) is a seven member volunteer board, which meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7AM in the Town Hall Annex. The meetings are open to the public and public input is welcome. The Town provides one full time staff conservation planner and one summer intern to staff the WCC and implement WCC-related projects. Inquiries about the work of the WCC can be made through the Williston Planning and Zoning Office.

One primary function of the WCC is to advise the Development Review Board on development projects that have the potential to impact lands in rural Williston. Such lands include all parcels that are greater than 10.5-acres in the Agricultural/Rural Zoning District and those that involve streams, wetlands, floodplains, viewshed corridors, significant wildlife habitat areas, country parks, paths, and trails.

The Commission also works on the acquisition and protection of parcels where valuable natural resources are present by supporting the Environmental Reserve Fund (ERF). Since the program's inception 1989, the ERF has helped to conserve 1645-acres in Williston. The ERF is a powerful leveraging tool resulting in a \$1.4 million investment for a total value of \$2.8 million over the life of the fund.

The WCC has also continued to maintain and manage the town's growing network of parks and trails, which includes 147 acres of parkland, 279 acres of conservation areas, and 10 miles of trails. Conservation interns Nick Clemens and Tommy Nieuwenhuis worked with local volunteers and businesses and town staff to maintain Williston parks and trails by improving tread, re-designing trail maps, posting "No Hunting" signs, and marking park boundaries.

The WCC finished work on the Williston Wildlife Habitat Assessment and District Overlay project, which began in 2010 after receiving a grant award from the Lake Champlain Basin Program. The purpose of this project is to consider ways to conserve and improve wildlife habitat and wildlife travel corridors in Williston by developing a management tool designed to reduce habitat fragmentation while working in concert with the town's existing subdivision and open space rules. As a result of this work, the WCC developed proposed bylaw changes in collaboration with the Planning Commission at the end of FY13, which were approved by the Selectboard in April 2014. These new revisions improve the protection of significant natural, scenic, and fragile areas by adding a new chapter regulating the protection of conservation areas. The new regulations for conservation areas will provide significant benefits for soil conservation, water quality, groundwater recharge, biological diversity, and the visual character that defines Williston. These standards will prevent incompatible development from impairing the ecological functions of these areas. The chapter establishes permit requirements and development standards designed to minimize and adverse impacts to these resources.

In FY14, work on the Williston Town-Wide Watershed Improvement Plan (formerly the Williston Stormwater Master Plan) continued with funds from the Agency of Natural Resources Ecosystem Restoration Grant in the previous fiscal year.

In FY14, a successful grant application was submitted to the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Recreational Trails Program (RTP). This project will create a new parking area on South Road at the Mud Pond Country Park Trailhead. This parking lot is intended to relieve parking congestion problems associated with trail users parking along Mud Pond Road.

Respectively submitted by Ken Belliveau, Planning Director on behalf of the Williston Conservation Commission:
Gary Hawley, Marie-Claude Beaudette, Carl Runge, Jude Hersey, Jean Kissner, Mike Harris, Eric Howe

**TOWN HEALTH OFFICER
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

During the course of fiscal year 2013 I traveled approximately 65 miles, conducted 5 site visits and spent in excess of 20 hours in connection with my duties. Activities in which Toby Rockwood, Deputy Health Officer, and I have been involved are as follows:

RABIES:

Bites to humans included 3 dogs and 2 cats.

OTHER:

- Two rental housing health code complaints were received. One resulted in water testing.
- One case involving excessive trash deposits was reported and required a letter requesting clean up of the site.
- One public building inspection was conducted due to a suspected mold problem. No mold was found.
- Many thanks to the Williston Police Department for following up on animal bites.

- Williston residents should be aware that it is a violation of State law to burn trash or garbage either in-doors or out-doors. A violation may result in a fine up to \$500 and 80 hours of community service collecting trash or litter from a roadside or other public property.
- **While no wild animals tested positive for rabies in Williston this year, the disease is probably still in town. Please license and vaccinate your animals to prevent this fatal disease.**

JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014

During the course of fiscal year 2014 we traveled approximately 30 miles, conducted 6 site visits and spent in excess of 20 hours in connection with my duties. Activities in which Toby Rockwood, Deputy Health Officer, and I have been involved are as follows:

RABIES:

Bites to humans included 9 dogs and 3 cats. One bat was tested and found positive for rabies. An individual received treatment due to possible exposure.

OTHER:

- Three rental housing health code complaints were received resulting in six site visits. One complaint required a warning letter.
- One case involving excessive trash deposits was reported.
- One public building inspection was conducted due to poor rest room upkeep.
- Many thanks to the Williston Police Department for following up on animal bites.

- Williston residents should be aware that it is a violation of State law to burn trash or garbage either in-doors or out-doors. A violation may result in a fine up to \$500 and 80 hours of community service collecting trash or litter from a roadside or other public property.
- **Since one wild animal tested positive for rabies in Williston this year, the disease is still in town. Please license and vaccinate your animals to prevent this fatal disease.**
- Deputy Health Officer Toby Rockwood resigned late in the fiscal year. I thank Toby for her work as Deputy, she was very helpful. A new Deputy has been interviewed by the Selectboard and recommended to the commissioner of health for appointment.

Submitted by:

Terence D. Macaig
Town Health Officer

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Social Services Organizations Funding Committee met in December 2014 to recommend to the Selectboard funding for social service organizations which serve Williston residents.

In November 2014 the Committee received social services funding requests from 21 organizations that provide a full range of assistance to Williston residents. The committee analyzed the information submitted by each, and made funding recommendations to the Selectboard based on how closely their services match the committee's priorities. Priority was given to organizations which:

- Provide services for which Williston residents are eligible
- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility, evidence of financial need and reasonable administrative costs
- Have created a mission statement that is measured, followed and evaluated
- Serve an urgent human need and collaborate and network with other local organizations
- Offer both prevention and intervention components
- Provide unique and relevant services.

The following is a list of the Committee's recommendation for Fiscal Year 2016 funding.

ORGANIZATION	AWARD	WILLISTON RESIDENTS SERVED
Howard Center	\$3,100	258
Chittenden Comm. Action	2,500	311
COTS	2,500	31
Battered Women Shelter	2,200	78
Chittenden Food Shelf	2,500	336
Williston Food Shelf	2,210	9029
Agency on Aging	1,300	173
VT Family Network	1,100	29
CVU Transition Program	1,100	40
Lund Family Center	900	28
Maple Leaf Farm	1,100	9
Childcare Resource	700	60
Prevent Child Abuse	700	309, training & education
Homeshare, Vt.	700	43
Assoc. for the Blind	600	57
Center for Independent Living	600	5
Re-Source	600	278
American Red Cross	500	80
Vt. CARES	460	60
H.O.P.E. Works	500	13 plus training
Vermont Adult Learning	400	12
Total	\$26,270	

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Giardi, Dawn Philibert, Kenn Sassorossi, Ken Stone, Alice Fothergill

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission had a busy and very productive year in 2014. We accomplished much during the year and continue to prepare for an equally busy and productive 2015. Here are some of our accomplishments and acknowledgements.

The Town Sexton Bob Gokey and staff did a great job all year on the taking care of the grounds of the Cemeteries. In April we planned to do a spring cleanup only to discover that Bob had already cleaned up all of the Cemeteries of branches and debris.

A big thanks once again to Boy Scout troop 692 for putting up flags in all of the Cemeteries for our most honorable Veterans. The Commissioners worked throughout the year to make sure that flags were replaced if they were misplaced or damaged by the weather.

The Memorial Garden in Thomas Chittenden Cemetery was attended to in June. The garden was weeded and over two dozen bags of mulch were applied. A tree fell on the fence in the southwest corner of East Cemetery in late summer. This was cleaned up and the fence was repaired by Public Works. We will determine in 2015 if further repair will be necessary.

In 2014 Kuhn Memorials completed stone cleaning in both Thomas Chittenden and Morse Cemetery.

In 2014 we had 11 cremations and 6 full burials – 5 of these were military. We sold 4 lots in Deer View Cemetery and 1 lot in the Memorial Garden.

We had a missing Memorial returned to the East Cemetery. Repair and replacement of the Memorial was paid for by the University of Vermont Delta Psi Alumni Association. Many people helped to return the stone to its rightful place.

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank the Selectboard, Richard McGuire, Deb Beckett, Susan Lamb and the Town Office for their support along with Bruce Hoar and the Public Works staff, and finally, Bob Gokey and his staff for the many helping hands they provided in 2014.

There is one vacancy on the Cemetery Commission. Our work is important to the town and we have a fun and productive group of volunteers. Anyone interested in joining our team should contact the Town Manager or any of the Commissioners.

Williston Cemetery Commissioners

Brian Meisenzahl (878-4652)
Bea Harvey (878-4291)
Hazel Winter (879-0897)
Jeff Carlson (871-9879)



LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT

The Lake Iroquois Recreation District beach area, along with its 150 acres of open land, continues to serve the district towns (Williston, Richmond, Hinesburg and St. George) as well as all non-residents. The district lands provide access to swimming, picnicking, playground equipment, and walking trails. The beach area also continues to host birthday parties and other individual and group functions. Costs for septic maintenance and summer staff continue to represent the bulk of our annual expenses. Water quality sampling continues on a weekly basis and results are within State limits for beach facilities.

The LIRD has been awarded an Ecosystem Restoration Grant to implement an ecological landscape design that was completed with a grant from last year. This project will be completed in the spring of 2015 and before we are opened for the season.

The beach continues to be a beautiful and affordable local recreation area. We will open for the 2015 summer season on Memorial Day weekend and close on Labor Day weekend. Please come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

Bruce Hoar, Chair – Richmond
Michelle Fischer, Treasurer – Hinesburg
Dana Bingham, Vice Chair – St. George
Hans Dyhrman, Secretary - Williston

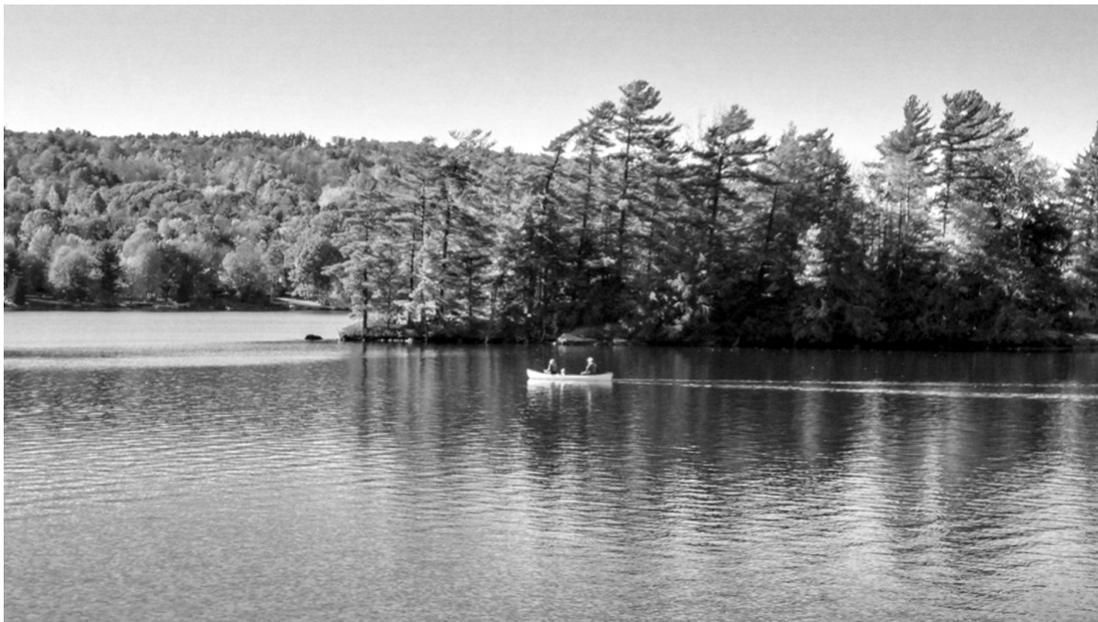


Photo by Pat Suozzi –Lake Iroquois taken from East Shore Lane looking west.

LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

The Lake Iroquois Association was founded in 2007 to address the issue of water quality in the lake. This has been addressed through a combination of research, education and action plans to combat the influx of nutrients and additional invasive species into the lake. Through grant writing, volunteer efforts, and the support and cooperation of towns bordering the lake, a number of initiatives have taken place. Among them, the project to improve drainage at the beach area continues to move forward. Grant money has been set aside, along with funds from the LIA, to carry out construction of a beach drainage plan in the spring of 2015. This will vastly improve storm water drainage during heavy rains, and prevent sections of the beach from washing into the lake.

A *State of the Lake* report has been compiled under the leadership of board member Dan Sharpe. It is an attractive, colorful and informative booklet that articulates the condition of the lake water over time, the health of the various tributaries which flow into the lake, and other significant data that will help to justify grant applications and provide towns with information around which to plan.

Our greeter station continues to provide education and boat inspections during summer weekends. Each year well over 1000 boats are inspected either entering or leaving the state fishing access. This last summer, one of our greeters found Zebra Mussels on a boat being inspected. This invasive is common in Lake Champlain but so far has been prevented from infesting Lake Iroquois. This incident underlies the importance of the greeter program as a deterrent to the movement of invasive species.

The biggest issue facing the lake is its high nutrient content and the overwhelming invasion of Eurasian water milfoil. In the past five years, the presence of this weed has gone from being apparent in a few select places in the shallow areas of the lake to covering a wide swath of the lake bottom. The LIA Board is investigating the best ways to manage the proliferation of milfoil. There are no easy options. The solution to this major threat to this important recreational resource will necessitate the full cooperation of the towns bordering the lake.

The LIA has already taken the lead in researching best options by funding a professional survey of the lake. This survey, required by the state before any action can be taken, will provide a detailed analysis of the full extent of the problem and will recommend best practices going forward. We will then work with the towns and all stakeholders to determine the next steps in combatting this problem. We hope to have recommendations and begin discussion of possible solutions by early 2015. Only a long term, multi-party effort can keep this beautiful lake as a viable recreational resource.

TRUSTEES OF THE OLD BRICK CHURCH

The Brick Church is a town-owned building and serves as a meeting place for community functions. Built in 1832, the Church served as the meeting house for the Congregational Society. For 67 years, the "Meeting House" was the devotional home for Williston's most notable citizens, including the Chittenden family, the Spaffords, Millers and many others. Thirteen ministers served between 1832 and 1899. At the turn of the century, the Congregationalists joined with the Methodists and moved to the Federated Church, 300 yards to the east on Williston Road and the Brick Meeting House was closed. The period of vacancy of the building was prolonged. For almost 65 years, it languished in continuing deterioration. In 1965, ownership was given to the Town of Williston from the Federated Church and the building was accepted by the National Register as a historic site. Town funds renovated the cellar for community use, and Federal funding from Historic Sites restored the exterior and the sanctuary, while a grant from the Eva Gebhart-Gourgau Foundation enabled the restoration of the steeple to be completed. In June of 2008, a bolt of lightning directly hit the bell tower, setting it ablaze. Quick response by the Williston Fire Department saved the structure, but the water damage was extensive. An intensive effort was undertaken to restore this wonderful landmark, and through Williston Public Work's coordination of many salvage, architectural and construction firms, the restoration was completed in time for that year's annual Christmas Eve service.

During the 2014 calendar year, the meeting room was used on Sundays by the Christian Faith Assembly for devotional services. This cellar room was also used for rehearsal by the Town Band on a regular basis, as well as by the Williston Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Williston Central School, and the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library. The Old Stage Estates held its annual meeting in the room. Nonprofit organizations that used the room included: Central Vermont Trout Unlimited, Northeast Fiber Arts, Rotary Club, and an exercise program for seniors.

The sanctuary was the site for 4 weddings, 2 memorial services and the Federated Church Christmas Eve service. The *Brick Church Music Series* also took place in the sanctuary, and was a great success in its winter programming.

Maintenance and improvements to the Church during 2014 included replacement of the crumbling concrete front steps with Barre granite, which entailed extensive subsurface construction of footings to support the mass. Routine outside landscaping and interior painting was performed as scheduled maintenance.

Fees for use of the sanctuary are \$200.00 plus a \$50.00 damage deposit and \$10.00 key deposit. Wedding rehearsal fees are \$50, and the fee for sanctuary use for memorial services is \$50. The meeting room usage fee is \$50.00 with the same deposit due for damage and key loss. Applications for use of the Brick Church may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol West, Chair
Alice Bieseigel
Barrett Peterson
Joy Peterson
Jack Price



2014 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Senator Ginny Lyons

It is an honor to represent Williston in the VT Senate. My efforts during the 2013-14 session resulted in the passage of TIF district improvements for Chittenden County towns. I also helped develop new funding for business development through VEDA. In response to Williston business concerns about credit card security, I sponsored a new law to help businesses report cyber crime. Other laws I sponsored and or helped develop include: removal of toxic chemicals from children's products, energy pricing, water quality, access to treatment for substance abuse, coordination of business practices in schools, access to mental health treatment, and access to home care for seniors. With support from Williston, the legislature passed my resolution to encourage the overturn of Citizens United. I worked regionally on climate change adaptation. I testified about Vermont's concerns before US/EU free trade negotiators in Washington. The work we began on the costs of education and health care will continue into the 2015 session along with work on child protection, water quality, and energy security. Thank you for your good ideas and good will.



Senator Ginny Lyons senatorginnilyons@gmail.com

Representative Terry Macaig

The legislative biennium that ended in May was significant for the passage of many bills. Some that should be noted are the regulation of toxic substances, water quality and shore land protection and criminal justice improvements that recognize substance abuse and mental health problems as treatable. The current session will be tackling property tax reform, clean-up of surface waters in the State of Vermont, solving the budget short fall, environmental and health care costs, amongst others.

Representative Terry Macaig macaig@msn.com 878-3872

Representative Jim McCullough

I thank you Williston, *almost* every day, for placing your trust in me to represent you as your State Representative. Thank you *always* for your comments and concerns. I always listen and consider. I have been reappointed to the House Fish, Wildlife, and Water Resources committee for my 5th biennium; this and 3 others as Vice Chair. Eight years ago I asked for this assignment in order to better influence statewide water quality.

Our committee passed H.4; a ban on the manufacture and sale of personal care products with plastic Micro-Beads, a waterborne health issue. Our major water quality effort is H.35, a holistic statewide approach to storm water management. It is designed to lower (primarily) the phosphorous levels in all our surface waters as well as designed to meet the Federal EPA mandated Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reductions for phosphorous loading in Lake Champlain.

Representative Jim McCullough jim_mccullough@myfairpoint.net 878.2180

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a 29-member board consisting of one delegate from each of the County's 19 municipalities; four at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, environmental conservation, business, housing/socio-economic; and representatives from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Burlington International Airport (BIA) and a rail representative.

The CCRPC appreciates the opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County. The CCRPC is a cooperative regional forum for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional planning issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. The CCRPC serves as the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization and is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCRPC also provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and VTrans.

In FY15, the CCRPC will invest more than \$5 million dollars in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resource, public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The program leverages \$4.5 million in federal and state investment with \$240,000 in municipal dues and another \$275,000 in local match for specific projects—a **9:1 return on investment**.

TOWN of WILLISTON ACTIVITIES

In FY2014, the CCRPC provided the following assistance to the Town of Williston:

- Population forecasts - Provided estimates of future population consistent with past trends and the ECOS growth strategy.
- LEOP - Offered assistance with the local emergency operations plan (LEOP) and provided all pertinent emergency planning, training, and grant opportunities.
- Staff assisted with information and details regarding new rules for Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) and flood resiliency planning requirements.
- Provided ongoing staff support to the Chittenden County Stream Team (<http://www.ccstreamteam.org>) and the Chittenden County Regional Stormwater Education Program (<http://www.smartwaterways.org>) to facilitate multi-municipal cooperation to comply with EPA stormwater permit requirements for Public Participation and Involvement.

The CCRPC provided transportation assistance to the Town of Williston for traffic counts at intersections, roadways (AADT) and bicycle & pedestrian.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP – projects included in the State's Four Year Construction Program)

- US 2 Paving (South Burlington-Williston)
 - \$2.8 million for paving beginning 1.3 miles east of VT 116 and extending east 2.2 miles
- Harvest Lane Sidewalk
 - \$255,000 Transportation Alternatives grant
- I-89 Exit 12 Improvements
 - Package of CIRC Alternatives Phase III projects – funding schedule to be determined
- Meadow Run to Alliance Church Path
 - \$250,000 Transportation Alternatives grant
- Mountain View Road Shoulder Improvements
 - CIRC Alternatives Phase III project – funding schedule to be determined

- South Brownell Sidewalk Connector
 - \$175,000 for new sidewalk
- US 2 Shared Use Path – Taft Corners to Williston Village
 - \$2.8 million CIRC Alternatives Phase III project – funding schedule to be determined
- US 2 / Industrial Avenue Intersection
 - \$4.7 million for reconstruction of intersection and resurfacing of US2 from S. Burlington line east 1.5 miles
- VT 2/Trader Lane Signal
 - \$550,000 as part of CIRC Alt project
- VT 2A Paving
 - \$1.6 million to pave 1.15 miles of VT2A 2.9 miles north of St. George line extending north 1.035 miles
- VT 2A Taft Corners Area Sidewalk/Shared Use Path
 - \$450,000 CIRC Alternatives Phase III project – funding schedule to be determined
- VT 2A/Industrial Avenue/Mountain View Road Intersection Improvements
 - \$5.3 million CIRC Alternatives Phase III project – funding schedule to be determined
- VT 2A/James Brown Drive Traffic Signal
 - \$2.5 million as part of CIRC Alt project
- Williston Park and Ride (near I-89 Exit 12)
 - \$2 million for park and ride lot south of I-89

Scoping

- Williston Park & Ride

CIRC Alternatives Related Planning Activities

- Exit 12 & New Local Roads Scoping Study (CIRC Alts Planning Study)
- VT 117/North Williston Road Flood Plain Elevation Scoping (Essex/Williston)(CIRC Alt Planning Study)
- VT2A Scoping Study: Industrial Avenue/Mountain View to River Cove Road (CIRC Alt Planning Study)
- Williston Essex Network Transportation Study (WENTS)(Williston/Essex/Essex Junction)(CIRC Alt Planning Study)
- US RT 2 Multimodal scoping – Taft Corners to Williston Village (CIRC Alt Planning Study)

Transportation Demand Management

- Regional Transportation Demand Management pilot project (Go! Chittenden County) with local and regional transportation partners including:
 - Expansion of TDM services through Campus Area TMA (CATMA) – Project underway
 - Bike commuter workshops and walk/bike site assessments by Local Motion – Project underway

Sidewalk Grant

- \$75,000 for a sidewalk along VT RT2A, west side, south of Taft Corners

Town of Williston Representatives to CCRPC

- CCRPC representative – Chris Roy
- CCRPC alternate – Debbie Ingram
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Bruce Hoar
- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – Ken Belliveau

For further information about the CCRPC please visit <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/> or contact CCRPC Executive Director, Charlie Baker, cbaker@ccrpcvt.org, 802-846-4490 x23.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Contact CCTA for Route and Schedule Information

By phone: 802-864-CCTA (2282)

By e-mail: info@cctaride.org

Or visit us online: cctaride.org

Getting you where you need to go!

Throughout the past year, the Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has continued to provide valuable public transportation services to Burlington and the greater Burlington area. In FY14, services included local fixed-route bus service; interregional commuter service; supermarket and school tripper shuttles; and contracted ADA para-transit service for individuals who are unable to ride fixed-route service.

In FY14, a 13 member Board of Commissioners governed CCTA with two Commissioners representing Burlington and one Commissioner from Essex, Hinesburg, Milton, Shelburne, South Burlington, Winooski, Williston, Washington County, Franklin County, Lamoille County and Grand Isle County.

The annual FY14 operating expenses for the urban area were, \$15,351,830.

Ridership:

CCTA provided 2,536,033 fixed route trips in FY14. The Montpelier LINK Express route performed well in FY14, experiencing a 10% ridership gain. The average system-wide daily ridership increased to 9,847 passengers per weekday.

Improved Passenger Amenities:

Downtown Burlington Station: The Downtown Burlington Station continued to make progress on numerous fronts. Project design reached the 60% level of design development in FY14 and negotiations progressed with both the City of Burlington (related to the easement for the use of St. Paul Street and adjacent areas) and with the State of Vermont related to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Zampieri Building.

Bus Passenger Shelters: 16 CIRC Alternative shelters, located in Williston, Colchester and Essex, were installed and completed in FY14. Additional passenger shelters were installed on Pine Street at the Howard Center, on Maple Tree Place in Williston, and at Burlington College.

High Efficiency LED Lighting: Continuing its efforts to reduce energy consumption, CCTA upgraded all of the exterior lighting at its Burlington headquarters to high efficiency LED fixtures. In FY15, additional exterior fixtures will be added to extend coverage and increase lighting levels in the parking area.

Operational Improvements:

In FY14, the follow trainings were performed with urban staff; Diversity training, Driver Safety, Bus Emergency Evacuation Training, Mobility Device Training, Smith Driving System training, Counterterrorism Training, International Bus Training, and Customer Service.

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - FY 14

July 2013 - June 2014

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 18 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community.

The unaudited FY14 General Fund expenditures were \$8.31 million and the revenues were \$9.23 million. This represents a \$63,000 decrease in expenditures (0.9%) and an \$834,000 (9.9%) increase in revenues compared with the FY13 General Fund operating results. The primary factor in the expenditure decrease is the lower costs associated with persistent herbicides in Green Mountain Compost (GMC) products in FY14 as compared with FY13. These lower costs were partially offset by cost increases in several other programs, most notably the Drop-Off Centers (DOC) and the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Of the \$834,000 revenue increase for FY14 over the prior year, \$530,000 is Solid Waste Management Fee revenues. While the tonnage of material subject to this fee increased only 1% over FY13, the revenue is up almost 20%, because the per-ton rate was increased from \$22.06 to \$27.00 effective September 1, 2013 (two months after the start of FY14). Also, DOC revenues were \$190,000 higher (11%) in FY14 vs. FY13, primarily due to tip fee rate increases that went into effect at the start of FY14.

In FY14, CSWD's major initiatives were: 1) to continue to work on the Consolidated Collection proposal that weighs the advantages and disadvantages of municipal contracts for trash collection in Chittenden County and hold public information meetings with citizens and our member communities; 2) to work in the Vermont Legislature towards the passage of Act 175 that mandates the recycling of certain construction and demolition materials that have established markets and meet minimum tonnage and proximity to facilities requirements; 3) to assist in the passage of a battery product stewardship bill by the Vermont Legislature that will facilitate the recycling of these items throughout the state; 4) to complete work on a consultant study evaluating residential curbside collection of organics in terms of economic and environmental impacts for various scenarios; 5) to oversee a contract to upgrade the equipment at our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and to negotiate a revised operations contract; 6) to implement a higher solid waste management fee (5-year projection) due to lower trash volumes subject to our fee; 7) to prepare a succession plan for a new General Manager due in early 2016; and 8) to initiate a new 5-year strategic plan.

DROP-OFF CENTERS located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop-Off Centers collected 3,116 tons of recyclables, a decrease of 0.38% from FY13, and 6,326 tons of household trash during FY14, a 0.11% increase from FY13.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston is owned by CSWD and privately operated by Casella Waste Management. In FY14, 40,465 tons of recyclables were collected, sorted, baled, and shipped to markets. This represents a 1.43% increase from the previous year. The average sale price for materials was \$93.75 per ton, which is a 1.96% decrease over last year's average.

The ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT and the ROVER are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FY14, 9,435 households and 670 businesses brought in 605,817 pounds of waste that were collected and processed at these facilities. This included 63,390 pounds (6,339 gallons) of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color", 8,082 pounds of leftover products given away through the "Hazbin" reuse program, and 128,000 pounds (12,800 gallons) of latex paint processed for recycling in Canada and Illinois.

FY14 was a good year for CSWD's COMPOST facility. Spring 2014 marked the first time in over a year that bulk compost was available for sale to the public following the discovery of persistent herbicides in compost in 2012. Customers reported great results from growing in the new batches of compost and topsoil. Staff continued their efforts to research and educate around the presence of persistent herbicides in commercial composts everywhere. Ongoing testing and recipe modifications have translated into abundant saleable very high quality material. FY14 marked the launch of bag-your-own compost which extends the convenience of purchasing compost to customers with smaller gardens and no means of hauling large volumes. Compost inputs have continued to increase steadily as awareness around compost continues to spread and large generators are mandated to divert materials through Vermont's new Universal Recycling law. FY15 will mark a return of compost to garden centers as well as a return of the complete bagged product line. A total of 9,684 tons of material was accepted for composting in FY14 which included 3,629 tons of diverted food.

CSWD brokered 13,784 wet tons of sewage sludge for our member communities in FY14, which is 1.7% more material than last year. Most of the sewage sludge generated from the Essex Junction WWTF was landfilled over FY 14 due to a plant upgrade. The City of South Burlington's thermo-meso anaerobic digestion, 2PAD system, generated class "A" product which was distributed to local farms for land application, beneficial reuse, starting in October of FY 14. CSWD entered a 5-year contract with Casella Organics to send at minimum 78% of the sludge brokered by the district to a beneficial reuse facility called Grasslands, located in Chateaugay, NY. The BIOSOLIDS program is also looking at a sludge characterization study to optimize the beneficial reuse of the districts material for the future of the program.



MARKETING –

CSWD participated in a state-wide working group that developed symbols and language for communicating Act 148 mandates consistently statewide. The group was made up of Solid Waste Management (SWM) entity staff, ANR staff, and interested stakeholders, including some haulers. • We turned our attention to upgrading our event waste reduction toolkit to include more clear information, better tools, and fresh ways of getting people interested in putting on waste-free events. • Every two years we send out an encyclopedic booklet detailing how to best dispose of recyclables, compostables, reusables and trash. The 2014-2016 book went out at the end of June, 2014. • We focused on how to revive the Green Mountain Compost brand after a two-year hiatus on the heels of the discovery that persistent herbicides had found their way into our compost. That two years was spent working with state and federal regulators, the chemical industry, and experts from around the country to set up a firewall of sorts to prevent a recurrence. Our transparent treatment of the issue has helped maintain our customers' trust. Our new protocols, testing, and on-site growth trials have yielded compost that we can stand behind with confidence, leaving us well positioned to reenter the market in Fall 2014. • Our part-time Web & Marketing Specialist position became full-time, which led our current specialist, Veronika Travis, to depart so she could focus more fully on her career path as a pastor. We wish her well as we crack into over a hundred resumes to find the best fit for the position.

A variety of EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and tools are available to assist residents, schools, municipalities, organizations, and businesses to reduce and properly manage their wastes. The CSWD Hotline (872-8111); Website: (www.cswd.net), e-newsletter, presentations, technical assistance, displays, workshops, facility tours, informational brochures, recycling bins and compost collectors (9,100 distributed), signage, discount compost bins, special event container loans, and grants (\$8,500 awarded) are part of this positive community outreach.

Thousands of employees, residents, students, and others were impacted by CSWD's business, school and youth, and community outreach programs.

VNA Request for Funding FY 2016



Town of Williston VNA Request for Funding FY 2016

Care Report for FY14:

The VNA cared for 304 people in Williston during our past fiscal year (July 2013– June 2014) with the following services:

VNA SERVICE	VISITS	DAYS	HOURS
Nursing	8,149		
Physical Therapy	1,077		
Speech Therapy	93		
Occupational Therapy	392		
Social Work, Social Service	528		
Licensed Nursing Assistant			1,167
Homemaker			1,096
Waiver Attendant			4,726
Personal Care Attendant			5,527
Hospice Care		1,518	
Total	10,239	1,518	12,516
	Visits	Days	Hours

COST OF PROVIDING CARE	AMOUNT
Total cost of VNA services in Williston	\$2,196,378
Amount reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, contracts and patient fees	\$2,047,210
Remaining balance	\$149,168

The VNA requests annual reimbursements from each city and town in our two-county region. These reimbursements for services rendered are critical to supporting the **\$1.87 million** of unreimbursed care we provide.

Our goal is to have each city and town cover 50% of the debt the VNA incurs. The Town of Williston pledged \$28,000 for FY2015. Thank you.

FY16 Reimbursement Request:

For fiscal year 2016, the VNA is requesting a contribution of \$30,000 which translates to 20% of Williston's remaining care expense.

Contact the VNA: 802.658.1900 www.vnacares.org info@vnacares.org



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CHITTENDEN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES

VNA Services in your Community

The Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (VNA) is a 108-year-old nonprofit home health agency caring for whole families with services that span a lifetime – from critically ill children to vulnerable young families to adults who need rehabilitation, long-term care, adult day services or end-of-life care.

In the past, many towns hired Town Nurses, who were responsible for providing care to residents. The VNA now has that role, caring for children, adults, seniors, and families, helping keep people where they most want to be – at home. The VNA provides medically necessary home and community-based care to individuals and families *regardless of their ability to pay*.

Our founders established a directive, “to serve all who turn to the VNA in their time of need,” which still guides our work today. In just the past year, **the VNA provided \$1.87 million in charitable care to our neighbors in need**; charitable care is health care provided for free or at reduced prices.

The VNA offers the following programs and services:

- Family and Children’s Services, helping families learn to thrive through pregnancy and early childhood years in homes and at the VNA Family Room Parent Child Center
- In-home nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy to help people regain independence after illness
- Private Care Services, offering support for everyday tasks to make living at home safe and comfortable
- Long-term in-home care, helping people live their best lives in the setting they prefer
- Adult Day Programs, helping older adults keep connected in a safe, stimulating, home-like environment
- Palliative care, Hospice and Vermont Respite House, caring for people with serious illness and their families
- Flu clinics and blood & cholesterol checks, providing preventative care for long-term health



VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Williston, VT

Your Health Department district office is in Burlington at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With 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 schools: Worked with the schools in your community to support the school wellness policies, nutrition, physical activity and substance abuse prevention initiatives.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: Half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 benefit from WIC; Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program. WIC provides individualized nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and a debit card to buy fruits and vegetables. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. In Williston, 95 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. WIC families supported farmers by purchasing Vermont grown fruits and vegetables at farmers markets around Chittenden County by redeeming \$12, 216 in Farm to Family coupons.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September in 2014 we responded to 336 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County. In 2013, \$13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide; \$4,544,556.55 of which was in your district's area.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction at the State House the District Office and United Way have been in partnership with multiple stakeholders to organize follow-up community conversations on opiate addiction and solutions. The first follow-up meeting on August 5th, was attended by over 100 people from across the county and identified several topics for further education and dialogue.

Emergency Preparedness: The Chittenden County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was established. This is a group of health care and public health volunteers, who are trained to provide support to the hospital, the Health Department, and communities. The MRC worked with a volunteer group – Chittenden County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide training on emergency preparedness to people over age 65. Contact Susanna Weller at susanna.weller@state.vt.us to volunteer with the MRC.

*For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov.
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www.twitter.com/healthvermont.*