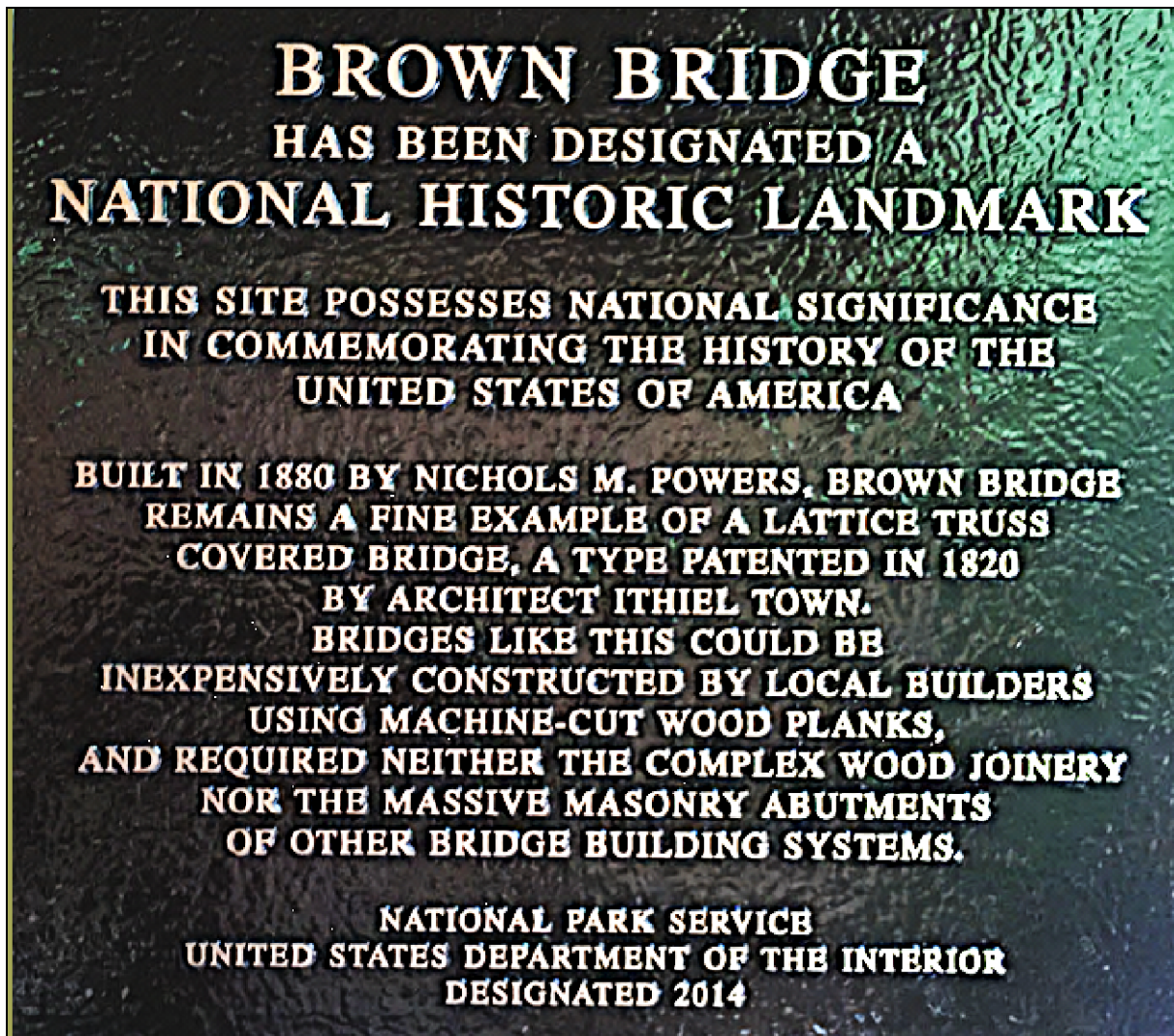


# *Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont*



2016  
*Annual Report*





Standing (l to r): Alyssa Loomis, Tanner Stewart, Paul Stewart, Jesse Dambrackas, Philip Severy, Kevin Brown, Russell Carrara, Elliot Stewart, Jared Rau, John Lees. Sitting (l to r): Tom Ryan, Jack Perry, Mark Stewart, Jamie Carrara, Barry Griffith, Al Ridlon, Jr., Bob Snarski, Al Ridlon, Sr.

We are dedicating the 2016 Annual Report to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) which has been serving the Shrewsbury community since 1952. Shrewsbury is blessed to have one of the top fire companies in the state of Vermont, an organization which has been expanding its mission beyond firefighting to saving and protecting the lives and property of residents.

### **Beginnings**

The department began on March 1, 1952 at a meeting held at the Cuttingsville School (now the Shrewsbury Library building) with George "Red" Brigham as the first Fire Chief. Current SVFD member Al Ridlon, Sr. was a teenager at the time and became one of the department's charter members.

By the end of 1952, the department had purchased 350 feet of hose and a used 1931 Chevrolet fire truck, with the Cuttingsville fire station erected in 1954 to house it. A second station was constructed in Northam in 1956, and a new fire engine built on a chassis obtained from John C. Stewart and Son was added in 1959.

The SVFD maintains four fire trucks, a tanker and a pumper in each of the Cuttingsville and Northam stations. One of the major new investments has been for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), which the department largely funded through a grant from FEMA.

### **Membership**

The SVFD currently has 22 members and is headed by Russ Carrara who has served as Fire Chief since 2010. The department is very deep in experience. Jack Perry has been President since 2005 and Barry Griffith has been Secretary/Treasurer since 1981. There are seven veteran members with more than 20 years of firefighting experience, five of them former Fire Chiefs. That list is headed by Al Ridlon Sr., with nearly 65 years in the fire service.

Although the department has experienced elders, it also has been successful in recruiting young talent, keeping its tradition alive. Six of the current members, over a quarter of the company, are under 30 years of age.

Firefighter Alyssa Loomis follows in the footsteps of other women who have joined the department. Rebecca Rice and Becki Bates have both served as firefighters, with Becki also chosen to be President of the department.

in the 1980s. The SVFD Auxiliary, comprised of over a dozen Shrewsbury women, plays an important role in the department's success, providing support during major fires, fundraising, and hosting community events.

### **Highly Regarded**

The combination of experience, youth and diversity has made the SVFD one of the top fire companies in the state of Vermont. The SVFD has dominated the Muster Competition during the annual Vermont State Firefighters Association (VSFA) convention for the last decade, regularly winning the majority of the grueling six events designed to showcase skills and endurance.

Since 2000, eleven SVFD members have been individually recognized by VSFA as the best in the state, most recently: Jesse Dambrackas (now with the State Police) as Junior Firefighter in 2008; Jamie Carrara as Emergency Technician in 2009; Tom Ryan as Support Specialist in 2011; Bob Snarski as Senior Firefighter in 2012; Paul Stewart as Line Officer in 2013; Barry Griffith as Support Specialist in 2013. Al Ridlon Sr. was honored as VSFA's outstanding Firefighter in 1967 and Fire Chief in 1977 while serving in Clarendon, and as Senior Firefighter of the year with SVFD in 2005.

### **Beyond Firefighting**

While firefighting remains a key competency of the SVFD -- as its ongoing success at the Muster Competition attests -- it has expanded its mission far beyond fighting fires. Shrewsbury residents benefit from the fire protection and reductions in property insurance premiums afforded by the department, but the SVFD sees its role as generally protecting lives and property, not just from fires.

Being first responders to automobile accidents has grown to become a major part of the SVFD commitment. Members are trained to use the department's defibrillator and/or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and are often called if there is a lost child or missing hiker in town. Education is part of the role, with the department conducting fire safety and awareness programs at the Shrewsbury Mountain School educate the youngest in town.

Tropical Storm Irene was an example of the SVFD's role. The department received distress calls in rapid succession from Northam, Cuttingsville, the Cold River Road and other locations throughout Town, even as many of the Town's roads and bridges were being washed out. Fortunately, SVFD members live throughout Town and have the ability to coordinate with central command by radio, going door to door in neighborhoods overtaken by the rising waters to ensure that all of residents were evacuated.

### **Commitment**

It is hard for those of us who have not served as firefighters to understand the commitment made by those who volunteer. Not only are firefighters called at any time of day or night to be first responders to fires, accidents and other emergencies, but there are increasing demands for training. Old-timers who took the Firefighter I course sponsored by the Vermont Fire Academy referred to it as the '45 hour course'. Today the course is over 200 hours, representing an intense six-month commitment. Two members went through the course last year and a current member is going through the course now.

On average, SVFD members volunteer over 100 hours per year and a conservative estimate puts the department's annual commitment at more than 2,500 volunteer hours a year serving the community.

### **Conclusion**

Residents of Shrewsbury have much to be thankful for, and the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department is an important part of that obligation. The extraordinary professionalism of its volunteers rival any fire company in our state, or beyond. The members have not only demonstrated their heroism in crisis situations, but tirelessly work to protect the community in the ever-evolving challenges we face.

The SVFD's annual Ham Supper, a highlight of the Town's social calendar, is nominally a fund raising event but it reminds us each year of the exceptional dedication of our fire department, and its willingness to serve our community. To the stalwart members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, this annual report is dedicated.

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Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Standing (l to r); Alyssa Loomis (firefighter), Shannon Creed (holding Isabelle), Casey Dambrackas, Donna Ryan, Wendy Stewart, Carrie Philbert, Becky Severy, Karly Carrara, Abby Severy, and Lauren Severy. Seated (l to r): Catherine Carrara, Deb Dambrackas, Ann Vanneman, and Sharon Perry

Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS** *as of December 31, 2016*

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2017
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2018
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2018
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Aaron Korzun	2019 2017 2018
AUDITORS	3 Years	Sanford Bragg Richard Biziak Vacant	2018 2017 2019
LISTERS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond Marina Potter <sup>(7)</sup> Sharon Winnicki	2019 2017 2017
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	2 Years 3 Years	Andy Richards-Peele Adrienne Raymond	2018 2019
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2017
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2017
1 <sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Matthew Danaher	2017
2 <sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Betsy Jesser	2017
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2018
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	David Rice Larry Carrara Vacant	2017 2017 2018

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Justices of the Peace are elected for two year terms every other year. Current Justices were elected November 4, 2014 to serve from February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2017. <u>The latest General Election for JP's occurred November 1, 2016 and those elected are listed in the Justices of the Peace Report located elsewhere in this Annual Report.</u>			
		Barry Griffith	2017
		John Berryhill	2017
		Betsy Jesser	2017
		Larry Carrara	2017
		Julanne Sharrow	2017
		Lee Wilson	2017
		Hull Maynard	2017

Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD**<sup>(2)</sup>

ACT 64 ADVISORY BOARD		Aaron Korzun	2017
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	
CLERK OF THE SELECTBOARD	1 Year	Mark Goodwin	2017
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES <sup>(3)</sup>	3 Years	Jonathan Gibson Mark Youngstrom Jan O'Hara	2019 2017 2018



Town of Shrewsbury 2016 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD <sup>(2)</sup> (continued)			
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Grace Brigham Cynthia Thornton Jesse Shapiro Louise Duda Pam Darrow Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Vacant	2020 2017 2017 2018 2018 2019 2019 2019
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Alan Shelvey Scott Darling Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom Alternate - Vacant Alternate - Vacant Alternate - Vacant Alternate - Vacant Alternate - Vacant	2019 2017 2018 2018     
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Vacant <sup>(5)</sup>	
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		David Rice	2017
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2017
FEMA ADMINISTRATOR		Stephen Nicholson	2019
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page Bert Potter Mike Stewart	2017 2017 2017
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	9/30/17
HEALTH OFFICER		Vacant <sup>(5)</sup>	
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		John Wood	2017
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blecich	2017
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Marilyn Dalick Melissa Reichert Laura Black Mark Goodwin Timothy Vile Francis Wyatt David Rice	2018 2018 2019 2019 2017 2017 2017
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2017
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2019
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2017
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Hull Maynard	6/30/17
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin David Rice (Alternate)	6/30/17 6/30/17
SERVICES OFFICER		Mark Goodwin	4/14/17
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	4/14/17
		Alternate (Vacant)	
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/18 6/30/18

Town of Shrewsbury 2016 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD <sup>(2)</sup> (continued)			
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2017
WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	2017 <sup>(6)</sup>
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2018

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES			
TOWN ROAD CREW (Appointed by Road Commissioner)		Jeremiah Johnson, Dan Cavato	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS		Bob Perry, Bert Potter, Gary Duprey	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by the Town Clerk for the term of the Town Clerk's service))		Betsy Jesser	2018
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER <sup>(8)</sup>		Christina Clarke	2018
SELECTBOARD CLERK (Chosen by Selectboard)		Mark Goodwin	2017

- (1) Appointed by the Selectboard for one year of a three year term.
- (2) All appointments expire on date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.
- (3) Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.
- (4) Term of office determined by Selectboard.
- (5) Selectboard Chair serves till vacancy is filled.
- (6) Posthumous Appointment.
- (7) Appointed by the Selectboard to serve one year of a two-year term.
- (8) Appointments effective for Treasurer's term of Office unless changed by the Treasurer.



Spring Lake Road Box Culvert Replacement

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**WARNING for 236<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2017**

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The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	1 year of 3 year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	1 year of 3 year term
One Lister	3-year term
One Grand Juror	1-year term
One Town Agent	1-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,127,482**, of which **\$699,102** shall be raised by taxes and **\$391,686** by non-tax revenues and surplus funds?
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,224** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?



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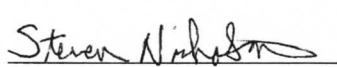
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21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Human Society
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
27. Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties (fire stations) owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, which are located at 23 Shunpike Road and 9800 Cold River Road, and which are used by said Fire Department exclusively for the purposes of said organization?
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., **Friday, October 6, 2017**

Dated: **February 1, 2017**

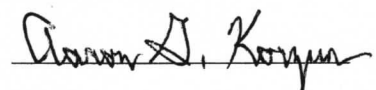
Bert Potter, Chair



Steven Nicholson



Aaron Korzun



Shrewsbury Selectboard

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road. 6:00 P.M., Monday, March 6, 2017.**

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or [shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net) or [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

Beginning January 1, 2017 eligible voters can register any day, during regular business hours up to and including Election Day. 17 V.S.A. §2144(a)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 235<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

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The informational meeting for the Town was called to order at 7:00 pm. February 29, 2016 by Moderator Eldred French, present were Selectboard members Bert Potter, Steven Nicholson and Aaron Korzun. Also present were approximately 50 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

All warned articles were reviewed and discussed beginning with article two (2).

In response to a question regarding the budget and continued FEMA reimbursement accounting, the Selectboard indicated that the Town is almost done with the extraordinary expenses of TSI, the last project; the Upper Cold River Rd. Shear has been approved and will be commencing this Spring. Level funding is anticipated going forward. It is anticipated that in the future some of the seemingly incongruent accounting will be elevated due to timeliness of reimbursements from FEMA for cash outlays that the Town must make prior to getting reimbursed.

The Transfer Station: Budget is up from last year. A full year budgeting for salaries is now in the budget. Because the ACT 148 is still relatively new and the budgeting process is still being evaluated it is expected that next year the Town will have the necessary data to make more accurate forecast for budgeting. Punch Card revenue is just about covering tipping and hauling fees. There has been some decrease in the amount of tonnage going into the compactor, thus reducing tipping fees. Overall the Selectboard is optimistic that the plan in place will be compliant with ACT 148.

There was discussion in regard to the various "Charitable Organization" articles and the rationale of having them separate instead of combining them into one article to vote upon. There was also discussion on the process by which an organization gets onto the Warning and ballot and the tenure of any particular organization on the Warning and ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved by:

Bert Potter, Selectboard

Steven Nicholson, Selectboard

Aaron Korzun, Selectboard

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
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One Auditor	3-year term
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One Lister	3-year term
One Grand Juror	1-year term
One Town Agent	1-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term

<b>Eldred French (Write-In)</b>
<b>Steven Nicolson</b>
<b>Sanford "Sandy" Bragg</b>
No Write-In with Requisite Number of Votes
No Write-In with Requisite Number of Votes
<b>Adrienne Raymond</b>
<b>Barry Griffith</b>
<b>Barry Griffith</b>
<b>Matthew Danaher</b>
<b>Betsy Jesser</b>
<b>David Rice</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 235<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

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| 2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of <b>\$1,547,687</b> , of which <b>\$469,999</b> shall be raised by taxes and <b>\$1,077,689</b> by non-tax revenues and surplus funds? | <b>YES 331</b> | <b>NO 80</b>  |
| 3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,500</b> for the Town Office Reserve Fund?  | <b>YES 326</b> | <b>NO 83</b>  |
| 4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,500</b> for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?  | <b>YES 352</b> | <b>NO 68</b>  |
| 5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,000</b> for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?  | <b>YES 327</b> | <b>NO 82</b>  |
| 6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$50,000</b> for the Town Road Equipment Fund?   | <b>YES 347</b> | <b>NO 64</b>  |
| 7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,000</b> for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?   | <b>YES 347</b> | <b>NO 64</b>  |
| 8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$35,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?  | <b>YES 331</b> | <b>NO 79</b>  |
| 9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$12,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?   | <b>YES 313</b> | <b>NO 97</b>  |
| 10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$35,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?  | <b>YES 359</b> | <b>NO 42</b>  |
| 11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$7,500</b> for the Shrewsbury Library?   | <b>YES 328</b> | <b>NO 85</b>  |
| 12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$2,500</b> for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?  | <b>YES 299</b> | <b>NO 113</b> |
| 13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$4,224</b> for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?   | <b>YES 357</b> | <b>NO 55</b>  |
| 14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$250</b> to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?  | <b>YES 281</b> | <b>NO 127</b> |
| 15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of <b>\$2,526</b> to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?   | <b>YES 341</b> | <b>NO 70</b>  |
| 16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$150</b> to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?  | <b>YES 329</b> | <b>NO 79</b>  |
| 17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$130</b> to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?  | <b>YES 285</b> | <b>NO 84</b>  |
| 18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$700</b> to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?  | <b>YES 270</b> | <b>NO 89</b>  |
| 19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,192</b> to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?   | <b>YES 260</b> | <b>NO 103</b> |
| 20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$150</b> to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?   | <b>YES 302</b> | <b>NO 64</b>  |
| 21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$600</b> to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?   | <b>YES 242</b> | <b>NO 117</b> |



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 235<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

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22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?  
**YES 252 NO 109**
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?  
**YES 256 NO 107**
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?  
**YES 256 NO 104**
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?  
**YES 263 NO 99**
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Human Society  
**YES 286 NO 81**
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?  
**YES 257 NO 100**
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., **Friday, October 7, 2016**  
**YES 332 NO 31**



Shrewsbury Singers perform at the Donna Marzilli Memorial Service

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT**

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The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Shrewsbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town officers and organizations submitting the reports. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations for the year then ended. We were unable to verify the receipts and disbursements in the SVFD Race Pool Account and are therefore presenting the net change in the bank statements for this account net of outstanding checks not yet cashed. The Transfer Station punch ticket audit was not complete by the print deadline.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, require that we examine and adjust the accounts of all Town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the Town accounts, 2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. Town auditors are also expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives, we require an understanding of the operation of the Town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. We have examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were approved on Selectboard and Road Commissioner Orders and documented on bank statements. For each quarter including year end, we tracked tax payments, reconciled monthly bank statements for the Town's General Fund and performed proof of cash to tie bank statements back to the Town's General Ledger. We also reviewed the Town's year-end financial statements, as well as the financial statements of Town organizations which appear in this Report.

Based on advice from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, we implemented a new audit plan for the Town's Grand List. For a randomly selected sample of parcels we calculated, and tracked, individual tax levies from the Grand List through to payment and compared the parcel Grand List values with those shown on the Lister cards. We also checked the accuracy of the Taxes Billed with respect to the respective tax categories; verified that property transfer records and building permits were reflected in the Grand List. We also audited the overall change in the Grand List Value between 2015 and 2016.

We did not receive reports this year from either the Town Animal Control Officer or Health Officer (positions vacant), nor the Transfer Station. The Town's warned payment to Vermont Trails and Greenways was returned, and the organization has been removed from the Town's Warning.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports this year. We also thank Mark Goodwin for his valuable assistance throughout the audit process and preparation of this Annual Report, as well as the members of the Selectboard, particularly Steven Nicolson who worked closely with us on the Selectboard Budget, Linda McGuire, and the Board of Listers for their assistance during the year.

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**

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The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term. Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by the date due; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received timely, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

The Homestead Declaration is to be filed annually with the State of Vermont in order to receive the Homestead tax rate. Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration (HS-131) or on-line filing is available at [www.state.vt.us/tax](http://www.state.vt.us/tax) . Property Tax Adjustment Claim (HS-145) forms must be filed each year in order to receive a tax adjustment. For questions please call the State of Vermont 1-866-828-2865 or home page [www.state.vt.us/tax](http://www.state.vt.us/tax) .

As always, it is my pleasure to be your treasurer and I look forward to serving you.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda McGuire*



“Sugaring” March 2016



Town of Shrewsbury  
**Balance Sheet**  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds <sup>(9)</sup>	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	41,462	299,710	341,172
Prepaid Expenses	15,261		15,261
Receivables <sup>(3)</sup>			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	30,149		30,149
Other Receivables	302,841		302,841
Capital Assets <sup>(6)</sup>			
Land and Buildings	820,949		820,949
Machinery and Equipment	475,332		475,332
Infrastructure	3,402,006		3,402,006
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,088,001</b>	<b>299,710</b>	<b>5,387,711</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Mascoma Saving Bank <sup>(13)</sup>	250,000		250,000
VMBB Garage Bond <sup>(12)</sup>	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable <sup>(4)</sup>	19,353		19,353
Other Current Liabilities	849		849
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	200,000		200,000
<b>Equity</b>			
Restricted Funds		299,710	299,710
Unrestricted Equity	4,911,280		4,911,280
Excess Revenue	(313,482)		(313,482)
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>5,088,001</b>	<b>299,710</b>	<b>5,387,711</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2016**

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**RECEIPTS:**

**Property Tax Receipts**

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 1,832,780.56	
Taxes: Town Current	554,775.51	
School Reconciliation Taxes	8,308.71	
Prior Year Adjustment	-36.95	
Delinquent Tax	<u>70,957.25</u>	
<b>Total Property Tax Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 2,466,785.08</b>

**Other Tax Receipts**

Land Use	54,157.00	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	26,174.25	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	5,789.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>513.05</u>	
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>		<b>86,663.30</b>

**Road Commission Receipts**

Grant - Paving	109,072.06	
Grant - Spring Lake Culvert	145,290.02	
State Aid	131,936.47	
Services Rendered	3,000.00	
Weight Permits	<u>220.00</u>	
<b>Total Road Commission Receipts</b>		<b>389,518.55</b>

**Other Receipts**

Act 60 Funds	6,802.00	
DRB Hearing Fee	125.00	
Dog Licenses	515.50	
FEMA	733,759.95	
Insurance Reimbursement	700.00	
Interest	1,417.21	
Liquor License	415.00	
Marriage License	85.00	
Miscellaneous	1,444.31	
Recycling	185.53	
Restoration Fees	1,080.80	
Transfer Station Card Income	20,720.20	
Zoning Permits	<u>802.31</u>	
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>		<b><u>768,052.81</u></b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$ 3,711,019.74**

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**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2016**

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

<b>School Account</b>	\$ 1,847,200.96
<b>Selectboard's Orders (Net)</b>	211,679.30
<b>Road Commissioners Orders (Net)</b>	1,713,364.10
<b>Depreciation <sup>(7)</sup></b>	268,462.70
<b>Capitalized Improvements <sup>(6)</sup> &amp; Liability <sup>(12)</sup></b>	(175,347.44)

**Warned Items**

American Red Cross	\$ 500.00	
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	600.00	
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	
Garage Reserve Fund	1,500.00	
Green Up	150.00	
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130.00	
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	50,000.00	
Rutland County Humane Society	150.00	
Rutland Mental Health	1,192.00	
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526.00	
Rutland County Women's Network	150.00	
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250.00	
Rutland Parent/Child Center	500.00	
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4,224.00	
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	12,000.00	
Shrewsbury Historical Society	2,500.00	
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500.00	
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	35,000.00	
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	35,000.00	
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700.00	
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,500.00	
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Vermont Adult Learning	500.00	
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170.00	
<b>Total Warned Items</b>	159,142.00	159,142.00

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4,024,501.62</u></b>
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<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>(313,481.88)</u></b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report**  
**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2016**

**GRAND LIST**

Real Estate	\$ 162,580,155
Less Exemptions	<u>12,638,255</u>

**TOTAL GRAND LIST**

**\$ 149,941,900**

**TAXES BILLED**

Municipal Grand List	1,499,419	
Tax Rate	<u>0.4197</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		<b>629,138.50</b>
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	636,031	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.4588</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		<b>927,841.42</b>
Education Grand List-Homestead	869,578	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.3586</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		<b>1,181,408.66</b>
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,499,419	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0008</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		<b>1,199.20</b>
Late Homestead Penalty		<b>174.69</b>

**TOTAL TAXES BILLED**

**2,739,762.47**

**TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR**

Taxes Collected	2,692,350.24
Delinquent Taxes	70,957.25
Adjustments/Changes	2.99
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(23,548.01)</u>

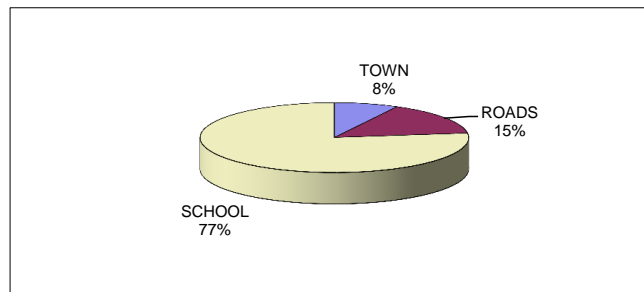
**TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED**

**2,739,762.47**

**TAX RATE PERCENTAGES**

The 2016 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.4197	629,138.50
Local Agreement Rate	0.0008	1,199.20
Schools Residential	1.3586	1,181,408.66
Schools Non-Residential	1.4588	<u>927,841.42</u>
		<b>2,739,587.78</b>
Homestead Late Penalty		<u>174.69</u>
		<b><u><u>2,739,762.47</u></u></b>
Resident	<b>1.7791</b>	
Non-Resident	<b>1.8793</b>	



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Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report  
2016 TAX COMPARISON

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2016	1,625,801	Residential	1.7791	2,739,762.47
		Non-Residential	1.8793	
2015	1,618,198	Residential	1.7589	2,725,958.43
		Non-Residential	1.9266	
2014	1,621,270	Residential	1.8063	2,766,744.03
		Non-Residential	1.9372	
2013	1,612,213	Residential	1.7351	2,588,722.90
		Non-Residential	1.773	
2012	1,597,952	Residential	1.6178	2,401,380.98
		Non-Residential	1.6636	
2011	1,461,693	Residential	1.84	2,607,387.99
		Non-Residential	1.74	
2010	1,464,580	Residential	1.78	2,706,405.15
		Non-Residential	1.94	
2009	1,059,699	Residential	2.48	2,742,426.80
		Non-Residential	2.73	
2008	1,041,578	Residential	2.28	2,484,895.12
		Non-Residential	2.53	
2007	1,012,820	Residential	2.07	2,221,289.02
		Non-Residential	2.42	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.



Town of Shrewsbury  
2016 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS <sup>(9)</sup>

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Transferred from General</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,001	\$0	\$0	\$17	\$3,017
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$38,409	\$6,802	\$0	\$252	\$45,464
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,291	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$1,298
Energy Grant	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$6	\$1,106
Garage Reserve Fund	\$12,028	\$1,500	\$0	\$76	\$13,604
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$124,304	\$50,000	\$122,599	\$289	\$51,994
Records Restoration Fund	\$9,115	\$2,077	\$1,287	\$55	\$9,960
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$115,183	\$35,000	\$0	\$839	\$151,022
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,314	\$0	\$0	\$24	\$4,338
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$3,054	\$1,000	\$0	\$23	\$4,077
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$0	\$13,753	\$0	\$77	\$13,830
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$311,800</b>	<b>\$110,132</b>	<b>\$123,886</b>	<b>\$1,664</b>	<b>\$299,710</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES**

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Bert Potter	Selectperson/Transfer Station	\$	9,268.01
	Health Officer	\$	
Aaron Korzun	Selectperson		1,000.00
Steven Nicholson	FEMA Adminstrator		475.45
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk Salary	24,162.48	
	Selectboard Clerk Salary	1,200.00	
	Town Clerk Fees**	11,658.60	
	Total		37,021.08
Linda McGuire	Town & School Treasurer		24,547.65
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector**		5,555.99
Richard Biziak	Auditor		1,099.80
Adrienne Raymond	Building Inspector/DRB Clerk	1,500.00	
	Lister	1,545.31	
	Total		3,045.31
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Attendent		6,889.90
Gary Duprey	Transfer Station Attendent		4,484.01
Cody Richardson	Transfer Station Attendent		171.50
Marina Potter	Lister		612.00
Sharon Winnicki	Lister		9,915.75
Ingrid Wisell	Lister		457.50
			<hr/> 104,543.95
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds			<hr/> 7,997.62
<b>Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year</b>		\$	<b><hr/><hr/>112,541.57</b>

\*\* Based only on fees collected

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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2016 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1. Basis of Accounting.** In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$2,500 value limit and infrastructure, and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition land, buildings, machinery and equipment have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

**2. Cash.** At year end the Town’s bank balance was \$341,172, which is covered by federal depository insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution’s agent in the Town’s name. No values were unsecured and uncollateralized.

**3. Accounts Receivable.** Amounts receivable at year end, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets, and Balance Sheet are as follows:

Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 30,149
Other Receivables	<u>302,841</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 332,990

**4. Accounts Payable.** Amounts payable at year end as reported in the Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 9,511.08
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>9,842.10</u>
Total Payables	\$19,353.18

**5. Fixed Assets.** Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

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**Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report**  
**2016 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**6. Capital Assets.** Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets not being depreciated:	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,085,207	-12,253 *	1,072,954
Vehicles and Equipment	1,339,678	-164,750 *	1,174,928
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	4,220,381	175,231	4,395,612
Totals	6,645,266	-1,772	6,643,494
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	494,057	29,172	523,229
Vehicles and Equipment	638,900	60,694	699,594
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	815,008	178,597	993,605
Totals	1,947,966	268,463	2,216,428
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	4,697,300	-270,235	4,427,066
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	4,968,523	-270,235	4,698,288

\*Reimbursements were received after 2015 year end and are deducted from original cost.

**7. Depreciation.** Depreciation was applied as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets:

Buildings	\$ 29,172
Vehicles and Equipment	60,694
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	178,597
Total Depreciation	\$268,463

**8. Risk Management.** The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage independently. The Meeting House Committee annually provides a copy to the town of the insurance policy covering the meeting house.

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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2016 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**9. Restricted/Designated Funds.**

<b>Brown Bridge Grant</b>	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
<b>Cemetery Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
<b>Energy Grant</b>	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013 for specific use.
<b>Garage Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for Town Garage
<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	Fees collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents and warned item
<b>Road Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
<b>SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designed for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
<b>Smith Brook Culvert Fund</b>	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
<b>Town Office Equipment Fund</b>	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
<b>Town Office Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office
<b>Town-wide Reappraisal Fund</b>	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

**10. Transfer Station Costs.** As an additional cost of operating the transfer station, it is estimated that 50 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$892 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.



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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2016 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**11. Meeting House and Conservation Commission.** The conservation commission funds are integral funds belonging to the town, but are reported in separate financial reports. The funds are considered as town assets. The meeting house building is a town asset, the meeting house committee is a separate corporate entity.

**12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.** The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>
2017	20,000	10,097	30,097
2018	20,000	9,222	29,222
2019	20,000	8,325	28,325
2020	20,000	7,410	27,410
2021	20,000	6,479	26,479
2022	20,000	5,536	25,536
2023	20,000	4,625	24,625
2024	20,000	3,708	23,708
2025	20,000	2,787	22,787
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	<u>\$220,000</u>	<u>\$60,984</u>	<u>\$280,984</u>

**13. Line of Credit.** On March 30, 2016 the Town obtained a promissory note from Mascoma Savings Bank, a local financial institution, in the amount of \$250,000 at an interest rate of \$1.75% to provide cash flow for expenses necessary and resulting from capital improvement costs for road, bridge and culvert repairs to be repaid by future FEMA reimbursements. This note has been amended to extend to 12/30/2017 for repayment.

**14. Pension Funds.** Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 2.5% of wages and the Town contributes 4% which are counted as expenses in the financial statements. The town currently has four members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available upon request.

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**2016 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**for the year ending December 31, 2016**

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<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	
<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$28,646.56</b>
Warrant to Collect, October 19, 2016	+\$70,929.06
Amended Warrant, October 26, 2016	-\$864.48
Amended Warrant, December 1, 2016	+\$892.67
<b>Total taxes delinquent</b>	<b>\$99,603.81</b>
Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2016	\$69,455.19
<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$30,148.62</b>

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2016 for collections - \$5,555.99, and \$45.04 for mailing expenses.

\$20.00 was collected for the Town for fees on NSF checks.

\*\* If anyone has an address for Ariel Porte or the estate of Alphonse S. Coccia, could you please contact me?

<b>Delinquent taxes collected January 1 - 31, 2017.</b>	<b>\$4,576.45</b>
<b>Delinquent taxes still outstanding (19 accounts):</b>	
2009, 2010 Cheney, Michele	278.48
2014, 2015, 2016 Paul, Hillary	8,858.24
2015, 2016 Geary, Arthur J.	2,424.86
2014, 2016 Guyette, Peter L.	1,020.99
2015, 2016 Peer, Christopher	1,510.94
2016 Coccia, Alphonse S. **	469.83
2016 Coccia, Alphonse S. Sr.**	1,580.49
2016 England (Porte, Ariel)**	1,418.87
2016 Gregory, John O. III	125.91
2016 Hammond, Robert F.	3,563.15
2016 Korzun, Steven	3,071.45
2016 Tabor, Margo	525.43
2016 Webster, Robert & McGinnis, Angela	723.53
	<b>\$25,572.17</b>

**Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2016**

**\$30,148.62**

**Randy A. Page**

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SELECTBOARD REPORT**

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The landslide on the Upper Cold River Road, impacting the western approach to the Brown Bridge, caused by Tropical Storm Irene was finally repaired this spring and the road opened in June. Casella Construction of Mendon was awarded the contract to repair the road. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, there was a dedication for the Jim Jeffords State Forest and the Brown Bridge National Historic site designation. We also celebrated the reopening of the road by the bridge. Mark Youngstrom spoke for the Town during the dedication ceremony and the Historical Society provided an exhibit on the history of the Brown Bridge and historical information about Jim Jeffords. The Conservation Commission provided information on the new Jim Jeffords State Forest. The Meeting House provided the tables and chairs, and traffic control was provided by the Road Crew and Town Constables.

In March Haley & Aldrich, geotechnical engineers from Bedford, NH performed a preliminary assessment on the slope failure that is impacting the Cold River Rd. We are looking into grants from the VTrans Hazard Mitigation Program and the Federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. We greatly appreciate the help of Alan Shelvey. He prepared the financial application and a cost-benefit analysis that was submitted to VTrans in June.

The local Emergency Operation plan was updated and adopted in May.

We adopted a new Dog and Wolf Hybrid Ordinance in June. The new ordinance provides for the issuance of fines for the owners of dogs or wolf hybrids that are not registered yearly with the Town along with proof of an up to date rabies vaccination.

The Selectboard received reports of excessive speeding on the Cold River Rd. During a paving project a flagger was struck. The Selectboard contacted the Sheriff's Department to arrange for patrolling and enforcement of the speed limit. The Sheriff will assign the expense of these patrols to a grant they received from the Federal Highway Administration.

The Selectboard Meetings are open to the Public and we encourage your attendance and participation. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. More information can be found on the Town website ([www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)).

The Selectboard would like to thank the Auditors for their care and diligence in preparing the Town Report. In addition, we would like to thank all Town Employees, Elected and Appointed Officials and everyone who volunteers their time in service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert Potter

Aaron Korzun

Steven Nicholson

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS**  
**BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**

**Year ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>ACTUAL 2015</b>	<b>BUDGET 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>BUDGET 2017</b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>				
<b>TAXES:</b>				
Current Property Taxes	613,297		554,560	
Delinquent Tax	67,734		70,957	
Property Tax Receipts-Other	167		178	
Less: Warned Items	(151,227)		(159,142)	
<b>Current Property Taxes for General &amp; Roads</b>	<b>529,970</b>	<b>469,999</b>	<b>466,554</b>	<b>699,102</b>
 Federal in Lieu of Taxes	 5,684	 5,684	 5,789	 5,789
State In Lieu of Taxes	19,292	19,292	26,174	26,174
Land Use Taxes	64,196	60,000	54,157	54,000
Railroad Tax	222	222	513	513
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>	<b>89,394</b>	<b>85,198</b>	<b>86,633</b>	<b>86,476</b>
 <b>ROADS:</b>				
Paving Grant			109,072	-
FEMA Reimbursement	323,604	585,000	733,760	150,000
Grant- Culvert Inventory	4,000	-	-	-
Grant- Spring Lake Road Culvert Replacement		142,750	145,290	-
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	46,200			-
State Aid to Roads	132,002	132,000	131,936	132,000
Services Rendered - Roads	3,383		3,000	
Weight Permits	205		220	
<b>Total Road Receipts</b>	<b>509,395</b>	<b>859,750</b>	<b>1,123,279</b>	<b>282,000</b>
 <b>OTHER RECEIPTS:</b>				
Act 60 Funds	6,412		6,802	
Dog Licenses	445	445	516	520
Insurance Reimbursement - Workmen's Comp	172		700	
Interest Income	43	30	1,417	30
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	300	300	415	415
Lister Education Funds	390		-	-
Misc. income, Misc. fees, marriage licenses	120		1,529	1,529
Recycling	1,015	500	186	186
Restoration Fees	712		1,081	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	30,556		8,309	
Transfer Station Punch Cards	10,180	15,000	20,720	20,000
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	1,336	500	927	500
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>51,710</b>	<b>16,805</b>	<b>42,631.57</b>	<b>23,210.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	 <b>1,180,469</b>	 <b>1,431,752</b>	 <b>1,719,097</b>	 <b>1,090,788</b>
 <b>Cash Beginning Balance</b>	 <b>137,234</b>	 <b>125,781</b>	 <b>125,781</b>	 <b>41,462</b>
<b>Cash Available for Expenses</b>	<b>1,317,702</b>	<b>1,557,533</b>	<b>1,844,878</b>	<b>1,132,250</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>ACTUAL 2015</b>	<b>BUDGET 2016</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>BUDGET 2017</b>
<b><u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b>TRANSFER STATION<sup>(10)</sup></b>				
Tipping Fees	16,631	23,000	10,857	11,000
Hauling	6,275	6,300	7,175	7,175
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	14,880	20,384	18,000	19,150
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator		877	877	877
Payroll Expenses	1,138	1,626	1,491	1,532
Maintenance	836	2,000	531	1,000
Solid Waste Dues	3,252	3,300	4,251	4,000
Equipment/Facilities	-	1,300	-	1,300
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	637	1,000	593	1,000
Supplies	1,003	1,000	364	1,000
Workers Compensation	972	1,150	908	1,000
Solid Waste Implementation Plan	-	636	-	636
Electric	453	600	671	700
Other	1,071	-	-	-
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>47,147</b>	<b>63,173</b>	<b>45,718</b>	<b>50,370</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>				
Planning Commission Expense	60	600	42	500
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	100	500	100	500
Building/Property Insurance	4,004	3,900	3,885	3,900
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,544	2,248	2,248	2,300
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	668	1,290	1,290	1,300
Workers Compensation	276	304	546	550
Office Heat/Electric	3,522	4,000	2,855	3,500
Training/Education	878	900	480	900
Postage	822	1,300	1,249	1,300
Supplies & Equipment	2,863	5,000	3,682	4,500
Software	563	1,000	1,234	1,000
Selectboard Salary	3,000	3,000	2,000	3,000
Other Town Officers Salary	56,848	64,000	56,220	64,000
Payroll Expenses	6,228	6,400	5,481	6,400
Retirement	1,236	1,260	1,541	1,600
Office Communications	3,006	3,000	2,831	3,000
Mileage Reimbursement	7	300	84	300
Building Maintenance/Repair	6,256	3,000	3,070	6,000
Warnings	221	600	577	600
Town Report	2,304	2,300	2,404	2,500
<b>Total Town Officers Expense</b>	<b>94,405</b>	<b>104,902</b>	<b>91,819</b>	<b>107,650</b>

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (Continued)**  
**Year ended December 31, 2016**

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017</u>
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Lister Salaries	11,415	11,000	12,393	13,500
Payroll Expenses	795	842	943	1,000
Supplies	769	400	459	500
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	-	1,500	-	1,500
Training & Training Mileage	345	1,500	491	1,500
<b>Total Listers Expense</b>	<b>14,524</b>	<b>16,442</b>	<b>15,485</b>	<b>19,200</b>
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Animal Damage and Control	118	500	627	500
County Court Tax	10,171	10,171	11,357	10,800
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	31,773	30,962	30,455	30,097
Interest Expense	981	2,000	3,033	3,000
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	100	2,000	-	2,000
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	925	925	925	925
Town Events	200	500	150	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,124	2,105	2,112	2,100
Miscellaneous	13	-	66	-
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>	<b>46,405</b>	<b>50,163</b>	<b>48,725</b>	<b>50,922</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>202,481</b>	<b>234,680</b>	<b>201,747</b>	<b>228,142</b>



Dedication for the Jim Jeffords State Forest  
and the Brown Bridge National Historic Site Designation  
July 2016

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>ROAD EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ROADS</b>				
Chloride	5,498	5,500	4,042	4,500
Flood Expenses	17,355	650,000	746,718	250,000
Cold River Rd. Flooding Mitigation	-	25,000	4,784	25,000
Gravel	45,861	45,000	43,919	45,000
Salt	19,144	25,000	21,200	30,000
Winter Sand	48,295	49,000	36,611	55,000
Erosion control	400	1,000	300	1,000
Tree Removal	600	3,500	2,100	2,000
Bridge #37,(Lincoln Hill Culvert)	57,530	-	3,149	-
Culverts & Bridges	9,163	23,500	6,451	7,500
Spring Lake Rd. Culvert			161,433	-
Paving	107,778	160,000	258,560	160,000
Equipment Rental	3,325	4,000	1,330	4,000
Salaries	131,485	140,000	126,407	140,000
Payroll Expenses	9,867	11,200	9,274	10,710
VT State Retirement	5,219	5,600	4,780	5,600
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	12,192	12,192	11,379	10,573
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	46,801	52,683	44,638	39,640
VLCT Unemployment	307	307	358	402
Other	50	50		
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>520,871</b>	<b>1,213,532</b>	<b>1,487,434</b>	<b>790,925</b>
<b>TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>				
Parts & Repairs	23,565	22,000	22,016	22,000
Tires & Repairs	4,419	5,000	4,615	5,000
Fuels & Lubricants	41,084	43,000	26,790	43,000
New Equipment	327,409	1,500	8,570	10,000
Misc. Supplies	1,035	1,000	322	500
Signs	505	800	-	800
Safety Equipment				1,000
<b>Total Town Equipment</b>	<b>398,016</b>	<b>73,300</b>	<b>62,314</b>	<b>82,300</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGES</b>				
Equipment	-	1,550	-	1,550
Heating Fuel	1,716	3,000	1,848	3,000
Maintenance & Supplies	176	500	1,731	500
Electricity	1,717	1,900	1,955	2,000
Communications	3,001	2,225	1,592	1,500
Buildings & Repair	1,462	1,500	733	1,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	13,767	15,500	15,526	16,065
<b>Total Town Garages</b>	<b>21,839</b>	<b>26,175</b>	<b>23,385</b>	<b>26,115</b>
<b>TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES</b>	<b>940,727</b>	<b>1,313,007</b>	<b>1,573,133</b>	<b>899,340</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; ROADS EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,143,208</b>	<b>1,547,687</b>	<b>1,774,880</b>	<b>1,127,482</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

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The Town Highway Department would like to thank Stephen Bruce for his eight plus years of dedicated service to the Town and welcomes Dan Cavoto to the Road Crew.

In 2016 the Town received a paving grant for Class 2 roads in the amount of \$109,000. This not only allowed us to do more paving, but also to fix the base in places that hadn't held up very well. The Spring Lake Road box culvert was installed in the Fall with funds from a structure grant received in 2015.

As a reminder, because a paving crew worker was hit by a car, along with other close calls during the year, please give as much room as you can, slow down, and pay attention especially in a signed work zone or when caution lights are flashing on the equipment. Working in the road is very dangerous not just for the road crew but also for the travelling public. Thank you.

Normal road maintenance continued during the rest of the year. These activities included:

- a. 3.1 miles of scheduled paving for 2016 on the Cold River Road was completed. During the work, 1.4 miles of the road were planed and the base reclaimed.
- b. .09 miles of Wilmouth Hill Road were paved.
- c. 5,476 tons of gravel were used on various roads.
- d. 3,574 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.
- e. 10 new culverts were installed along with one box culvert.

James Carrara  
Road Commissioner

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**2016 Inventory of Town Equipment**  
**Estimated Value**

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2017 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 179,000
2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	\$ 317,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 126,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	\$ 50,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 60,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor mower broom	\$ 23,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator with trailer	\$ 35,000
2002 International 2574 with plow and sander	\$ 16,000
2000 Caterpillar 928G Loader	\$ 38,000
1996 Caterpillar 416B Backhoe	\$ 15,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$ 5,000
Chloride tank with spray bar	\$ 5,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$ 5,000
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Total	\$ 874,000

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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The Town Clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by statute to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's Land Records. Other statutory responsibilities include: voter registration and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for elections. The Town Clerk is the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of Lister Grievances. The Town Clerk records Town Proceedings and maintains the agenda and minutes of various Town Boards and commissions pursuant to the Open Meeting Law as matters of public record. The Town Clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the Town: Births, Deaths and Civil Marriages, and issues Civil Marriage licenses. The Clerk issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Often Town Clerks are asked to disseminate information from various State agencies to local constituencies as well as attest to the fact that statutory procedures are being adhered to. In Shrewsbury, the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station permits. The Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org) is maintained by the Town Clerk and based on the information received from the various Boards and Commissions within the Town, is in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law mandating the posting of agendas and minutes for all municipal meetings. The Selectboard has also been utilizing the Town Clerk for administrative functions.

In 2016 the State of Vermont and Shrewsbury had four elections: Annual Town Meeting Election and Presidential Preference on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the VT State Primary on August 9<sup>th</sup> and the General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the General Election the Shrewsbury checklist of registered voters grew to 913 individual names.

The Board of Civil Authority held an organizational meeting in July to nominate and elect a chair and co-chair as well as readopting Rules of Procedure for Appeals Hearings. Also in July two Lister Grievance Appeals were heard and acted upon with required site visits and written findings.

This past year I utilized Record Restoration funds for the purchase of additional roller shelving for the vault, expanding the space for Land Records, Permit Recordings and Town Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 VITAL STATISTICS**

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	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>BIRTHS</b>	7	8	6	13	5	6	6	7	9
<b>DEATHS</b>	9	8	7	14	20	9	2	7	7
<b>MARRIAGES</b>								8	4
<b>CIVIL MARRIAGES</b>	6	10	5	8	9	8	8	5	
<b>CIVIL UNIONS</b>									

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health, no names are published in this report. The Vital Records are available at the Town Office and are public records.



Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 ANIMAL LICENSES**

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE*	TOTAL COLLECTED
95	SPAYED FEMALE	\$9.00 EACH	\$855
90	NEUTERED MALE	\$9.00 EACH	\$810
4	FEMALE	\$13.00 EACH	\$52
5	MALE	\$13.00 EACH	\$65
0	SPECIAL PERMIT	\$0.00 EACH	\$0
*0	PET DEALER LICENSE	\$25.00 EACH	\$0
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>	
10	LATE FEES	\$4.00 EACH	\$40
	<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>		<b>\$1,822</b>

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$464
Fees retained by Clerk	\$388
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$388
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program	<u>\$582</u>
	<b>\$1,822</b>

Pursuant to V.S.A. 20 § 3581 and Shrewsbury ordinance, anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> obtain a license and shall pay **\$9.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$13.00** for each un-neutered or un-spayed dog. If the license fee is not paid by April 1, a **\$4.00** penalty is added. The basic license fees are \$4.00 for neutered or spayed and \$8.00 for unneutered or unsprayed, plus \$2.00 on each license for rabies control programs and \$3.00 for dog, cat, wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering programs.

Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a neutered or spayed license for a dog, he shall exhibit to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, showing that the dog has been sterilized.

Before obtaining a license for a dog six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog has received a current pre-exposure to rabies vaccine, approved by the Agency of Agriculture. The Town Clerk shall keep the certificate or copies thereof on file.

**For 2017, to avoid late charges please license your dog by APRIL 1.** To remove the name of a previously licensed animal please call 492-3511. If ordering by mail, please include your new rabies certificate (if needed). Make your check payable to the Town of Shrewsbury for **\$9.00** (Spayed/Neutered) or **\$13.00** (Male/Female) for each animal.

Thank you,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Justices of the Peace have been active this year in fulfilling their responsibilities as elected officials. Here is an overview of what we do:

1. Elections

Justices of the Peace are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve as election officials at Town elections by Australian ballot and statewide elections. Justices also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to voters at election time.

2. Tax Abatement and Appeals

Justices of the Peace sit as members of the Town Board for Abatement of taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's tax obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. Justices of the Peace also serve an important role in the Town's tax appeal process. As members of the Board of Civil Authority, Justices sit to hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the Listers.

3. Marriages

Justices of the Peace may also solemnize marriages in Vermont.

4. Oaths and Notary

Justices of the Peace may also administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A Justice of the Peace is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgement powers of a notary public.

5. Magistrate

Justices of the Peace may also serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the Supreme Court.

Effective February 1, 2017, your Justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Trish Norton, Hull Maynard, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill.

Our activities during 2016 were relatively light with only two tax appeals although we also had two tax abatement hearings.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Julianne Sharrow who, for many years, was a member of the Board. She was a consistent presence at our meetings and was a valuable resource for us in our deliberations. She will be missed.

John Berryhill  
Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 TOWN CONSTABLES REPORT**

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As Constables for the Town of Shrewsbury, we serve as the 1st and 2nd enforcement officers for Town ordinances and state laws. Activities included: three verifications of vehicle identification, four suspicious vehicles, one possible mail theft, one fraudulent property sale investigation, one case of illegal home occupancy and one search and rescue of a lost hunter who ultimately was found safe and sound.

Again, many thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Program and all the citizens of Shrewsbury who call in with valuable information regarding any suspicious activity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew E. Danaher, 1<sup>st</sup> Constable                      Betsy Jesser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable

**2016 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HAZARD MITIGATION REPORT**

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Shrewsbury's Office of Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation is a coordinated organization of the Town's Fire Department, Road Department, Constables, Town Clerk, and dedicated townspeople who assist with shelter management and engineering. The major achievement in 2016 was the reopening of the Brown Covered Bridge and the west end Upper Cold River Road which had been closed since Tropical Storm Irene in August, 2011. Thanks to a FEMA Grant, actual costs to the Town were minimal. However, many townspeople helped with the grant writing and implementation of the project. The major Hazard Mitigation project currently underway is the relocation of a section of the Lower Cold River Road to avoid a landslide caused by the streambed shift of the Cold River in Tropical Storm Irene.

Shrewsbury's Emergency Operations Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan are posted on the Town Web Site.

Respectfully submitted  
David Rice  
Emergency Management Facilitator  
Hazard Mitigation Committee Chairman

**2016 TOWN/FEMA COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

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PW 2867 – The Upper Cold River Rd. landslide: The road was repaired and opened in June. This was the last project from Tropical Storm Irene.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Nicholson

**2016 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

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The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries which were created during the settlement of the Town in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Normally two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property which they would share for the burial of family members. Therefore, these cemeteries are important historically, for they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the Town. Now in 2016 these cemeteries are almost all located on private property. Since 2001 two family cemeteries have been added: the Mitchell family and the Haley family cemeteries.

The Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is very grateful to the property owners and neighbors who care for these cemeteries. We thank particularly Bill Tabor at the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Skip Zaremba at the Wilder Cemetery, Leonard Page and his son Leonard at the Plumley-Page Cemetery on the Upper Cold River Road, Red and Judy Landon at the first Cuttingsville Cemetery, Bill and Donna Smith at the cemetery at Shrewsbury Center, and the Mitchell and Haley families.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Larry Carrara  
David Rice

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT**

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It saddens me to look at a large dead tree, especially one along our Town roads. They stand there in stark contrast to their living neighbors leaving the viewer to ponder the how's and why's of their demise. They also can be hazardous to one's health and/or property which is why they occupy a top priority in removals under our hazardous tree plan. Last year began the implementation of our hazardous tree removal program with our Road Crew removing over 20 Town road trees designated for removal. This does not include trees that fell from adjacent property across a Town road and had to be removed from the road. Plans are underway for a continuation of tree removals this year under our existing priority system.

This was a year of increased citizen interest in trees as well. I visited several landowners to provide tree information on a variety of tree topics, gave two Big Tree Talks (here and in Castleton), and we started the first ever Shrewsbury Big Tree Program inviting folks to submit candidates for measurement under the Vermont and National Big Tree Program. Since our Big Tree talk in February 18 trees (15 species) have been posted on a bulletin board in the library for display. While none are state records they are still "special" trees to their owners and it is the stories attached to them that are as important as the size. I did re-measure a national champion shad tree in Clarendon and a new state record Eastern larch in West Windsor.

Tree concerns still lie ahead. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has still not been detected in Vermont but we remain surrounded by infestations in adjacent states and the Province of Quebec. Protection was increased somewhat by the enactment of a firewood quarantine against moving firewood into Vermont. I did visit two EAB infections (Syracuse and south of Albany, NY) to see firsthand the symptoms and total loss of ash trees in an infected area. Sobering. A sizeable increase in tent caterpillar defoliation was noted last summer as well. While most of it was north of Rutland County it is worth watching if it expands further south in 2017.

Continuing education again kept me "current" with tree information gained from attending: the New England Society of American Foresters meeting (Sturbridge, Mass); the Green Mountain SAF meeting in Lake Morey, the Annual Forest Health Workshop (Woodstock, VT); an Urban and Community Forestry/Arbor Day meeting (Montpelier); and an American Forests Big Tree training day at Dartmouth College. So to all you tree citizens – keep up the good work in keeping trees a part of your lives.

Gary Salmon  
Tree Warden



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT**

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In 2016, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission started the year with training and discussions with members of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our main goal was to have more awareness of Shrewsbury's natural resources and how to best protect them, and the training and readings we undertook helped us understand how to use resources like BioFinder for mapping resources as well as help us set goals.

Green Up Day in May was well attended and almost every road in Shrewsbury was covered by volunteers picking up roadside trash. It continues to be a day that brings people of all ages out to volunteer to make our Town more beautiful but it is discouraging to find the same assortment of beer cans and fast food containers starting to litter roadsides by summertime. Thanks to Grace Brigham's artistic talents, more moose anti-littering signs have been popping up around Town." Love Shrewsbury? Please don't litter!"

We continued to make use of the ANR Invasives Team grant and held another work day, this time targeting garlic mustard. We hope to conduct training for interested citizens next year in iNaturalist mapping to help identify and map challenging invasive plant areas that we have a chance of eradicating. If you have questions about how to get rid of plant invasives on your land, remember to look for information on the Town website under the SCC window.

Our Town owns several pieces of property that have been set aside for conservation, and the SCC began investigating how these lands are being managed. The swimming area near the Brown Bridge that abuts the new Jeffords State Forest has undergone changes after Irene but the work in this area to save the road and bridge make it a lovely area again. We look forward to working with Forest, Parks, and Recreation to determine future use and trailhead development of the Jeffords Forest.

The SCC's newest program is to initiate a Walks and Talks series. Our first adventure hosted 37 people for a walk and treasure hunt in the Plymbsbury trail area, looking for moose tracks and sharing Moose stories and Moose cake celebrating a famous visit 30 years ago. We look forward to exploring topics each month on our Town environment while enjoying outings in different parts of Town.

The SCC thanks Lily French for years of service on the commission and welcomes Pam Grace. The SCC members feel honored to serve this community. It is a beautiful place to live.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Duda, Chairperson

Town of Shrewsbury SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2016	\$461.31
Adjustment*	\$0.22
Receipts	\$0.14
Disbursements	\$(281.45)
Ending Balance December 31, 2016	\$180.22

\*Data entry error

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Youngstrom, Treasurer

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

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This year the Shrewsbury Board of Listers had eight grievance requests. One was withdrawn; six were mitigated by the Listers and one resulted in no change. Two decisions were not accepted by the property owners resulting in two grievances to the Board of Civil Authority. The Board of Civil Authority upheld our value on one property and made a change in value on the other property. Neither party chose to pursue further appeals.

Every year Property Valuation and Review are required to certify the equalized education property value and coefficient of Dispersion (COD). The COD is a measurement of uniformity of appraised values. Our value this year is 12.8% which leaves us in the category of a reasonable uniformity of assessment.

Also included in the Equalization Study is the result for the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The CLA is essentially a measure of how close a Town's local appraisal is to fair market value. A Town will be required to reappraise when the CLA falls below 80%. The 2016 CLA is 111.07% and is still a reasonable value.

As usual we are reminding you to please file your Homestead Declaration (called the HS-122) when you do your income taxes. The HS 122 is due by April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you have an accountant, or if you do your own taxes, please make sure to have your form filled out and filed on time.

Please feel free to contact us at 492-2009 or to email us at [shrewsburylist@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburylist@vermontel.net).

Sincerely,  
Sharon Winnicki, Adrienne Raymond and Marina Potter

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

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The duties of the Planning Commission are varied and include the following:

- Prepare a Town plan and amendments to the Town plan for consideration by the legislative body (Selectboard);
- Prepare and present land use regulations;
- Undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, historic and scenic preservation, etc.;
- Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the Planning Commission with other departments of the municipality;
- Participate in a regional planning program.

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission finished editing the final draft of the Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. There will be a public hearing held on the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations on March 20, 2017. Please watch the Shrewsbury Times for further information on this event.

Our plans for the coming year are to start working on the updates to the Town Plan which will be required in 2018. We are watching the regional planning commissions for their actions on regional energy planning in response to Act 174 and to understand how our own Town planning needs to respond.

With the retirement of David Rice, we currently have one seat open on the Planning Commission. We thank David for his many years of contribution and commitment!

The PC meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Offices on the first and third Mondays of every month. We welcome input and dialogue from everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Black, Chair



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the Town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

The Board meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with State statute. All records of applications, hearings and decisions by the DRB are retained at the Town Office and are a public record.

Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the Board to conduct a hearing. The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the Town's duly adopted zoning and subdivision ordinances.

During 2016, the DRB held four hearings resulting in the approval of two subdivisions, one floodplain permit (culvert), and two conditional uses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair



Participants in a Shrewsbury Conservation Commission “Walk and Talk” outing learning about “Evaluating and Managing Your Wooded Land” in November 2016.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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Once again I have limited building activity to report. One completely new home was built, one was torn down and replaced, one existing structure was remodeled into an accessory apt/house, one of our Inns was permitted to add another multi-bedroom cabin which will be built this year, and two cabins with no utilities were permitted with one actually built in 2016. Other than that, folks are adding on, remodeling, building garages, barns, and decks or just staying with what they have.

In total, there were 29 building permits issued for a variety of projects. There were a number of remodels, but we don't issue permits for those unless they result in a change of use of a building or when square footage is added to the building footprint. A word of caution, if you are adding a bedroom or remodeling a current space into a bedroom, the State may require a new or amended septic permit. In addition, I was notified of three structures that were categorized as "Agricultural Buildings". This type of structure requires only notification to the Zoning Administrator, but must still adhere to our setback rules unless they have a formal exemption from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. Before you assume a planned building is an "Agricultural Building" there are strict rules to qualify for this designation. Also, the exemption from zoning does not mean exemption from taxation.

Once again, I report that our zoning regulations are awaiting their promised update from the Planning Commission that will merge our Zoning and Subdivision regulations. I saw and reviewed a preliminary document last year and hope that we will soon see it in-force.

I'm repeating a concern that I brought to your attention last year: the number of "temporary" storage buildings that continue to pop up all over Town is still alarming. I include in this category the growing use of shipping containers. When these buildings are installed, I frequently hear that the structure is "temporary" so the owners don't think they need a permit. **Unless you really plan for that structure to be up 6 months. or less, it is not temporary for zoning purposes. In addition, these structures need to abide by the setback requirements of the zoning district they are in.** So, if you put up anything that you might/maybe leave up for 6 months. or more, please call me for a permit.

Also, a reminder, the State of Vermont has complete authority over waste and potable water systems. I can answer some questions or send you in the right direction for answers.

In closing, if you are unsure whether your planned project needs a permit, please call me to check. My listed number is my home and I am available most days and evenings for questions. I thank you all for your politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please.

Submitted by  
Adrienne Raymond

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT**

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This year we had one brush fire. Luckily, it was not too large. Thanks to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response and for extinguishing that fire. Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be fire safe!!

Kevin Brown  
775-6194 (H)  
775-5518 (W)  
345-8668 (C)

Al Ridlon, Jr.  
492-3722 (H)  
282-3642 (C)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE REPORT**

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The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, Inc, created in 1972, are responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is used by the community and church, as originally intended, for Town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions and parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes and other community functions. It is truly one of the most important buildings in Town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center.

The Meeting House Trustees, Inc. is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the Selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church and one member appointed by the Trustees. The building is available for any Town or Church function, general community or civic group gathering, and it can be reserved for private functions by Town residents. For private functions or events that are not free and open to the entire community, a reasonable usage fee is required and rental can be arranged through Julianne Sharrow. Appropriate use of the sanctuary should be arranged through the Shrewsbury Community Church (Karen Lorentz) and the Trustees (Julanne Sharrow), since generally only one gathering in the building is desired at the same time. Our policy is to allow use of the building by Shrewsbury residents only, since the Meeting House is such a historic, fragile and important building to our community.

During 2016 we reviewed and updated our original 1972 By-Laws, formally adopting the amended By-Laws in January 2017. We intended to use some of the Russell Smith endowment to renovate the downstairs bathrooms, making one of them handicapped accessible. This did not occur last year, but it is a goal for 2017.

Russell Smith's remembrance of the Meeting House in his will came at an important time and allowed necessary improvements and repairs without burdening taxpayers. We encourage others to consider the important use of this building for future generations in their estate planning.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who regularly care for the building and to all who leave the building in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us preserve this wonderful building.

Sincerely,

The 2016 Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town

Mark Youngstrom

Jonathan Gibson

Jan O'Hara

Appointed by Church

Donna Smith

Julanne Sharrow

John Lorentz

Appointed by Committee

Liesbeth van de Heijden

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2016**

**BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2016** **\$38,417**

**RECEIPTS**

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	
Hall Rental	\$675	
Interest	\$24	
Donations	\$0	
Other	\$30	
Total Receipts		<b>\$16,979</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Electricity	\$1,034	
Propane	\$2,625	
Telephone	\$696	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$3,893	
Insurance	\$5,428	
Supplies	\$162	
Furnishings	\$227	
Capital Improvements	\$0	
Total Disbursements		<b>\$16,565</b>

**ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,2016** **\$38,831**

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$11,138	\$0	\$0	\$11,138

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS**

	<u>2015 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2016 BUDGET</u>	<u>2016 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250
Hall Rental	\$850	\$800	\$675	\$800
Interest	\$24	\$30	\$24	\$30
Donations	\$133	\$100	\$0	\$100
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$0	\$4,373	\$0	\$5,134
Other	\$0	\$0	\$30	\$0
Total Receipts	\$17,256	\$21,553	\$16,979	\$22,314
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Electricity	\$992	\$1,000	\$1,034	\$1,000
Propane	\$3,316	\$3,000	\$2,625	\$3,000
Telephone	\$520	\$525	\$696	\$600
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$3,917	\$3,000	\$3,893	\$3,500
Insurance	\$5,360	\$5,428	\$5,428	\$5,514
Supplies	\$74	\$100	\$162	\$200
Furnishings	\$0	\$0	\$227	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
Total Disbursements	\$16,679	\$21,553	\$16,565	\$22,314

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**

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In 2016, the Library continued to expand and enrich its programs for children, with well-attended holiday celebrations, story hours, and Legos Club meetings, thanks to the Children's Committee of Library Trustees and community volunteers: Library Director Donna Swartz, Marge Benini, Jessica Giffin, Carol Goodwin, Pam Grace, Linda Olney, Doris Perry, and Amy Thomas. We hope to reinstitute our very successful Children's Librarians' activity, in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Mountain School's After-School Program.

The Library is again requesting level funding at \$7,500 to help cover basic operating expenses: electricity, heat, telephone/internet service, and insurance. Last year our building-related costs amounted to \$8,655, and we have budgeted approximately the same for 2017. To meet the remaining operating expenses -- adding new books, DVDs, and music to our collections; offering access to NewsBank, audio-books and e-books; and presenting informative programs to the community -- we will raise funds through the Silent Auction, the Quilt Raffle, the Haystack Dinner & Street Dance, the Book & Bake Sale, the Mettawee Theatre Company's production, and the annual appeal.

In 2016, the Library circulated 5,285 books from our collection and on Inter-Library Loan, DVDs, audio-books (including those available on ListenUpVT), and music CDs to adults and children. We recorded 3,825 visits by patrons to borrow materials, attend programs and fund-raising events, use our public computers, copier and fax, and access our wireless internet.

Library programs included: Solar Energy Innovations with Davis Terrell; Shrewsbury's Big Trees with Gary Salmon; Gardeners' Round Table with Shrewsbury CSA farmers Scott Courcelle and Martha Sirjane; Vermont's Snakes with Doug Blodgett; The Rutland Women's Network & Shelter with Director Aveloy Lanning; Poultry with Kermit Blackwood; Cider in Normandy & Brittany with Sandy and Kristi Bragg; Butterflies with Jerry Schneider; Ancient Pottery (and atlatl-throwing) with Charlie Paquin; Cider-Making at SAGE; and Vermont's Moose with Scott Darling. Continuing programs included: the Famous Books Book Club, Science Book Club, the Quilters' Group, and the Writers' Group.

In building-related improvements recommended by the Five-Year Plan, we expanded exterior lighting (thanks to Aaron Korzun), and replaced insulation, clapboards, and windows on the north wall (thanks to John Wood).

We appreciate the Town's support for the past 41 years, and look forward to serving in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Aleshire, President

Donna Swartz, Vermont Certified Librarian

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2016		\$ 96,081
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	24,267	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	2,795	
Total Receipts		27,062
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	18,185	
Capital Fund	18,556	
Restricted	1,096	
Total Expenditures		(37,837)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 85,306</u>

<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2016	\$ 26,480
Receipts	-
Board designation of funds	20,000
Expenditures	(18,556)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 27,924</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 140	\$ 1,625	\$ 630	\$ 1,135
E. Jeffords Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	745	-	-	745
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	236	25	-	261
Joyce Wilson Memorial Fund	-	500	-	500
Allan YA Book Fund	62	50	35	77
Gerty Current Fiction Fund	142	320	171	291
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	313	25	-	338
Mitch Spencer Fund	51	250	260	41
	<u>\$ 5,329</u>	<u>\$ 2,795</u>	<u>\$ 1,096</u>	<u>\$ 7,028</u>

Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT**

	2015	2016		2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	7,892	6,500	8,881	6,500
Fundraising	8,681	8,420	7,054	5,660
Interest Earned	156	100	136	100
Other income	851	600	696	600
Total Operating Revenue	<u>25,080</u>	<u>23,120</u>	<u>24,267</u>	<u>20,360</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	250	250	250	250
Materials: Adults	3,874	3,895	3,935	3,760
Materials: Children & YA	299	2,400	25	1,500
Children's Program Expense	258	1,000	319	1,000
Equipment & Repairs	264	300	320	325
Electricity	2,282	2,396	1,464	1,500
Five year plan costs	8	1,000	435	900
Fuel	1,498	1,800	1,452	1,320
Fundraising & events expense	1,988	1,200	1,186	1,200
Insurance	1,542	1,620	1,589	1,670
Librarian Expense	-	175	-	150
Maintenance	2,504	2,745	2,117	2,110
Miscellaneous	54	150	24	150
Septic	613	1,225	1,250	1,250
Postage	60	100	58	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	251	275	165	275
Program Expense	946	2,400	1,855	2,400
Supplies	453	750	360	600
Telephone	1,370	1,439	1,381	1,400
Total Operating Expense	<u>18,514</u>	<u>25,120</u>	<u>18,185</u>	<u>21,860</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 6,566</u>	<u>\$ (2,000)</u>	<u>\$ 6,082</u>	<u>\$ (1,500)</u>



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

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Thank you to all our volunteer members who staffed our museum on Sunday afternoons from July through October, and served on committees. Special thanks to Ruth Winkler for graciously assisting people in their quests for Shrewsbury ancestors. Ruth and Brian Winkler continue to preserve our Town's "Current History" books, and Brian takes photographs of Shrewsbury's historic events year-round. The Shrewsbury Memories Calendar for 2017 is filled with wonderful vintage photographs selected by Ann and Kim Ridlon. The museum's exterior was scraped and painted this year. It looks beautiful, as do the grounds. We appreciate John Elwert's continuing thoroughness and frugality in caring for this building, and also Ann and Al Ridlons' attention to landscaping.

Our organization shared Shrewsbury's celebration for the reopening of Brown Bridge, designated a National Historic Landmark, as well as the dedication of the Jim Jeffords State Forest with an exhibit at the Vermont History Expo in June. Grace Korzun and John Elwert traveled to Tunbridge, acted as hosts at our display, and talked with visitors. We also joined in the goofy celebration of "Josh & Jessica's" 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There is a special exhibit at the museum of donated moose and cow memorabilia.

The Historical Society mourns the loss of several treasured friends: George Richards, Con Winkler, Betsyjune Bennett, Joyce Wilson and Ed Cook, Jr. We are grateful for their many and varied contributions to our community and to the Historical Society.

New officers for 2017: President, Grace Brigham; Vice President, Marguerite Ponton; Treasurer, John Elwert, and Secretaries Ruth Winkler and Grace Korzun. New three-year Trustees are Margaret Field and Ann Vanneman. Two year: Grace Korzun and Julianne Sharrow. One year: Ann Ridlon and Brian Winkler.

SHS is a non-profit, all volunteer organization and our annual request to the town for \$2500 will greatly help us to continue with the maintenance costs and operating expenses of this historic museum building. We appreciate your support and invite you to join us. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 PM at the museum. Come and see a new acquisition connected to the former Cuttingsville Railroad Station! We welcome your ideas. Help us involve more Shrewsberries, especially more of our students. More field trips to surrounding places of historic interest are being considered for the summer of 2017. Visit us @ [www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Brigham, *President*



Shrewsbury Historical Society members, October, 2016. Front row (l. to r): Margaret Field, Ruth Winkler, Grace Brigham, Penelope Weiss, Julianne Sharrow and Ann Ridlon. Back row (l. to r): Tim Vile, Ann Vanneman, John Davis, John Elwert and Brian Winkler.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

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**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 556.52
Less Outstanding Checks	208.00
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	15,993.68
Certificates of Deposit	24,238.13

**CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2016** 40,580.33

Receipts	5,701.00
Town of Shrewsbury	2,500.00
Interest Received	181.54
<b>Total Income for 2016</b>	<u>8,382.54</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses for 2016</b>	<u>(17,011.36)</u>

**ENDING CASH BALANCE**

Checking Account Balance	3,368.76
Less Outstanding Checks	1,057.00
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	5,226.10
Certificates of Deposit	24,403.15

**ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2015** \$ 31,941.01

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**COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS**

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	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Membership dues	\$ 390.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 400.00
Fund Raising	\$ 2,092.10	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,662.00	\$ 2,200.00
Contributions	\$ 266.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,069.00	\$ 1,000.00
Interest on CD's and MM	\$ 63.08	\$ 100.00	\$ 181.54	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><b>\$ 5,311.18</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 5,500.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 8,382.54</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 6,150.00</b></u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 13,273.60	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 1,025.00
Electricity	\$ 274.77	\$ 300.00	\$ 277.66	\$ 300.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 368.05	\$ 400.00	\$ 159.11	\$ 300.00
Archival Supplies	\$ 163.31	\$ 200.00	\$ 69.25	\$ 200.00
Supplies and misc	\$ 1,746.79	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,926.31	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 318.67	\$ 300.00	\$ 281.43	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u><b>3,871.59</b></u>	<u><b>11,700.00</b></u>	<u><b>17,011.36</b></u>	<u><b>5,625.00</b></u>
<b>Excess Receipts over Expenditures</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 1,439.59</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ (6,200.00)</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ (8,628.82)</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ 525.00</b></u></u>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2016 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Your Fire Department responded to 39 calls in 2016. We are happy to report there were no house fires in Town. Fifteen of the calls were for motor vehicle accidents, one with serious injury resulting. Be careful out there!

We spent many hours early in the year training with our new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant paid 95% of the cost of eight new air packs, eight face pieces and 16 air bottles to replace our old and obsolete equipment. We dedicated our annual fundraising mailer to acquiring a ninth air pack with bottles (for three teams of three) and additional personal masks for each of our interior firefighters. Thanks to all who contributed! Our training tells us that a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) should be equipped and ready in the event of an emergency whenever firefighters are working in a burning building; we also purchased a RIT rescue bottle and pack to complete our equipment needs in this area. Long story short: we added nearly \$68,000 in needed new personal protective equipment while expending only \$2,613 of funds from the Town. The grant writing work was long and hard, but was well worth the time and effort in the end. The SCBAs have a 15-year warranty -- so we won't have to do this again for a while.

More training: After starting in 2015, in May 2016 Jared Rau and Evan Robinson completed the intensive (200+ hours) Firefighter I course. Congratulations! In 2016 we also added two new young members: Ryan Taylor and Alyssa Loomis. Ryan is currently taking the Firefighter I course, while Alyssa is now receiving training from the United States Marine Corps. We are very lucky to have volunteers like these. For grant eligibility purposes, Department members took basic instruction on the standardized Incident Command System (ICS 100) in 2015 and completed the ICS 200 course in 2016. We also trained and received recertification in the use of our Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). We want to be ready for any emergency.

Ray Dambrackas turned in his gear this year, having served our Fire Department as an officer and more for 18 years. Thank you for your service, Ray. We mourned the passing of SVFD founding member George Richards. On a more positive note, the Secretary of State bestowed Vermont Public Service Awards on seven SVFD members for 20+ years of service, including Bob Snarski, Barry Griffith, Mark Stewart, Paul Stewart, Kevin Brown and Al Ridlon, Jr. The highest honor went to Al Ridlon, Sr. with 63 years in the fire service -- and counting. This blend of experienced older members and enthusiastic younger members makes for a strong and vital Fire Department. All of us in Shrewsbury should consider ourselves fortunate.

SVFD sent a strong contingent to the Vermont State Firefighters Association convention in August, as usual returning with muster competition trophies attesting to our training and skills. The annual Ham Supper in October was again a great success -- thanks as always to our wonderful Auxiliary. At our Annual Meeting, continuity prevailed. Russ Carrara is now in his seventh year as our Chief, and an experienced leader at fire scenes. Thanks to hours of maintenance work put in by our dedicated members, our fire trucks and stations are all in service and ready for whatever 2017 may bring.

Our funding requests on the Town Meeting Warning are the same as 2016. This is possible because of SVFD's fundraising efforts, such as the NASCAR Race Pool (thank you, Mark and Gina Stewart). Our members volunteer our time and talents, but rely on and appreciate your continued support. **STAY FIRE SAFE!**

Jack Perry  
President

Barry Griffith  
Secretary/Treasurer

Russ Carrara  
Fire Chief

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2016

	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$27,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
FEMA Grant (for SCBA)	\$52,381			
Raised by SVFD	\$19,876	\$10,000	\$13,337	\$15,000
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$99,257</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$48,337</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
New Equipment	\$15,069	\$14,000	\$13,401	\$13,000
SCBA Equipment	\$54,994			
Operating	\$3,627	\$3,600	\$2,938	\$3,500
Maintenance	\$5,728	\$5,500	\$7,450	\$7,500
Stations	\$2,174	\$4,000	\$8,369	\$4,000
Insurance	\$8,579	\$9,000	\$8,556	\$9,000
Communications	\$1,754	\$2,000	\$1,857	\$3,500
Heating	\$3,397	\$3,400	\$2,099	\$3,500
Electric	\$1,917	\$2,300	\$2,028	\$2,400
Dues/Training	\$891	\$500	\$1,457	\$2,000
Fundraising	\$474	\$500	\$1,324	\$1,400
Miscellaneous	\$94	\$100	\$100	\$100
Bank Charges	\$82	\$100	\$81	\$100
To Replacement Fund				
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$98,780</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$49,662</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2016</b>				<b>\$34,383</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury			\$35,000	
Race Pool Income			\$10,000	
Ticket Sales			\$2,099	
Donations/Refunds			\$1,215	
Interest Income			\$23	
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b>				<b>\$48,337</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				<b>-\$49,662</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2016</b>				<b><u>\$33,058</u></b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2016

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**Replacement Fund\***

Opening Balance 1/1/16	\$56,334	
Mailer Donations -- early 2016	\$3,105	
Mailer Donations -- late 2016	\$3,700	
Non-Grant SCBA and Facepieces	-\$8,745	
Generator for Northam Station	-\$4,655	
Firefighter Fund Disbursements	-\$104	
Interest Income	\$70	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>		<b>\$49,705</b>

\* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund & Firefighters Fund

**Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund**

Opening Balance 1/1/16	\$230,275	
Change in Investment Value	\$21,417	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$2,344	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>		<b>\$249,348</b>

**Race Pool Account**

Opening Balance 1/1/16	\$2,026	
Donations and Interest Income	\$31,985	
Prizes and Expenses Paid	-\$15,149	
Transfer to General Fund	-\$10,000	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>		<b>\$8,862</b>

<b>SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$307,915</b>
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SVFD Tanker Truck based at the Northam Station

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## 2016 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

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Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury  
Chris Hoyt, Vice Chair – West Haven  
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Clapp, Administrator  
Telephone: (802) 342-5701  
Email: [info@rutlandcountyswac.org](mailto:info@rutlandcountyswac.org)

SWAC is composed of the Towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These Towns cooperatively work to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner. In 2016, SWAC:

- ❖ Successfully complied with all Year 2 of 5 ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan/Act 148 requirements. SWAC received approval of a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) in 2015. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. The requirements of the SWIP are extensive. All Towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP. The SWIP is available on the SWAC website.
- ❖ SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC Town's interests on issues such as legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.
- ❖ SWAC worked with the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Council on Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation.
  - Watch for information on the new prescription drug take-back law. The law was passed in 2016. Efforts are currently underway to get the program implemented. Because of Vermont's EPR legislation, manufacturers now pay for the collection of batteries, televisions, laptops, computers, monitors and peripherals, compact fluorescent bulbs, mercury lamps, architectural paint, and batteries.
- ❖ Sponsored 11 FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events and contracted for year-round HHW drop-off service at the Rutland County Solid Waste Management District Hazardous Waste Depot. The 2017 HHW collection events schedule is available on the SWAC website. Residents can attend any of the collection events, not just the ones scheduled in their Town. The events are FREE to SWAC residents. SWAC promoted DEA sponsored Unwanted or Unused Medication Collection programs throughout the year. SWAC collected 53.25 gallons of oil based paint, 1,197.27 gallons of latex paint, 319.11 gallons of paint related products, 44.31 gallons of small paints, 448 aerosols, 1 pound mercury, 73.94 gallons of antifreeze, 28.58 gallons of pesticides, 37.13 pounds of solid pesticides, 91.3 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals, 433.08 pounds of batteries, 4.75 gallons of acid, 407.63 gallons of motor oil, 536 compact fluorescent bulbs, 3,232 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, 52 ballasts, 41 propane tanks, eight smoke detectors, and six used oil filters through its HHW collection events. SWAC also collected 14 HID lights, 512 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, 71 U-shaped fluorescent bulbs, and 55 pounds of oily rags/speedy mix from small quantity generators.

Thank you to all citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. Remember the **4 Rs – Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and REFUSE.**

Your town was represented by: Bert Potter

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## 2016 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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*Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.*

**We enjoyed working with the Town of Shrewsbury last year, especially with Mark Goodwin, who represented your Town on our Regional Board of Commissioners.**

**RRPC completed a number of comprehensive planning tasks with the Town of Shrewsbury in 2016. Staff assisted David Rice with the mapping of Cold River Road and then subsequently assisted with the grant application for the road. RRPC Executive Director met with the Town Planning Commission for a discussion on general planning goals and objectives. And lastly, RRPC provided a zoning map for Mark Goodwin and a map of Jeffords State Forest.**

*Here's more about what RRPC does:*

RRPC is a resource for Towns. Rutland County Towns can count on RRPC to provide the tools and information they need to make smart decisions about land use, economic development, energy, transportation, emergency management and more. From traffic counts and culvert studies and implementing new water quality and energy planning requirements to assisting with grant applications and producing high-quality maps with the latest digital data - RRPC's team does what it takes to help towns get the job done.

RRPC is a platform for ideas. We create opportunities and provide space for people to learn, share and come together around topics that matter and impact our lives. Some of the topics include: monthly road commissioner meetings; local emergency management, and water quality solutions.

RRPC inspires a vision for the future. A cornerstone of our work is the Regional Plan; a document written by RRPC with input from our board. The Plan articulates a vision for the Rutland region: economic, social, and environmental resilience; incremental and long-term growth; urban design for humans; and walkable, connected communities. We have been hard at work updating sections of the Plan and we're keeping a keen eye on laws and rulings that impact the Plan's governing strength.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community and, in 2017,  
celebrating with us our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Rutland region.

*If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!*

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, VT 05702 | (802) 775-0871 | [RutlandRPC.org](http://RutlandRPC.org)



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## 2016 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

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Business: 802-773-1746  
Emergency: 911  
FAX: 802-773-1717

*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road  
Rutland, VT 05701

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### 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016) 33 Years of Service 1983 - 2016

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-three years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 193,915 ambulance calls. **In 2016 R.A.S. responded to 71 direct calls from residents of the Town of Shrewsbury in addition to scheduled transfers.** We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Walter Ducharme, AEMT for being honored as our “Star of Life” at the American Ambulance Association’s Stars of Life celebration in our nation’s capital.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 32 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Our motto “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism” is demonstrated by our employees commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated. This year RAS Critical Care Paramedics have had advanced training to deploy the use of ventilator and additional skills. These new equipment and skills will be in use early next year.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,817 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 186 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President  
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Gerry Martin (492-2244)  
Town of Shrewsbury Representative,  
R.A.S. Board of Directors

[www.RegionalAmbulance.com](http://www.RegionalAmbulance.com)

“Serving People 1<sup>st</sup> with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism”

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## 2016 RUTLAND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

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### Education:

Vermont Envirothon - The District promotes this program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the 2016 statewide competition.

Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery - The District organized this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden. More than 100 students from six elementary schools in Rutland County participated. Some of the topics that students learned about were: stream ecology, forests and tree identification, fish shocking and identification, soils and the different fish species raised at the hatchery and their life cycles. The US Forest Service and the Rutland County Solid Waste District funded this event.

Continuing Education for Real Estate Professionals - The District sponsored this course at the College of St. Joseph where Real Estate professionals received continuing education credits to learn about *Demystifying FEMA and Floodplain Maps and Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program*.

2015 Governor's Service Award - The District nominated Stafford Technical Center, Forestry and Natural Resources class for the K-12 Youth Volunteer Group category. Service projects that the District recognized them for are: skidder bridge building, stream buffer plantings and assistance provide before and during our annual tree, shrub & more sale. Two students and teacher Mark Raishart accepted the award at the State House.

### Organization:

RNRCD Annual Meeting -The District held its Annual Meeting at the West Rutland Town Hall. Ethan Swift, Watershed Coordinator with the Agency of Natural Resources presented information regarding "Tactical Basin Planning in VT: Using a watershed framework to provide integrated water resource management for the restoration and protection of water resources in the Otter Creek Basin".

Local Work Group - Rutland District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings whose focus is to assist in setting local priorities for USDA Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Strategic Planning - The District invited their partners to a facilitated discussion to share common concerns and new programs/projects. The District's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan was adopted at the 6/14/16 Board Meeting.

### Programs:

Land Treatment Planning (LTP) - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner who assists farmers in preparing technical information for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CMNP'S).

Portable Skidder Bridges - The District has two portable skidder bridges available for rent to loggers and consulting foresters. Portable skidder bridges when properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, reduce streambank and streambed disturbance minimizing the potential for sedimentation.

Outreach: - The District website at [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd) describes our many projects/programs.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries: Grant funding was secured to

- Coordinate a Summer Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program in the City of Rutland.
- Hire a contractor to install green storm water practices designed for Giorgetti Park in the City of Rutland.
- Design a stormwater separator for the drainage pipe in the Rutland City Adams St. right-of-way.
- Hire contractors to design and install green stormwater practices at Northwest School in the City of Rutland.
- Hire a contractor to design green stormwater practices at Rutland Town School in the Town of Rutland.
- Produce stream crossing/watershed identification signs installed within the Upper Otter Creek watershed.

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or [nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net). You can also visit us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd)

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## 2016 RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE REPORT

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In 2016, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 126,780 visits to 3,281 patients. **In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 632 visits to 27 individuals.**

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

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director  
Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors

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## 2016 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

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Rutland Mental Health Services is requesting support from the Town of Shrewsbury for the coming fiscal year. We appreciate the Town of Shrewsbury's generosity in the past and hope for a favorable decision this year on our total request of \$1,192.

In the year 2016, 28 Towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through Town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of Towns such as Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

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

**During fiscal year 2016, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,195 hours of services to 25 Shrewsbury residents.** We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much-needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer  
802-775-2381

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## 2016 RETIRED and SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) REPORT

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RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 13 years RSVP has implemented several “Signature Programs” aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include *RSVP TeleCare*, a telephone reassurance and safety check-in program offered FREE to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called *RSVP Rutland County Reads*, and after school program called *RSVP After School Buddies*, an osteoporosis prevention program, *RSVP Bone Builders*, which provides FREE strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and *RSVP Operation Dolls & More*, in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys, books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,200 children and over 52 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 1029 volunteers. From April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 165,490 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,908,874.

**Currently in Shrewsbury, volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Headstart, Community Cupboard, Rutland County schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Northeast and Northwest Elementary School, Clarendon Elementary School, One-2-One, The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, the *RSVP Rutland County Reads* program, *RSVP Bone Builders*, and *RSVP Operation Dolls & More*. The volunteer services they provide include: Osher Lifelong Learning volunteer, knitting and sewing items for children and elders, teaching Sudoku to seniors, entertaining elders and youngsters through song, information desk clerk and couriering at the hospital, delivering and preparing meals, designing and implementing the Lifeline program at RRMC, transporting seniors, tutoring and mentoring children, working with children through the *RSVP Rutland County Reads* program, volunteering services to *RSVP Operation Dolls & More*, and exercise trainers for *RSVP Bone Builders*.**

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their support in the continuation of the RSVP/VC program. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,  
Nan M. Hart, Director  
December 20, 2016

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## 2016 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

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Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency. Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

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

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.

**Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition! Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, Always the first Saturday in May.**

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## 2016 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the needs of low-income families and our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of people seeking our programs and services each day.

**Over the past year, BROC has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of Shrewsbury as follows:**

- **37 individuals had their basic needs met including food, housing, heating and utility assistance (41.6% were children under 17 years of age and 16.6% were over 55 years of age) through our Community Services department**
- **One home/unit consisting of two individuals were weatherized reducing energy costs through our Energy Conservation & Weatherization program**
- **Two individuals worked with our Micro Business Development Program to start or enhance a small business or save for an asset through the Individual Development Account matched savings program**

Despite the significant outcomes BROC has achieved for the residents of the Town of Shrewsbury over the past year, there is still more work to do. Your town appropriation can provide for families who are suffering and help ease the struggle of living in poverty.

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$600.00.***

We value our partnership with Shrewsbury to assist those most in need.

Sincerely,  
Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
[tdonahue@broc.org](mailto:tdonahue@broc.org)  
802-775-0878

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## 2016 RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK & SHELTER REPORT

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The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter (RCWNS) is the single non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault through efforts at prevention, protection, and education in the communities of Rutland County. We work on protection through providing emergency shelter, crisis and advocacy services; and on prevention through education and referrals to other community resources. For 36 years, we have helped families in Rutland County with services that range from emergency shelter to legal advocacy. We partner with many in our community to help our neighbors and friends break the cycle of abuse.

Over the past year, we provided more than 4,000 shelter bed nights to families in our community. We also offer counseling, support groups, help with finding safe and permanent housing, and are available on a 24-hour crisis line. We advocate to help address instances of domestic violence and sexual assault, assist with family court matters, work closely with local police to provide innovative training for more effective law enforcement response, and provide individual services to clients both in-shelter and in the community. **In 2016, we were able to assist at least two residents of Shrewsbury as they sought a more safe and peaceful life.** As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of Shrewsbury for their support of our program. Because of your support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for survivors of domestic violence from your Town as well as to provide counseling and legal advocacy services.

Sincerely,  
Avaloy Lanning, MSW  
Executive Director

### **REQUEST**

**The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter** is requesting the sum of \$150.00 which will be voted on in March at the 2017 Town Meeting for assistance in supporting the shelter. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Shrewsbury have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission.

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## 2016 THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

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

In FY'16 (10/2015-9/2016) VCIL responded to over 2,711 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 360 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 24 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 196 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 95 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 92 individuals with information on assistive technology; 35 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 559 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served 35 people and provided 23 peers with adaptive telecommunications equipment enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind and hard of hearing individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Also, new this year, our Windham county office now houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

**During FY '16, one resident of Shrewsbury received services from the Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A) program.**

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

Respectfully submitted, Linda Meleady, Development Coordinator – 224-1819



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## 2016 VERMONT ADULT LEARNING REPORT

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Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), a member of Learning Works, is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math, technology, and career readiness. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their Town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages).

We provide a free bus pass for students in need of transportation and for those who live outside of the bus route limits; there is some assistance with gas for qualifying students.

Vermont Adult Learning served approximately 1,800 students statewide in fiscal year 2016. Our Rutland Center served 211 students who were provided 14,215 hours of education. **We provided 26 hours of instructional service to three students from Shrewsbury, of which one student was 16-21 years of age.**

Classes are four days a week, Monday – Thursday from 9am-3:30pm with an evening class on Tuesday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We also have an evening class in Poultney at the LiHigh School on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Shrewsbury.

Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager

Email: [mfolger@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:mfolger@vtadultlearning.org)

Or call 775-0617

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## 2016 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT

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The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RGHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RGHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,350 animals in 2016.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, Town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of Shrewsbury.

**In 2016, the Rutland County Humane Society took in nine animals from Shrewsbury and investigated one cruelty complaint.**

Please call us at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

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## 2016 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

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The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private community based non-profit organization Dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "to nurture Children and Families through Supportive, Positive Educational, Experiences that enhance their Success in our Community". RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide childcare services at childcare centers in Brandon and Rutland. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- Literacy based playgroups
- Early intervention programs for children birth to three years old with development delays.
- A teen parent education program that enables young parents to complete their high school diplomas while learning parenting and life skills.
- Support for young families on public assistance.
- Parent education classes and referrals services.
- Traditional housing for pregnant and parenting teens (POISE)

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels, but as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring services into their homes and communities.

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting funds for \$500 from Shrewsbury in order to continue RCPCC's efforts to support families with young children in your community. **In 2016, Rutland County Parent Child Center served six members from your community.**

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Caprice B. Hover

Executive Director

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## 2016 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

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Dear Citizens of Shrewsbury,

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and children affected by violence.

CFAC, a fully accredited member of the *National Children's Alliance*, serves victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse cases can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC coordinates a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach allowing for a comprehensive and consistent response to abuse investigations and subsequent services to the victim and non-offending family members. CFAC sustains the essential connections between the diverse professions that seek to address child abuse. Collaboration between law enforcement, victim advocacy, child protective services, prosecution, medical and therapeutic disciplines is essential in the reduction of trauma to victims and successful prosecution of perpetrators.

In calendar year 2016, The Child First Advocacy Center served 198 children and families in Rutland County. **We were able provide wrap around services and support to at least three Shrewsbury families in 2016 as they began their recovery from the effects of child abuse.** From 2013 to present we have educated over 950 community members of Rutland County in prevention education and workshops in recognizing, reacting and responding to child abuse and their role as mandated reporters.

Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of ability to pay. The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$400 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Loomis, Executive Director

802-747-0200

[wendy@childfirstadvocacycenter.org](mailto:wendy@childfirstadvocacycenter.org)

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## 2016 SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL on AGING REPORT

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This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Shrewsbury in 2016:

### *Senior Meals:*

**The Council helped provide 1,077 meals that were delivered to the homes of 10 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels." In addition, four Shrewsbury elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 29 meals were provided.**

### *Case Management Assistance:*

**SVCOA case management staff helped seven elders in your community.** Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### *Other Services and Support:*

- 1) "Senior Helpline" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior Helpline staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance.

Office Phone  
802-786-5990

Senior Help Line  
1-800-642-5119

Email  
infoandassistance@svcoa.net

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT**

As a former member of the Act 46 study committee, I am very proud to serve as the chair of the new Mill River Unified Union school district. It is personally rewarding to see the study committee's hard work and vision of a unified school district become a reality, thanks to the confidence of our voters who resoundingly supported the consolidation proposal at the polls last March.

Even before the new board took over official operation of the schools in the district on July 1<sup>st</sup>, there was much work to be done for an effective and smooth transition. Many thanks to the former board members of the Town school districts, the RSSU and Mill River Union High School, our administrators, teachers, staff, and community members for the hard work and dedication. All of you were instrumental in making the transition to the new unified school district a smooth and successful one. Our new board members went to work in the spring and early summer with great enthusiasm to make the transition. There was a significant amount of paperwork and documentation that needed to be updated, filed and processed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> to successfully and seamlessly transition our school boards to the new single board and be ready for the new school year. Thanks to the hard work of all involved, we were ready to go when the July 1<sup>st</sup> transition date rolled around.

In the short time since July 1<sup>st</sup>, there have been some important new things in place at the board level. First, we are very pleased to have two student board members from Mill River Union High School, Evelyn Bushey and Dylan Beebe. Both Evelyn and Dylan have already given the elected board members insight into several issues that have come before the board affecting students. The board is excited to have this student input and looks forward to the continued student board member involvement as we move through the second half of this school year.

Second, our school advisory panels are in place at all five schools. Every meeting, we learn what is happening at each of our schools through the hard work of the volunteers on these advisory panels. The panels are instrumental to the board in keeping a pulse on what is going on in detail at each of our schools. These advisory panels were an important element of our consolidation plan and we are pleased to finally see them in action.

Lastly, if you have not yet had the opportunity to attend one of our board meetings, I strongly encourage you to do so. Unanimously, we decided to take on the role of a "traveling board" to engage better with our schools and our communities, rather than meet in the same location for all meetings. The MRUUSD board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. The first meeting of each month is held in the auditorium at Mill River Union High School and includes a student presentation of some type at the beginning of the meeting where as a community, we celebrate our students and their achievements. The second meeting of each month rotates and travels among all five schools (in alphabetical order).

At this second monthly meeting, the focus is a school specific presentation where the board gets to see and hear from the individual school administration, faculty and students. Since July 1st, we, as a board, have hiked up the hillside to learn all about the outdoor classroom and garden at Shrewsbury Mountain School, watched delightful presentations from the scientists and rocketeers at Tinmouth Elementary School, learned about personalized learning plans and team building from the students at Wallingford Elementary School, watched the amazing acrobatics of the Clarendon Elementary School cheerleaders (who include many students from the other schools) and been serenaded by the vocalists at Mill River. The scope, depth and breadth of our students always amazes us and we are thrilled for the monthly opportunity to see and hear them. The board hopes that you, as community members, will join us for one or more of these meetings. We welcome your input and appreciate you taking the time to come and learn what is going on at our schools. Our students also welcome and appreciate audience feedback during their presentations.

In conclusion, every day there is more and more evidence that we are united in our desire to give our

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communities' children equal access to the best education we can provide. As we move into the second-half of the first year of our consolidation, I anticipate that there will be many more positive things to come. I hope you will join us and share them.

Respectfully,  
Tammy Heffernan  
Chair, MRUUSD Board

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased and honored to offer this overview of our school district for 2016. What an eventful, impactful year it has been!

Many substantial, meaningful events have taken place this year in our district:

- In March, our voters resoundingly (more than 80% approval in every Town) voted to merge the districts of the former Rutland South Supervisory Union into the new Mill River Unified Union School District.
- On an accelerated timeline, the new district, its eleven elected board members, and staff worked toward preparations for the MRUUSD to become fully operational on July 1, 2016. This was a great deal of work for those involved, as we essentially put together a new school district over the span of three months!
- Your local elected school board members were honored by their state association as THE premier board in the state, earning the VSBA Board Leadership Award and bringing statewide acclaim to our district.
- We welcomed a new principal to Mill River Union High School, Mr. Todd Finn, who has very quickly established himself as a vital member of our district and broader community.
- Our existing staff members have been working diligently, passionately, and proactively to implement systems and practices that will set our schools and our students apart from their peers in the state and region.
- We are finding clarity on establishing a five-year vision for our schools and community that centers around three main concepts: THRIVING STUDENTS -- PREMIER SCHOOLS -- ENGAGED COMMUNITY. We believe that our community deserves nothing less.
- Our first ever community engagement event, called "Best Foot Forward", occurred in early November and was an opportunity to showcase our K-12 students and the outstanding work and performances they are engaging in every day. We plan to have more of these events in the future, as showcasing our students and their learning is a top priority.

On a personal level, I continue to be honored to serve our community as your superintendent. We have something special in the works in the MRUUSD, and I firmly believe that you will see our community benefit and thrive from the great work of our students, staff, and elected board members. We aspire to serve you well and make you proud.

If you ever have any questions about our operations, vision, or direction – I encourage you to reach out to me at your convenience at [dyounce@millriverschools.org](mailto:dyounce@millriverschools.org) . Be sure to check out our website sometime also as it contains a good deal of information that highlights our schools and district. <http://millriverschools.org>

Kind Regards,  
Dave Younce  
Superintendent, Mill River Unified Union School District

## **MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL (MRUHS) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

As we round out the first semester at MRUHS, we continue to feel the deep sense of pride and community that resonates from our tight-knit school. With a focus on improving school culture and climate, so as to enable our school to have the capacity to become the premier personalized learning institution in Vermont, our teachers, staff, and administration have pulled together daily with the following motto in mind:

**"Respect self, respect others, respect tradition".**

All stakeholders have worked diligently to uphold higher standards and expectations for student decision-making, increased rigor in the classroom, and improved student outcomes. We are teaching students to be accountable to themselves, to self-monitor their progress, and to seek appropriate interventions in times of need. Seniors have been introduced to privileges as they have crossed the threshold into their final year of high school, while students in grades 7-11 have been more actively involved in their educational experience than ever before.

We have introduced the concept of Digital Curriculum to several students who seek a more flexible pathway to graduation. MRUHS has more students involved in early college than ever before, and our Advanced Placement offerings have expanded to an all-time high. Our teachers have been exposed to professional development that will allow each of them to become experts in Proficiency Based Learning and Assessment. Soon, we will have an entire staff who are experts in the tenets of personalized learning.

Our students involved in the Arts are enjoying a banner year. Stage 40 recently wrapped up the fall production of Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*, while our band and chorus have performed at MRUHS twice during the fall showcase and winter concerts. Individual artists have performed and competed for elite positioning in state and regional ensembles, and the visual arts continue to push the limits of creativity.

Our athletic department, led by athletic director Kim Maniery, continues to display great pride and competitiveness. With conference championships awarded in women's soccer and cross country, the Minutemen look to add to their treasure chest of recognition during the winter and spring seasons as well.

Although we are still laying the groundwork for what will soon become the most innovative, flexible, and student-friendly programming in the state of Vermont, the engaged MRUHS community can be proud of the great strides we are making as a premier school.

Respectfully,  
Todd Finn  
Principal, MRUHS

## **SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL (SMS) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The Shrewsbury Mountain School has watched our student population grow and stabilize over the past several years. Last year we ended the school year with 85 students. We started this school year with 79 students. This includes several students who have come to our school through the School Choice Program. We are excited to welcome a number of young families moving to our town and becoming part of our school community.

We are now officially members of the Mill River Unified Union School District. While much work had taken place prior to our unification, we continue to establish a strong foundational curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics. As a district, we have also been working on establishing proficiency based learning



criteria from kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Shrewsbury Mountain School experienced many exciting activities and events this past year. The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education (S.A.G.E) continued its partnership with the school, hosting its' annual Harvest Supper in the fall. The Harvest Supper raises money to offer our students a fresh fruit or vegetable snack free of charge each day. The funds raised by S.A.G. E. at the Harvest Supper also support our students by offering a school meals scholarship program. We have also continued our partnership with local farmers for the purchase of produce. As a school, we offer special thanks to all of the folks that made this opportunity possible. We truly have an amazing community.

Camp SMS, our after-school program, organized and produced a local talent show. The talent show included a medley of acts including singing, musical performances, skits, and magical acts. Our after-school program provides students a variety of opportunities including yoga, walking, running, gardening, and arts and crafts along. The program operates from 3:15PM - 5:15PM daily. Rachelle Patton continues as the director of the program. She has done an amazing job of bringing in community members to work and support our afterschool program.

The winter sports program is a great hit. This program allows students the opportunity, as part of the physical education curriculum, to learn how to cross country ski, downhill ski, or snowboard. The program lasts approximately 6 weeks. Students travel to Okemo where they work with community volunteers and instructors to build their skills. The community volunteers are a great asset to this program and should be credited with its success.

The Shrewsbury School community continues to transform over time. The teachers at the Shrewsbury Mountain School have begun creating outdoor classroom spaces and have integrated social studies, literature, and science in our outdoor spaces. In the spring our fourth grade students, following a unit on Native Americans, planted a "Three Sisters" garden. Upon returning to school in the fall, the class along with the help of other classrooms, they harvested their crop and planned and had a community celebration. The students planned the menu, wrote a play, designed costumes, and cooked a meal to share with the community.

Our Preschool program continues to thrive. Our staff builds classroom routines through guided discovery in a variety of centers throughout the classroom. One might see students working on a letter sound or number concept, while other students build with blocks or listen to a story. In our Multi-age Primary class, we combine kindergarten and first grade. The students in this classroom work on reading and mathematical skills in the morning and in the afternoon the students are actively engaged in a science experiment or working independently during time exploration time and have been working in their outdoor classroom space observing nature and exploring the area around our school. In second grade students begin to shift from the concept of learning to read to the concept of reading to learn. The teachers begin to incorporate more informational/non-fiction reading. Students in second and third grade also continue to build their mathematical knowledge and skills and many will begin to master their multiplication facts. Our upper elementary grades are combined including grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade continue to improve their writing skills and many of the students in this group have their writing published as part of the Young Writer's Project in the Rutland Herald.

Shrewsbury Mountain School also offers all students Physical Education and Health class. World Language class includes a wide variety of activities including song, dancing, and other activities that immerse students in a rich language experience. Art instruction is also provided. Students produce the most amazing artwork, which is displayed throughout the school building and is also showcased at the art show at the end of each school year. You would find it difficult to find any open wall space during this time. The school also offers music class

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weekly. Performances are usually held in the winter and the spring. We also offer choral music to students in grades 3-6 and instrumental lessons and band for students in grades 4-6. Our students perform annually at Music in our Schools which is held at the end of March. During this performance, students from throughout the district come together at Mill River to perform.

I appreciate the continued support of the Shrewsbury community. The statement, “It takes a village”, really holds true at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. This is only possible with the help of the dedicated staff, volunteers, community support, and other community volunteers from The Foster Grandparent Program that we are able to continue to provide an outstanding small-school learning environment to the students of our community. I would also like to extend our appreciation to these volunteers and our local PTO; with their support, we are able to continue to offer the 4 Winds Program (formally ELF), other programs and special assembly programs including presentation by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department. We are truly grateful to be part of such a great community. Thank you!

Respectfully,  
Debra L. Fishwick, Principal



Shrewsbury's largest tree identified to date – a sugar maple.

**MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Operating Fund**  
**Financial Summary FY2018**

Description	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Anticipated 2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018
Total Revenue	16,496,169	16,518,610	16,173,444
Total Expenditures	16,951,119	16,925,799	16,466,704
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue	(454,950)	(407,189)	(293,260)
<b>Beginning Bal July 1</b>	458,714	833,625	368,260
Transfers	0	(58,176)	0
<b>Ending Bal June 30</b>	3,764	368,260	75,000

**Receipts**  
**Table I**

Code	Description	Approved Budgets 2016-2017	Anticipated 2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018
	<b>Local Revenue</b>			
1312	Tuition - Elementary	76,610	109,470	107,975
1322	Tuition - Secondary	1,088,138	1,124,625	1,097,250
1510	Investments	55,500	55,500	55,500
1700	Student Activities	14,000	14,000	14,000
1920	Contributions	16,718	16,718	16,718
1940	Sped Excess Cost Revenue	298,000	385,000	385,000
1990	Other Local/Rental	100	151	100
	<b>Total Local</b>	<b>1,549,066</b>	<b>1,705,464</b>	<b>1,676,543</b>

	<b>State Revenue</b>			
3110	Education Spending Grant	12,618,067	12,673,067	12,393,254
3113	Technical Education State Support	204,582	204,582	212,721
3145	Small School Support Grant	164,691	164,691	164,691
3150	Transportation Aid	186,823	183,882	173,278
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant	312,520	312,520	327,777
3202	Spec Ed Intensive	1,100,763	1,046,139	1,105,016
3204	Spec Ed EEE	53,453	53,453	54,637
3205	State Placed Student Reimb	40,132	32,507	0
3282	Driver Education	6,000	6,000	6,000
3308	Vocational Education	9,500	9,500	9,500
3790	State DCF Fees	0	0	0
	<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>14,696,531</b>	<b>14,686,341</b>	<b>14,446,874</b>

	<b>Federal Revenue</b>			
4278	CFP Schoolwide Grant	118,460	0	0
4810	Federal Forest	5,800	5,500	5,500
	<b>Total Federal Revenue</b>	<b>124,260</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>

	<b>Other Revenue</b>			
5200	Transfer from Construction Fund	24,684	24,730	0
5230	Transfer from PreK Fund	0	4,947	1,899
5230	Transfer from Medicaid Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
5230	Transfer from Tax Stabilization Fd	50,000	50,000	0
5300	Sale of Fixed Asset	13,000	3,000	4,000
5320	Refunds/Other/Prior Yr Adjustments	33,628	33,628	33,628
	<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>126,312</b>	<b>121,305</b>	<b>44,527</b>

<b>Total Revenue - All Sources</b>	<b>16,496,169</b>	<b>16,518,610</b>	<b>16,173,444</b>
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5000	Transfers-bldg, pending approval	55,000	inc in #3110	50,000
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**Mill River Unified Union School District**

**Expenditures**

**Table II**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
<b>1000</b>	<b>Instruction</b>			
	Salaries	4,589,763	4,639,958	4,148,572
	Benefits	1,511,382	1,504,497	1,556,308
	Purchased Services	79,471	43,987	9,500
	Repairs & Maintenance	5,876	5,932	0
	Tuition	49,770	59,760	61,670
	Travel	2,750	2,650	0
	Books & Supplies	170,385	171,301	244,475
	Dues & Fees	3,140	3,140	0
	<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>6,412,537</b>	<b>6,431,225</b>	<b>6,020,525</b>
<b>1150</b>	<b>PreSchool</b>			
	Salaries	248,918	264,923	287,942
	Benefits	71,998	79,959	79,756
	Tuition	6,184	22,262	22,206
	Travel	150	150	0
	Books & Supplies	4,800	4,800	0
	Dues & Fees	275	275	0
	<b>Total Preschool</b>	<b>332,325</b>	<b>372,369</b>	<b>389,904</b>
<b>1300</b>	<b>Vocational Instruction</b>			
	Tuition - Stafford	345,102	345,102	373,907
	<b>Total - Vocational Instruction</b>	<b>345,102</b>	<b>345,102</b>	<b>373,907</b>
<b>1400</b>	<b>Activities</b>			
	Salaries	147,023	143,306	143,306
	Benefits	14,078	13,397	13,550
	Purchased Services	42,300	42,300	42,300
	Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Travel	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Supplies	10,700	10,700	10,700
	Dues & Fees	7,400	7,400	7,400
	<b>Total - Activities</b>	<b>228,501</b>	<b>224,103</b>	<b>224,256</b>
<b>1500</b>	<b>Title I / SWP / Interventionists</b>			
	Salaries	254,021	136,118	208,459
	Benefits	104,164	44,968	61,928
	Supplies	150	0	0
	<b>Total - Title I / SWP / Intervent</b>	<b>358,335</b>	<b>181,086</b>	<b>270,387</b>
<b>2120</b>	<b>Guidance</b>			
	Salaries	311,817	289,031	351,695
	Benefits	118,095	105,327	89,011
	Repairs & Maintenance	200	200	0
	Cell Phone	1,225	1,225	0
	Books & Supplies	2,125	2,395	0
	Dues & Fees	175	174	0
	<b>Total - Guidance</b>	<b>433,637</b>	<b>398,352</b>	<b>440,706</b>
<b>2130</b>	<b>Health Services</b>			
	Salaries	132,828	132,473	126,784
	Benefits	67,788	55,113	61,719
	Repairs	400	400	400

**Mill River Unified Union School District**

**Expenditures**

**Table II**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	Travel	0	500	500
	Books & Supplies	2,500	3,500	3,500
	<b>Total - Health Services</b>	<b>203,516</b>	<b>191,986</b>	<b>192,903</b>

<b>2210</b>	<b>Improvement of Instruction</b>			
	Salaries	71,504	145,679	158,850
	Benefits	15,027	25,763	32,744
	Purchased Services/Workshops	48,023	29,825	56,826
	Travel	7,143	7,143	7,143
	Books & Supplies	2,525	2,508	2,600
	Dues & Fees	300	614	625
	<b>Total - Improvement of Instruction</b>	<b>144,522</b>	<b>211,532</b>	<b>258,788</b>

<b>2211</b>	<b>Improv of Instruction - PL Coach</b>			
	Salaries	0	5,367	30,650
	Benefits	0	911	6,436
	<b>Total - Impr of Instruct - PL Coach</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,278</b>	<b>37,086</b>

<b>2222</b>	<b>Library / Media</b>			
	Salaries	155,368	148,995	179,157
	Benefits	64,604	56,860	63,121
	Repairs & Maintenance	700	700	0
	Books & Supplies	42,274	38,434	0
	Dues & Fees	2,180	2,180	0
	<b>Total - Library / Media</b>	<b>265,126</b>	<b>247,169</b>	<b>242,278</b>

<b>2230</b>	<b>Instruction Related Technology</b>			
	Salaries	42,221	41,221	0
	Benefits	17,722	10,674	0
	Purchased Services	133,200	133,200	133,200
	Repairs & Maintenance	15,050	24,458	15,050
	Equipment Lease	96,805	96,805	43,805
	Communications (ISP & WAN)	52,574	52,574	52,574
	Internet Software Subscription	0	13,210	13,210
	Supplies / Devices / Software	153,383	136,536	126,173
	<b>Total - Instruct Related Tech</b>	<b>510,955</b>	<b>508,678</b>	<b>384,012</b>

<b>2310</b>	<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>62,715</b>	<b>59,257</b>	<b>60,317</b>
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<b>2313</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,292</b>
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<b>2320</b>	<b>Administration - Central Office</b>			
	Salaries	165,640	165,640	172,440
	Benefits	62,410	48,945	48,932
	Purchased Services	36,300	34,800	24,000
	Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,000	0
	Equipment Rental - Copier	3,800	5,000	3,800
	Insurance	5,769	4,888	5,132
	Telephone & Postage	7,670	13,168	10,725
	Advertising & Printing	6,225	6,225	6,225
	Travel & Meetings	6,500	6,500	6,500
	Supplies	4,500	4,500	4,550
	Dues & Fees	4,500	4,500	4,500

**Mill River Unified Union School District**

**Expenditures**

**Table II**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	<b>Total - Admin - Central Office</b>	<b>304,314</b>	<b>295,166</b>	<b>286,804</b>

<b>2400</b>	<b>Administration - School</b>			
	Salaries	805,717	805,838	804,785
	Benefits	272,211	250,619	229,474
	Purchased Services	50,327	48,817	20,510
	Repairs & Maintenance	200	200	0
	Equipment Rental - Copier	41,900	42,400	42,400
	Telephone & Postage	26,150	26,900	20,400
	Travel	2,650	2,650	0
	Supplies	14,950	15,230	0
	Dues & Fees	11,500	11,500	0
	<b>Total - Administration - School</b>	<b>1,225,605</b>	<b>1,204,154</b>	<b>1,117,569</b>

<b>2520</b>	<b>Fiscal Services</b>			
	Salaries	239,674	239,674	242,370
	Benefits	84,707	84,349	78,869
	Purchased Services	19,907	20,182	26,086
	Travel	200	200	200
	Supplies	1,750	1,750	1,750
	Dues & Fees	375	375	375
	Interest	49,820	49,820	49,820
	Bank Fees	1,440	1,440	1,440
	<b>Total - Fiscal Services</b>	<b>397,873</b>	<b>397,790</b>	<b>400,910</b>

<b>2580</b>	<b>Tech Administration</b>			
	Salaries	14,000	14,000	75,000
	Benefits	2,991	2,982	22,309
	Purchased Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Repairs & Maintenance	750	750	1,750
	Travel	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Supplies / Devices / Software	5,500	5,500	5,500
	<b>Total - Tech Administration</b>	<b>25,741</b>	<b>25,732</b>	<b>107,059</b>

<b>2600</b>	<b>Buildings / Grounds</b>			
	Salaries	540,741	600,875	598,117
	Benefits	278,007	268,860	299,090
	Purchased Services	6,700	6,700	6,700
	Repair & Maintenance	260,855	259,606	209,117
	Insurance	59,713	54,989	57,739
	Cell Phone	0	675	700
	Internet Software Subscription	4,420	4,568	4,727
	Supplies & Travel	93,350	97,898	94,850
	Electricity & Fuel	426,353	389,354	426,263
	Equipment	95,000	95,000	15,000
	Dues & Fees	1,500	1,500	1,500
	<b>Total - Buildings / Grounds</b>	<b>1,766,639</b>	<b>1,780,025</b>	<b>1,713,803</b>

<b>2711</b>	<b>Transportation</b>			
	Salaries	176,397	178,546	146,582
	Benefits	58,097	41,307	47,632
	Purchased Services	8,200	8,200	8,650
	Repairs & Maintenance	50,000	55,000	55,000

**Mill River Unified Union School District**

**Expenditures**

**Table II**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	Bus Leases	126,663	125,633	138,633
	Insurance	4,810	4,903	5,148
	Travel	300	300	300
	Supplies / Software	8,515	8,515	8,515
	Diesel Fuel	71,500	71,500	77,000
	Dues & Fees	1,900	1,900	1,900
	<b>Total - Transportation</b>	<b>506,382</b>	<b>495,804</b>	<b>489,360</b>

<b>2712</b>	<b>Transportation - NonResident</b>			
	Salaries	3,251	5,472	7,319
	Benefits	249	467	877
	<b>Total - Transp - NonResident</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>5,939</b>	<b>8,196</b>

<b>2713</b>	<b>Transportation - Vocational</b>			
	Salaries	8,461	9,029	7,319
	Benefits	647	739	877
	<b>Total - Transport - Vocational</b>	<b>9,108</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>8,196</b>

<b>2720</b>	<b>Transportation - Activities</b>			
	Salaries	19,500	19,500	20,085
	Benefits	1,492	1,492	1,536
	<b>Total - Transport - Activities</b>	<b>20,992</b>	<b>20,992</b>	<b>21,621</b>

<b>2790</b>	<b>Transportation - Field Trips</b>			
	Salaries	26,018	20,000	20,600
	Benefits	2,231	1,530	1,576
	<b>Total - Transport - Field Trips</b>	<b>28,249</b>	<b>21,530</b>	<b>22,176</b>

<b>5100</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>			
	Principal	291,500	291,500	131,500
	Interest	62,598	62,598	53,833
	<b>Total - Debt Service</b>	<b>354,098</b>	<b>354,098</b>	<b>185,333</b>

<b>5200</b>	<b>Prior Year Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>0</b>
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	<b>Total Regular Ed Expenditures</b>	<b>13,944,186</b>	<b>13,792,269</b>	<b>13,257,388</b>
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<b>1200</b>	<b>Special Ed Instruction</b>			
	Salaries	1,398,276	1,528,912	1,582,910
	Benefits	578,173	665,707	665,532
	Purchased Services	15,035	15,535	34,035
	Equipment Rental - Copier	2,650	2,650	2,650
	Telephone & Postage	675	675	675
	Internet Software Subscription	4,450	4,450	4,450
	Tuition	30,000	77,133	58,000
	Travel	1,200	1,200	1,200
	Excess Costs	5,105	15,105	15,105
	Books & Supplies	17,500	17,500	17,500
	Miscellaneous	6,937	0	0
	<b>Total Special Ed Instruction</b>	<b>2,060,001</b>	<b>2,328,867</b>	<b>2,382,057</b>

<b>1210</b>	<b>Special Ed EEE</b>			
	Salaries	25,616	9,886	29,006

**Mill River Unified Union School District**

**Expenditures**

**Table II**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	Benefits	9,251	1,019	9,519
	Purchased Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Travel	0	50	0
	<b>Total Special Ed EEE</b>	<b>35,867</b>	<b>11,955</b>	<b>39,525</b>

<b>2120</b>	<b>Counseling Services</b>			
	Excess Costs	0	2,000	2,000
	<b>Total Counseling Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>

<b>2126</b>	<b>Student Placement Services</b>			
	Salaries	26,860	26,856	29,327
	Benefits	12,191	12,117	12,235
	Travel	500	500	500
	<b>Total Student Placement Svcs</b>	<b>39,551</b>	<b>39,473</b>	<b>42,062</b>

<b>2140</b>	<b>Psych Services</b>			
	Salaries	78,768	63,899	55,002
	Benefits	22,657	21,377	20,465
	Purchased Services	8,000	2,000	8,000
	Travel	0	800	800
	Supplies	0	1,200	1,200
	<b>Total Psych Services</b>	<b>109,425</b>	<b>89,276</b>	<b>85,467</b>

<b>2149</b>	<b>Behavioral Services</b>			
	Salaries	205,798	152,795	170,878
	Benefits	79,160	56,392	56,929
	<b>Total Behavioral Services</b>	<b>284,958</b>	<b>209,187</b>	<b>227,807</b>

<b>2150</b>	<b>Speech Services</b>			
	Salaries	76,168	81,168	103,408
	Benefits	27,631	27,666	44,323
	Purchased Services	1,200	10,700	1,200
	Travel	1,150	1,150	1,150
	Books & Supplies	1,950	1,950	1,950
	<b>Total Speech Services</b>	<b>108,099</b>	<b>122,634</b>	<b>152,031</b>

<b>2160</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy</b>			
	Salaries	39,159	39,159	40,138
	Benefits	8,977	8,911	9,329
	Travel	400	400	400
	<b>Total Occupational Therapy</b>	<b>48,536</b>	<b>48,470</b>	<b>49,867</b>

<b>2190</b>	<b>Physical Therapy</b>			
	Purchased Services	5,250	5,250	5,250
	<b>Total Physical Therapy</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>5,250</b>

<b>2210</b>	<b>Improvement of Instruction</b>			
	Purchased Services	5,500	5,500	5,500
	<b>Total Improvement of Instruction</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>

<b>2410</b>	<b>Special Ed Administration</b>			
	Salaries	161,092	95,592	102,440
	Benefits	90,392	59,340	49,448



**Mill River Unified Union School District**

**Expenditures**

**Table II**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	Purchased Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Advertising	500	500	500
	Travel	1,700	1,700	1,700
	Supplies / Books / Devices	1,150	5,150	5,150
	Dues & Fees	650	650	650
	<b>Total Special Ed Administration</b>	<b>257,484</b>	<b>164,932</b>	<b>161,888</b>
<b>2711</b>	<b>Special Ed Transportation</b>			
	Salaries	16,448	7,472	7,636
	Benefits	4,314	1,514	1,005
	Purchased Services	1,000	11,500	11,500
	<b>Total Special Ed Transportation</b>	<b>21,762</b>	<b>20,486</b>	<b>20,141</b>
	<b>Total Special Ed Expenditures</b>	<b>2,976,433</b>	<b>3,048,030</b>	<b>3,173,595</b>
<b>5300</b>	<b>Lunch Program Subsidy</b>			
	Transfer - Subsidy	30,500	30,500	35,721
	<b>Total Lunch Program Subsidy</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>35,721</b>
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16,951,119</b>	<b>16,870,799</b>	<b>16,466,704</b>
<b>5350</b>	<b>Sinking Fund Transfers</b>			
	Transfer - Building Sinking Fund	55,000	55,000	50,000
	<b>Total Sinking Fund Transfers</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure Budget</b>	<b>17,006,119</b>	<b>16,925,799</b>	<b>16,516,704</b>

**Rutland South Supervisory Union  
Consolidated Balance Sheet - General Fund  
June 30, 2016**

Description	Clarendon Town School District	Shrewsbury Town School District	Tinmouth Town School District	Wallingford Town School District	Mill River Union School District #40	Rutland South Supervisory Union	District Total
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash & Cash Equivalents	60,964	72,194	65,080	34,490	504,492	383,479	1,120,699
Accounts Receivable	44,466	4,457	5,672	24,323	6,782	6,388	92,088
Due from other funds	0	0	0	0	7,000	0	7,000
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	10,403	10,403
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>105,430</b>	<b>76,651</b>	<b>70,752</b>	<b>58,813</b>	<b>518,274</b>	<b>400,270</b>	<b>1,230,190</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Accounts Payable	7,981	13,175	49,979	3,108	59,630	60,329	194,202
Accrued Expenses	843	0	856	2,238	770	7,276	11,983
Due to other funds	0	15,565	19,299	36,833	0	135,008	206,705
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,824</b>	<b>28,740</b>	<b>70,134</b>	<b>42,179</b>	<b>60,400</b>	<b>202,613</b>	<b>412,890</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Committed	96,606	32,302	0	16,634	281,966	85,000	512,508
Unassigned	0	15,609	618	0	175,908	112,657	304,792
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>96,606</b>	<b>47,911</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>16,634</b>	<b>457,874</b>	<b>197,657</b>	<b>817,300</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<b>105,430</b>	<b>76,651</b>	<b>70,752</b>	<b>58,813</b>	<b>518,274</b>	<b>400,270</b>	<b>1,230,190</b>

**Consolidated Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Chgs in Fund Balance - General Fund  
June 30, 2016**

Description	Clarendon Town School District	Shrewsbury Town School District	Tinmouth Town School District	Wallingford Town School District	Mill River Union School District #40	Rutland South Supervisory Union	District Total
Revenue:	3,260,486	1,152,052	1,441,555	2,287,523	8,957,687	4,523,851	21,623,154
Expenditures:	3,153,322	1,118,071	1,476,160	2,285,011	9,205,062	4,419,867	21,657,493
Excess Rev./Exp.	107,164	33,981	(34,605)	2,512	(247,375)	103,984	(34,339)
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>23,721</b>	<b>25,553</b>	<b>93,895</b>	<b>59,436</b>	<b>674,950</b>	<b>93,673</b>	<b>971,228</b>
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	(34,279)	(11,623)	(58,672)	(45,314)	30,299	0	(119,589)
<b>Fund Balance: 6/30/16</b>	<b>96,606</b>	<b>47,911</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>16,634</b>	<b>457,874</b>	<b>197,657</b>	<b>817,300</b>
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Committed	96,606	32,302	0	16,634	281,966	85,000	512,508
Unassigned	0	15,609	618	0	175,908	112,657	304,792

**Consolidated Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Chgs in Fund Balance - Reserve Funds  
June 30, 2016**

Description	Clarendon Town School District Bldg Fund	Shrewsbury Town School District Bldg Fund	Shrewsbury Town School District PreK Fund	Tinmouth Town School District - Tax Stabilization	Wallingford Town School District Bldg Fund	District Total
<b>Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/15</b>	<b>30,878</b>	<b>9,669</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>306,273</b>	<b>33,376</b>	<b>387,021</b>
Revenues: Interest	29	10	18	470	23	550
Expenditures: Operations	(35,862)	0	0	(300,638)	(21,362)	(357,862)
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers: Voted Appropriation	15,000	15,000	0	0	18,000	48,000
Transfers: Voted Surplus	19,279	0	0	93,895	27,314	140,488
Transfers: General Fund	0	0	0	(50,000)	0	(50,000)
<b>Ending Fund Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>29,324</b>	<b>24,679</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>57,351</b>	<b>168,197</b>

District: **Mill River USD**  
County: **Rutland**

LEA: **U052**  
S.U.: **Mill River**

1.	Union budgeted expenditures including any separate articles	16,516,704	1.
2.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any	-	2.
3.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)	-	3.
4.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition	-	4.
5.	Total Expenditures (lines 1 + 2 + 3 + 4)	16,516,704	5.
6.	Total offsetting revenues	3,860,729	6.
7.	Education Spending line 5 - line 6	12,655,975	7.
8.	Equalized pupils	788.67	8.
9.	Education spending per equalized pupil line 7 / line 8	16,047.24	9.

<b>Excess Spending Calculation - secs. 37 &amp; 38 of Act 46, 2015</b>			
10.	Aggregated exclusions	202,788.00	10.
11.	Aggregated exclusions per equalized pupil	257.13	11.
12.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending line 10 / line 11	15,790.11	12.
13.	Per equalized pupil spending threshold for FY2018	17,386.00	13.
14.	Per pupil spending above the threshold line 12 - line 13	NA	14.

15.	Per pupil figure for calculating Union equalized tax rate line 9 + line 14	16,047.24	15.
16.	Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate	10,076.00	16.
17.	Equalized union tax rate to be prorated 16,047.24 / 10,076 (lines 15 & 16)	1.5926	17.
18.	The equalized rate in line 36 reflects tax rate incentives.	(0.06)	18.
19.	Equalized union tax rate to be prorated after consolidation incentive.	1.5326	19.

20.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Household Income Percentage line 19	16,047.24	20.
21.	Income Yield per 2.0% of household income	11,875	21.
22.	16,047.24 / 11,875 x 2.00% (lines 20 & 21)	2.70%	22.

**Member homestead tax rates for  
Mill River USD**

	Prorating Percent for Members	Mill River USD Rate	Equalized Homestead Rate for Members
T049 Clarendon	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
T190 Shrewsbury	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
T206 Tinmouth	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
T219 Wallingford	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**Equalized union tax rate after consolidation incentives.**

**Member homestead tax rates for  
Mill River USD**

	Prorating Percent for Members	Mill River USD Rate	Equalized Homestead Rate for Members
T049 Clarendon	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
T190 Shrewsbury	100.00%	1.5326	1.5010
T206 Tinmouth	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
T219 Wallingford	100.00%	1.5326	1.5326
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

District: <b>Mill River USD</b> County: <b>Rutland</b>		<b>U052</b> <b>Rutland South</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil
				<b>10,076</b>	<b>1.00</b>
				<b>11,875</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
1.	<b>Adopted or warned union district budget</b> (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	-	-	\$17,006,119	\$16,516,704
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	+	-	-	-
3.	<b>Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles</b>	-	-	\$17,006,119	\$16,516,704
4.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-
5.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-
6.	<b>Total Union Budget</b>	-	-	\$17,006,119	\$16,516,704
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	-	-	\$4,128,470	\$3,860,729
10.	<b>Total offsetting union revenues</b>	-	-	\$4,128,470	\$3,860,729
11.	<b>Education Spending</b>	-	-	\$12,877,649	\$12,655,975
12.	Mill River USD equalized pupils	-	-	824.70	788.67
13.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	-	-	\$15,614.95	\$16,047.24
14.	<i>minus</i> Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	\$360.97	\$257
15.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
16.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
17.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
18.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	-	-
22.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth -	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00
23.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	-
24.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	-	-	\$15,615	\$16,047.24
25.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	based on \$9,285	based on \$9,285	160.962% based on yield \$9,701	159.262% based on yield \$10,076
26.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$16,047.24 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000)]	based on \$0.94 -	based on \$0.98 -	based on \$1.00 \$1.5296	based on \$1.00 \$1.5326
<b>Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Mill River USD</b>		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
T049	Clarendon	-	-	1.5296	1.5326
T190	Shrewsbury	-	-	1.5296	1.5326
T206	Tinmouth	-	-	1.5296	1.5326
T219	Wallingford	-	-	1.5296	1.5326
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
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27.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Mill River USD [((\$16,047.24 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%)]	0.00% based on 1.80%	0.00% based on 1.80%	2.87% based on 2.00%	2.70% based on 2.00%
<b>Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Mill River USD</b>		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
T049	Clarendon	-	-	2.87%	2.70%
T190	Shrewsbury	-	-	2.87%	2.70%
T206	Tinmouth	-	-	2.87%	2.70%
T219	Wallingford	-	-	2.87%	2.70%
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		-	-	-	-
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- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**RUTLAND SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION  
FY 16 GRANTS**

GRANT	PURPOSE / USEAGE	AWARDED AMOUNT (Revenues and Carry Over)	EXPENDITURES	RETURNED TO STATE / Forfeited	CARRY OVER (Including Unadvanced) Available for Amendment
<b>IDEAB Preschool</b>	Preschool special education	3,500.00	3,228.89		271.11
<b>IDEAB</b>	Special education	226,648.50	216,176.82		10,471.68
<b>Transition &amp; Analysis</b>	Merger Transition funding	150,000.00	32,087.83		117,912.17
<b>21st Century</b>	Afterschool programs	173,316.00	165,515.75	(7,800.25)	0.00
<b>Title I A</b>	Improving academic achievement	166,452.84	162,379.27		4,073.57
<b>Title II A</b>	Curriculum and Professional development	95,763.66	88,008.48		7,755.18
<b>BEST</b>	Educational support systems and training	3,200.00	3,087.97	112.03	0.00
<b>Tobacco</b>	Tobacco use prevention	8,723.76	7,824.96	898.80	0.00
<b>Licensing Fees</b>	Educator relicensing	2,136.45	1,022.68		1,113.77
<b>Act 230</b>	Educational support systems and training	4,700.00	4,310.00	390.00	0.00
<b>VEHI Pathpoints</b>	Staff Wellness Activities, Stipends and Materials	42,710.75	7,158.50		35,552.25
<b>EPSDT (MAC)</b>	Dental health, healthy activities and materials, mental health counseling	33,915.20	18,732.21		15,182.99
<b>Medicaid</b>	Technology integration, Medicaid clerk	265,878.94	76,095.62		189,783.32

Grants with Carry Over amounts require an amendment to their FY 17 grant applications prior to utilizing these additional funds. Unspent State grants must be returned to the Agency of Education and are not eligible to be carried over or amended (exception: Licensing Fees).

Awarded Amounts do **not** include any funds allocated but not awarded in the FY16 grant, therefore it is possible additional carryover may be available for amendment in FY 17.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016**

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Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order at 5:37 pm. Monday February 29, 2016.

Present were School Board members Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster and Andy Richards-Peelle. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, interim Principal Brian Hill, RSSU Superintendent Dave Younce, and RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk. Also present at the beginning of the meeting were approximately 20 voters.

Discussion initially focused on the ACT 153 School District Consolidation Warning starting with Article 1 and reviewing the Warning in its entirety. Regarding Article 1, there were some questions regarding “what ifs” or possible scenarios if the consolidation was to have a dissolution sometime in the future. These questions were addressed by the Directors by deferring to the fact that the consolidation requires a certain amount of trust in so far as all possible contingencies have not been addressed. There will be a special election for the Shrewsbury portion of the co-mingled budgets as will all the Districts involved in the consolidation plan.

Relating to Article 2, there was concern that no position was warned for Mill River Union District #40 representative. Adrienne Raymond indicated that the position will have an appointee. There was some focus on the future of the building maintenance reserve fund with the possibility of the consolidation.

Article 3 was addressed as part of the overall introductory presentation in respect that not all contingencies have been specifically accounted for if Shrewsbury Mountain School were to close sometime in the future.

Article 4 was inclusive of the budget issues. The Board indicated that the largest proportional increase to the budget had to do with Special Education expenses. There was some discussion regarding the estimated amount for the cost per pupil with the proposed consolidation and an anticipated increase, particularly the depiction of Shrewsbury spending vs. the estimated amount of per pupil spending under consolidation. It was stated by the Directors that they anticipate that these differences will even out over a period of two or three years so that all the districts will be operating within close parity to one another. Procedures for hiring of staff under consolidation were addressed. The stated procedures would not be changing substantiality, that is the Board of Directors, Superintendent and local Principal and local school practices would all maintain their respective involvement and responsibilities. The School Directors stated that they have worked to keep the budget and consequent rates lower, and spending lower and to keep the spikes out. Overall they expect a tax increase of about 2.3%.

No specific questions regarding Article 5 were raised.

Representative Dennis Deveroux presented various Legislative activities. He spoke particularly of S.230 having to do Energy generation siting (wind and solar) and local involvement and input. He indicated that there are 16 Bills in the House dealing with this particular issue. Another issue he spoke about was the size of the State Government, limiting number of State Government workers, primarily through early retirement. This process was acknowledged as impacting routine work getting done in the State Agencies and vacant positions not being filled, particularly a Child Advocate in DCF. Routine procedures such as fingerprinting for additional workers and volunteers in schools are impacted by the lack of agency personnel. Lack of personnel is impacting other issues having to do with personnel such as Licenses and Inspections, which in turn has a ripple impact with building schedules and consequent costs.

This meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016, beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved on March 11, 2015

Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster, Andrew Richards-Peelle

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016**

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Article 1	To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.	<b>Eldred French (Write-In)</b>
Article 2	To elect a town school director for a term of three years.	<b>Sarah Bolster</b>
Article 3	Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?	<b>YES - 297      NO - 106</b>
Article 4	Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District approve the school board to expend, \$1,172,051.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget and the previous article, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,699.58 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.24% higher than spending for the current year.	<b>YES - 269      NO - 134</b>
Article 5	Shall the town school district vote to authorize the board of school directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may be required to pay orders?	<b>YES – 283      NO - 117</b>

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**RESULTS of MILL RIVER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #40  
ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016**

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Article 7	Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,035,945 for school year 2016-2017? (by Australian Ballot)	<b>YES – 1,273      NO - 636</b>
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**RESULTS of ACT 153 SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION  
ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016**

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**Article I**

Shall the Town of Shrewsbury School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in a proposed new union school district, join with the school districts of Clarendon and Wallingford, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed new union school district, the school district of Tinmouth, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed new union school district, and the Mill River Union High School District #40, which the State Board of Education found necessary for the formation of the new union school district but which shall not be referred to as a member district as its interests are represented by the voters of Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Wallingford town school districts, for the purpose of forming the “White Rocks Unified School District” (temporary name assigned for election purposes) as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements (by Australian ballot):

(a) Grades: The White Rocks Unified School District shall operate and manage schools offering instruction in grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (12).

(b) Board of School Directors: The White Rocks Unified School District Board of Directors shall consist of eleven members, distributed for the census period following 2010 as follows: Clarendon, 4 directors; Wallingford, 4 directors; Shrewsbury, 2 directors; and Tinmouth, 1 director. The membership may be reallocated following a decennial census consistent with the proportional representation requirements of the US Constitution and 16 VSA 706b(9).



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**RESULTS of ACT 153 SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION  
ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016**

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(c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property: The White Rocks Unified School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school properties, or rights thereto, of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.

(d) School Closing: No elementary school shall be closed without a unanimous vote of the White Rocks Unified School District Board, and an affirmative vote of the town in which it is located.

(e) Final Report: The provisions of the final report approved by the State Board of Education on the 15th day of December, 2015, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the White Rocks Unified School District.

**YES – 337    NO - 61**

**Article II**

To elect two (2) White Rocks Unified School District Directors: one (1) for a term of two (2) years and one (1) for a term of three (3) years from the date of the organizational meeting for terms as described above.

**Two Year Director – Andy Richards-Peelle  
Three Year Director – Adrienne Raymond**



Lots of fun in the Three-Legged Race at the Pierce's Store Blueberry Festival  
July 2016



**Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District  
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford  
February 23, 2017**

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Auditorium of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.
- ARTICLE 2** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.
- ARTICLE 3** To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 7).
- ARTICLE 4** To act on the reports of the school district officers and directors.
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,466,704, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,047.24 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.77% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for a building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 7** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY17 to a building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 8** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 7, 2017 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

**Dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.**

**Board of Directors**

George Ambrose, Clarendon

Len Doucette, Clarendon

John McKenna, Clarendon

Stephanie Mozzer, Clarendon

Adrienne Raymond, Shrewsbury

Andrew Richards-Peelle, Shrewsbury

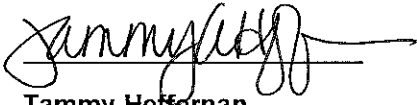
Grant Reynolds, Tinmouth

Bjorn Behrendt, Wallingford

Ken Fredette, Wallingford

Tammy Heffernan, Wallingford

Paul Rondinone, Wallingford

  
Tammy Heffernan

Board Chair's Signature

  
Gloria Menard

District Clerk's Signature

**PLEASE NOTE;**

The Mill River Unified Union School District Ballot that will be provided for voting by Australian Ballot at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 will only contain Articles five, six and seven shown in the Warning printed on the facing page.



Shrewsbury Mountain School thespians celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the romance between Josh (Moose) and Jessica (Cow) in a play at the SAGE Harvest Dinner in November 2016

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*Town of Shrewsbury  
9823 Cold River Road  
Shrewsbury, VT 05738*

Information Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2017  
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House  
Meeting begins at 6:00 PM

Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 7, 2017  
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House  
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Current Resident  
Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

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