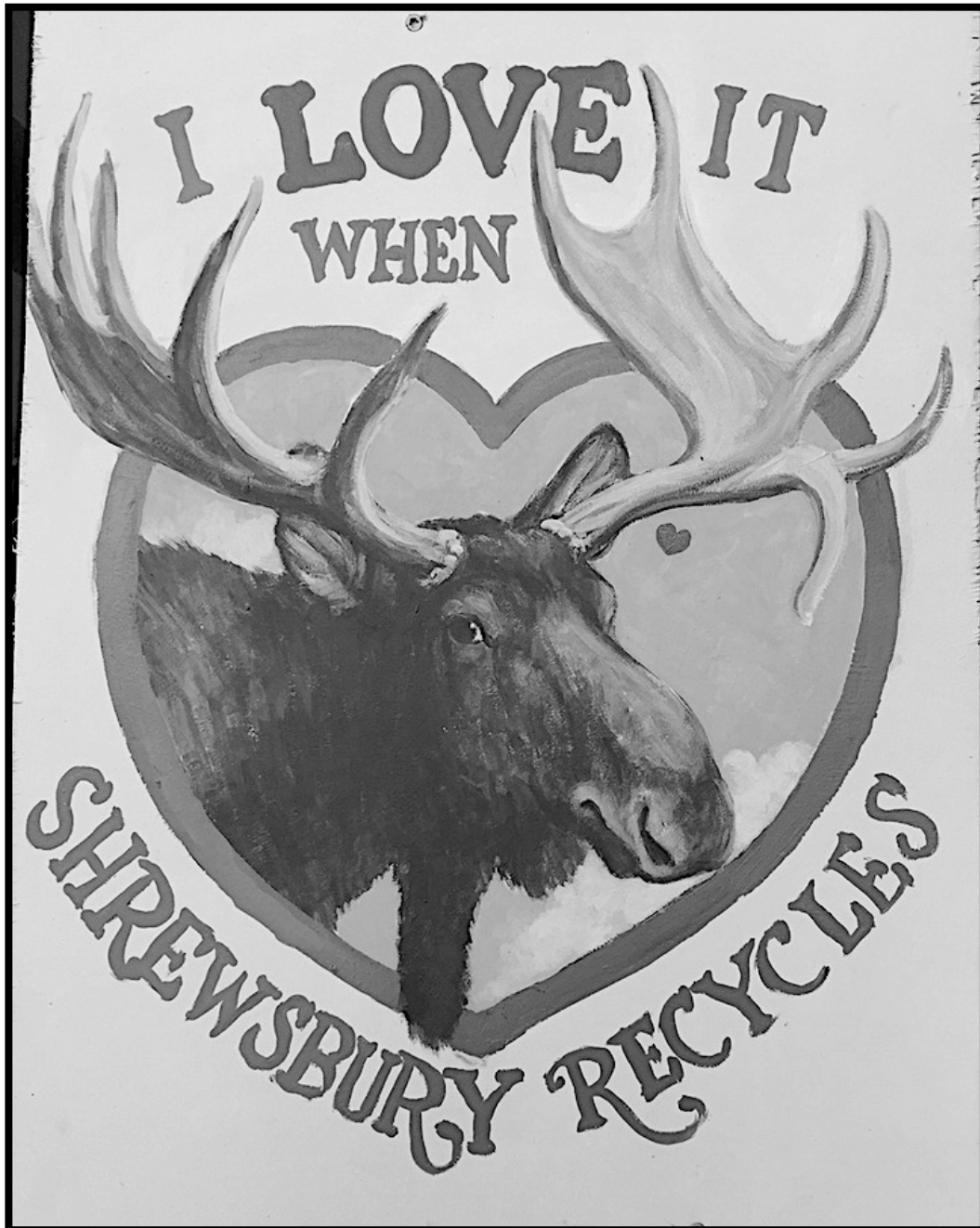


*Town of  
Shrewsbury, Vermont*



*2015  
Annual Report*

## Dedications

Spring Lake Ranch has attracted many exceptional people to Shrewsbury, Phyllis and Michael Wells among them. Growing up in England, Michael heard of the Ranch through his sister, who had met Anne Sarcka, daughter of Wayne and Elizabeth Sarcka, founders of the Ranch. Intrigued, Michael wrote the Sarcas asking for a position, and in 1957 came to work at the Ranch. A year later, Phyllis Polk visited the Ranch with a friend. After arriving late one night, Phyllis heard classical music as she awoke the next morning, only to discover

Michael painting a room to the sound of Sibelius.



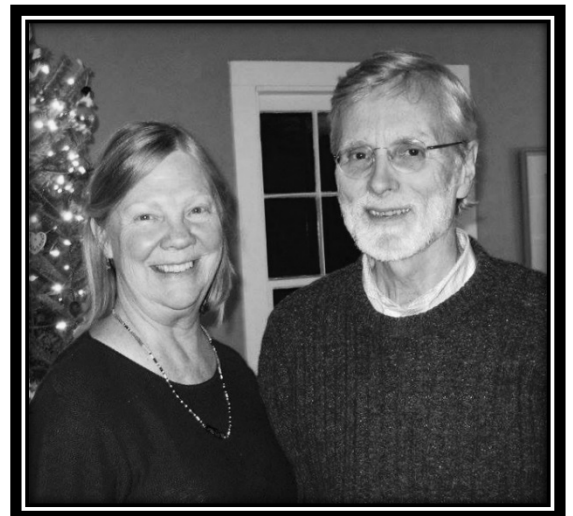
Michael served as Director of Spring Lake Ranch from 1960 to 1992, initially sharing the role with Ray Sirjane and Anne Sarcka. Michael embraced the Sarcas' vision of therapy centered on the rhythms of Vermont farm life. The strong community spirit fostered at the Ranch echoed and reinforced the broader Shrewsbury community. Many of those who have contributed to making Shrewsbury such a special place were first enlightened by the Ranch.

As one former Rancher put it: "Michael had faith in all human beings to become contributors to the greater community. He inspired us to become involved not only in the Ranch community but also Shrewsbury and the broader world."

Phyllis was equally vital to the Ranch's success, as well as to Shrewsbury's. In addition to raising three children—Jonathon, Hillary and Geoffrey--she was chauffeur, event planner, and advisor to many of the Ranch residents through the years. From 1975 through 1996, she was the Ranch's business manager. Phyllis served on the Shrewsbury School Board from 1966 to 1973, during the crucial period of consolidation from four schools to the building of the Shrewsbury Mountain School. She was a Trustee for the Vermont Arts Council, the Vermont Humanities Council and for Woodberry College in Montpelier, as well as a key contributor to the local chapter of Amnesty International. She continues to serve on the Board of the Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's Store, and volunteers at the Rutland Dismas House. Both she and Michael served on the Board of Trustees for the Ranch, and Michael served on the Board for Farm & Wilderness.

As one longstanding Shrewsbury resident expressed it, "Phyllis and Michael are highly perceptive people helping others with a sense of humility and grace." And for this we celebrate this very special couple.

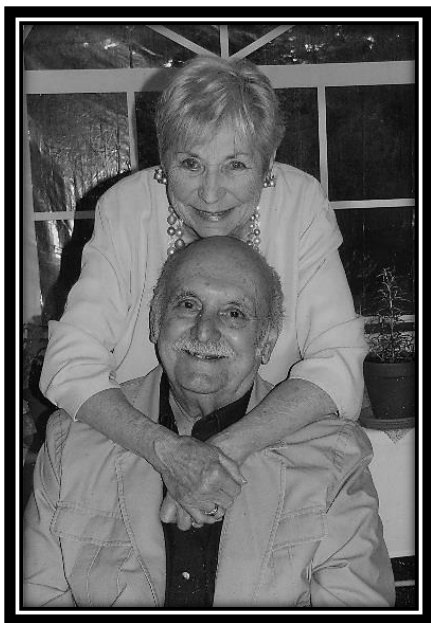
Lee and Joyce Wilson came to Shrewsbury in 1977 from Starksboro, having lived there after attending Wheaton College near Chicago where they met. Joyce was from Minnesota, Lee from Illinois, and both share Swedish ancestry which they celebrate with an annual dinner of lutefisk and other Swedish delicacies. From their home in Northam, they and their three daughters Hannah, Linnea, and Ingrid became frequent visitors to Pierce's Store and close friends of Gordon, Glendon, and Marjorie. Throughout their careers in government service, Lee and Joyce assisted countless Vermonters, Lee at the Social Security Administration and Joyce with the IRS. Quietly and with no thought of recognition, they have likewise contributed in many diverse ways to our community.



Serving on the Mill River Union School Board from 1999 to 2005, Lee provided valuable leadership in addressing budget difficulties during that time. He has been on the Board of Trustees of Spring Lake Ranch (1996-2002), a member of the Development Review Board, a Justice of the Peace (2008, 2012-2016), a delegate to Vermont's Democratic Presidential nominating conventions in 2008 and

2012, and a well-read student of American history. For many years, Lee coached the Mountain School basketball and baseball teams, helped to lead the Shrewsbury Youth Group, and was on the Board of Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Church.

Joyce was a Town Auditor from 1985 to 1990 and has been the Town's Payroll Administrator since 2008. She was treasurer of the Shrewsbury Outing Club (2007-2015), an ELF volunteer at the Mountain School, and a founding member and Treasurer for the Shrewsbury Cooperative at Pierce's Store. She is a member and has served as Clerk of the Wilderness Friends Quaker Meeting that meets in Shrewsbury. The Wilsons have a deep affection for the natural beauty of Shrewsbury and an appreciation for outdoor recreation – skiing, canoeing, swimming, bicycling, walking – as evidenced by Lee's dedication as SOC Trail Steward to maintaining the Plymbsbury cross-country ski trails enjoyed by townspeople and visitors. For their many gifts to our community - made with such humility, such love for Shrewsbury, and such loyalty to neighbors and friends - we say thank you, Lee and Joyce.



Ruth and Conrad Winkler moved to their house on the Shunpike in the early 1980's from Long Island where they raised their children Brian and Jennifer and Con was a partner in a printing business. Ruth worked at the Post Office for a few years, and Con helped in the town's transition from its waste dump on Russellville Road to the transfer station we have now. The Winklers soon became active in the Shrewsbury Historical Society when it was still upstairs in the Shrewsbury Library and have been SHS stalwarts ever since. Con has served numerous times as President or Trustee, while as Secretary for over 20 years Ruth has prepared annual narratives for the Town Report and richly detailed monthly articles for the Times of Shrewsbury. They have jointly edited the SHS Newsletter "Times Past" since 1999.

The Winklers were key figures in such important events as organizing the festivities and parade for Vermont's Bicentennial in 1991, relocation to the Museum in Cuttingsville in 1999, celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> year of the Community Meeting House and reprinting "Shrewsbury, Vermont - Our Town As It Was" in 2004, beginning the popular Memories Calendar and the superb SHS website in 2007, and commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

Shrewsbury's charter in 2011.

Together and with other dedicated volunteers, Con and Ruth have filled indispensable roles at SHS: cataloguing donated artifacts and documents, vintage photographs, clothing, and quilts; preparing exhibits for the Museum and for the annual Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge; organizing field trips and speaker programs; and helping with yearly plant and bake sales. Con collects newspaper articles on a daily basis and maintains the Current History archive at the Museum. He has videotaped hundreds of hours of interviews with Shrewsbury residents as well as SHS programs and community events that are being digitized for the website. Ruth does genealogy research in response to inquiries from around the county and calligraphy for special purposes such as the framed history in the Cuttingsville Post Office. Brian, who now lives in Shrewsbury, employs his photographic expertise to continue Con's work in preserving Shrewsbury's visual history.

Among their most significant contributions are Con's procuring a copy of NBC's coverage of Robert Frost's 1957 visit to Shrewsbury which he converted to VHS, re-presented in Shrewsbury, and has archived at the Museum. Ruth spent many long hours transcribing letters of a local Civil War soldier to his wife that are also archived. Ruth and Con Winkler are virtually synonymous with the Shrewsbury Historical Society. We honor them for their talented and tireless efforts to preserve our town's history for today's residents and future generations.

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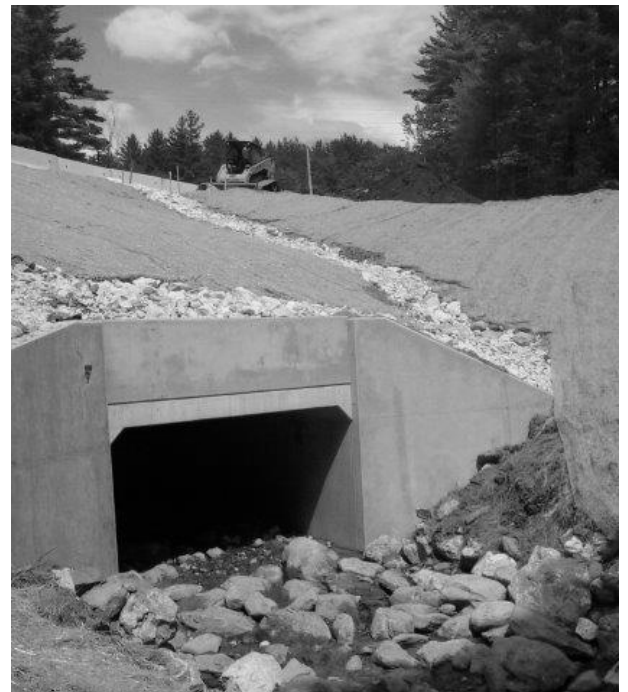
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Lincoln Hill Road Culvert (Bridge #37) before replacement



New Lincoln Hill Road Replacement Culvert (Bridge #37)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS** *as of December 31, 2015*

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<b>Elected Office</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Elected officer(s)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2016
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2018
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2018
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Steven Nicholson	2016
		Bert Potter	2017
		Aaron Korzun	2018
AUDITORS	3 Years	Sanford Bragg	2016
		Richard Biziak	2017
		Vacant	2018
LISTERS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond <sup>(1)</sup>	2016
		Ingrid Wisell	2016
		Sharon Winnicki	2017
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Sarah Bolster	2016
		Andy Richards-Peele	2017
		Adrienne Raymond	2018
MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2016
		Sally Snarski	2017
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2016
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2016
1 <sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Matthew Danaher	2016
2 <sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Betsy Jesser	2016
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2018
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	David Rice	2016
		Larry Carrara	2017
		George Richards	2018

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**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION**

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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. The next General Election for JP's will occur November 1, 2016.	Barry Griffith	2017
	John Berryhill	2017
	Betsy Jesser	2017
	Larry Carrara	2017
	Julanne Sharrow	2017
	Lee Wilson	2017
	Hull Maynard	2017

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD**<sup>(2)</sup>

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2016
TRUSTEES of the SHREWSBURY	3 Years	Jonathan Gibson	2016
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE <sup>(3)</sup>		Mark Youngstrom	2017
		Jan O'Hara	2018

Town of Shrewsbury

**2015 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD<sup>(2)</sup> (continued)**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Grace Brigham	2016
		Lily French	2016
		Cynthia Thornton	2017
		Jesse Shapiro	2017
		Louise Duda	2018
		Vacant	2018
		Peter Grace	2019
		Connie Youngstrom	2019
		Vacant	2019
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Alan Shelvey	2016
		Scott Darling	2017
		Bruce Bullock	2018
		Mark Youngstrom	2018
		Laura Black (Alternate)	2016
		Melissa Reichert (Alternate)	2016
		David Rice (Alternate)	2016
		Francis Wyatt (Alternate)	2016
		Timothy Vile (Alternate)	2016
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Vacant <sup>(5)</sup>	
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		David Rice	2016
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2016
FEMA ADMINISTRATOR		John Wood	12/31/2015
FEMA CO-ADMINISTRATOR		Stephen Nicholson	2016 <sup>(6)</sup>
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page	2016
		Bert Potter	2016
		Mike Stewart	2016
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	5/2/16
HEALTH OFFICER		Vacant <sup>(5)</sup>	
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		John Wood	2016
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blecich	2015
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years <sup>(4)</sup>	Marilyn Dalick	2018
		Melissa Reichert	2018
		Laura Black	2016
		Mark Goodwin	2016
		Timothy Vile	2017
		Francis Wyatt	2017
		David Rice	2017
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2016
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2016
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Hull Maynard	6/30/16
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin	6/30/16
		David Rice (Alternate)	6/30/16
SERVICES OFFICER		Mark Goodwin	4/14/16
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	4/15/16
		Alternate (Vacant)	
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown	6/30/18
		Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/18
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2016

**2015 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD<sup>(2)</sup> (continued)**

WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	2016
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2018

**OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

TOWN ROAD CREW (Appointed by Road Commissioner)	Stephen Bruce, Jeremiah Johnson	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS	Bob Perry, Bert Potter, Gary Duprey	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by Town Clerk)	Betsy Jesser	2016
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER	Christina Clarke	2016
TREASURER ASSISTANT	Gina Page	2016
PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION (All Appointed by Treasurer)	Joyce Wilson	2016
SELECTBOARD CLERK (Chosen by Selectboard)	Mark Goodwin	2016

- (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) Steven Nicholson serves as FEMA Administrator till vacancy is filled.



Interior of Brown Bridge during lattice work repair.

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

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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 1, 2016 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	2 years of 3 year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	2 years 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 **\$1,547,687**, of which **\$469,999** shall be raised by taxes and **\$1,077,689** 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?
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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Town of Shrewsbury  
**WARNING for 235<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

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18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
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 **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
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**

Dated: **January 26, 2016**

/ss/

Bert Potter, Chair

Steven Nicholson

Aaron Korzun

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shrewsbury Selectboard

Attest:/s/ Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road**. The meeting will take place following the Town School District informational meeting, which begins at **5:30 P.M., Monday, February 29, 2016**.

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](#)

**Deadline for registration to vote for this election is February 24, 2016** at 5:00 PM Shrewsbury Town Office or on-line at [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)  
17 V.S.A. § 2642 (a)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 234<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2015**

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The informational meeting for the Town was called to order at 7:30 pm. March 2, 2015 by Moderator Eldred French, present were Selectboard members Bert Potter and Michael Stewart. Also present were approximately 50 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

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

Selectboard Chair, Bert Potter, referred to the mandates for ACT 148 and recycling and how the Transfer Station will be impacted and maintained. Including the budgeting for second attendant, there will be an informational meeting May 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM. regarding the new Variable Rate Pricing (Pay As You Throw) mandate

Discussions were had regarding Alternate Projects, particularly the Stoudt Bridge. The subsequent funds from that Alternate Project used to offset both in resources and timing the purchase of the new Town truck as well as renovations to the Nursery School at the Town Office. Also discussed was the methodology used by the Selectboard to make their determination in utilizing the Alternate Project Funds and the constraints mandated by FEMA in expending the resources. There was also some discussion about the status of the Upper Cold River Road slide. A summary of that particular project was given by Mark Youngstrom who has knowledge of the progress that Otter Creek Engineering has been making with the project.

There were discussions on the merits and the disadvantages of the various "Reserve Fund" accounts utilized by the Town for various projects. Randy Page volunteered to be on a Capital Budget Committee, which however is the responsibility and jurisdiction of the Planning Commission.

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 8:50 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015, beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved by:

Bert Potter, Selectboard

Eldred French, Moderator

Date:3/11/2015

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

One Moderator	1-year term- <b>Eldred French (Write –In)</b>
One Selectboard Member	2 years of 3 year term – <b>Bert Potter</b>
One Selectboard Member	3-year term – <b>Aaron Korzun (Write –In)</b>
One Town Clerk	3-year term – <b>Mark Goodwin</b>
One Treasurer	3-year term – <b>Linda McGuire</b>
One Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3-year term – <b>Randy Page</b>
One Auditor	3-year term – (No Write-In had the requisite number of votes)
One Lister	1 year of 3 year term – <b>Ingrid Wisell</b>
One Lister	3-year term – (No Write-In had the requisite number of votes)
One Grand Juror	1-year term – <b>Barry Griffith</b>
One Town Agent	1-year term – <b>Barry Griffith</b>
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One 2nd Constable	1-year term – <b>Betsy Jesser</b>
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term – <b>George Richards (Write-In)</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 234<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2015**

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2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,587,914**, of which **\$507,041** shall be raised by taxes and **\$1,080,873** by non-tax revenues?  
**YES -201      NO – 52**
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?  
**YES-197      NO -57**
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?  
**YES –215      NO – 41**
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?  
**YES - 200      NO – 57**
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?  
**YES - 211      NO – 43**
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?  
**YES – 188      NO – 63**
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?  
**YES – 194      NO – 60**
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?  
**YES – 193      NO – 63**
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$27,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?  
**YES – 211      NO – 46**
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?  
**YES – 201      NO – 54**
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?  
**YES – 187      NO – 67**
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,224** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?  
**YES – 213      NO – 42**
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**YES – 169      NO – 83**
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16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?  
**YES – 203      NO – 54**
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?  
**YES – 192      NO – 59**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 234<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2015**

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18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?  
**YES – 177    NO – 71**
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?  
**YES – 179    NO – 70**
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?  
**YES – 196    NO – 54**
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?  
**YES – 157    NO – 91**
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?  
**YES – 170    NO – 77**
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?  
**YES – 160    NO - 87**
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?  
**YES – 151    NO - 97**
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?  
**YES – 167    NO - 79**
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35** to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?  
**YES – 158    NO - 75**
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?  
**YES – 175    NO - 75**
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 9, 2015** ?  
**YES – 225    NO - 20**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 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, 2015 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 here present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury as of December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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, 2015. 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 Transfer Station ticket data, 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 did not reconcile the Grand List this year; focusing our efforts on reconciling tax receipts, verifying abatements and testing a sample of parcels from the Grand List through to tax billing and payment..

We did not receive reports this year from the Town Animal Control Officer, Health Officer, and Emergency Management Director (positions vacant), or the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Rutland County Parent Child Center.

Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 were audited by Angolano and Co., CPA, Shelburne, VT. This report is available at the Rutland South Supervisory Union office.

The dedication to Mike and Phyllis Wells was written by Sanford Bragg with assistance from Jonathon Wells, to Lee and Joyce Wilson by Jonathan Gibson and Mark Youngstrom, and to Con and Ruth Winkler by Jonathan Gibson with assistance from Grace Brigham and Brian Winkler. Photos were provided by: Jonathon Wells, Mark Youngstrom and Brian Winkler respectively.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted on time reports this year especially given the early date for Town Meeting. We'd also like to thank Steven Nicholson for his detailed work with the Selectboard budget.

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**

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The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term and serves as the town school district treasurer pursuant to state statute. 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*



A view of the Jim Jeffords State Forest



Town of Shrewsbury  
**Balance Sheet**  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2015

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds <sup>(9)</sup>	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	125,781	311,800	437,580
Prepaid Expenses	11,348		11,348
Receivables <sup>(3)</sup>			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	28,647		28,647
Other Receivables	66,784		66,784
Capital Assets <sup>(6)</sup>			
Land and Buildings	862,374		862,374
Machinery and Equipment	700,777		700,777
Infrastructure	3,405,372		3,405,372
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,201,082</b>	<b>311,800</b>	<b>5,512,882</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond <sup>(12)</sup>	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable <sup>(4)</sup>	22,342		22,342
Other Current Liabilities	5,814		5,814
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	220,000		220,000
<b>Equity</b>			
Restricted Funds		311,800	311,800
Unrestricted Equity	4,658,756		4,658,756
Excess Revenue	274,171		274,171
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>5,201,082</b>	<b>311,800</b>	<b>5,512,882</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2015**

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**RECEIPTS:**

**Property Tax Receipts**

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 883,475.20	
Taxes: Town Current	613,463.38	
School Reconciliation Taxes	30,555.99	
Delinquent Tax	<u>67,733.79</u>	
<b>Total Property Tax Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 1,595,228.36</b>

**Other Tax Receipts**

Land Use	64,196.00	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	19,292.00	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	5,684.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>221.88</u>	
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>		<b>89,423.88</b>

**Road Commission Receipts**

FEMA	326,997.32	
Proceeds from Sale	46,200.00	
Grant	4,000.00	
State Aid	132,002.20	
Services Rendered	3,383.43	
Weight Permits	<u>205.00</u>	
<b>Total Road Commission Receipts</b>		<b>512,787.95</b>

**Other Receipts**

Act 60 Funds	6,411.83	
DRB Hearing Fee	430.00	
Dog Licenses	444.50	
Insurance Reimbursement	172.00	
Interest	43.23	
Liquor License	300.00	
Lister Education	390.17	
Miscellaneous	120.00	
Recycling	1,014.50	
Restoration Fees	712.00	
Subdivision Permits	250.00	
Transfer Station Income	10,180.99	
Zoning Permits	<u>655.60</u>	
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>		<b><u>21,124.82</u></b>

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 2,218,565.01</b>
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Town of Shrewsbury  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2015**

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

<b>School Account</b>	\$ 907,218.89
<b>Selectboard's Orders (Net)</b>	215,387.71
<b>Road Commissioners Orders (Net)</b>	975,905.83
<b>Depreciation <sup>(7)</sup></b>	289,779.51
<b>Capitalized Improvements <sup>(6)</sup> &amp; Liability <sup>(12)</sup></b>	(595,124.87)

**Warned Items**

American Red Cross	\$ 500.00
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	600.00
Garage Reserve Fund	1,500.00
Green Up	150.00
Neighborworks of Western VT	500.00
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130.00
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	50,000.00
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	600.00
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	27,000.00
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
Vermont Trails & Greenways Council	35.00
<b>Total Warned Items</b>	<u>151,227.00</u>

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,944,394.07</u></b>
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<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u><u>274,170.94</u></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, 2015**

**GRAND LIST**

Real Estate	\$ 161,819,800
Less Exemptions	<u>13,144,860</u>

**TOTAL GRAND LIST**

**\$ 148,674,940**

**TAXES BILLED**

Municipal Grand List	1,486,749	
Tax Rate	<u>0.4428</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		<b>658,332.86</b>
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	614,058	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.4827</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		<b>910,463.66</b>
Education Grand List-Homestead	878,600	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.3150</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		<b>1,155,359.88</b>
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,486,749	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0011</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		<b>1,635.37</b>
Late Homestead Penalty		<b>166.65</b>

**TOTAL TAXES BILLED**

**2,725,958.43**

**TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR**

Taxes Collected	2,698,312.04
Taxes Due	1,292.79
Abatements	8,067.04
Adjustments- Other	(28,549.45)
Delinquent Taxes	67,733.79
HS-122 Changes	(1,634.66)
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(19,263.12)</u>

**TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED**

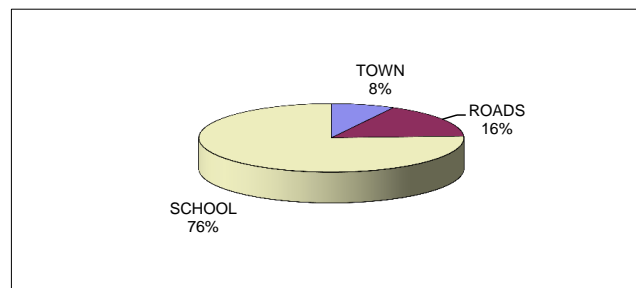
**2,725,958.43**

**TAX RATE PERCENTAGES**

The 2014 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.4428	658,332.86
Local Agreement Rate	0.0011	1,635.37
Schools Residential	1.3150	1,155,359.88
Schools Non-Residential	1.4827	<u>910,463.66</u>
		<b><u>2,725,791.78</u></b>

Resident	<b>1.7589</b>
Non-Resident	<b>1.9266</b>



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Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report  
2015 TAX COMPARISON

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
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	
2006	1,002,047	Residential	2.17	2,241,258.16
		Non-Residential	2.36	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury  
2015 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,001
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$31,995	\$6,412	\$0	\$3	\$38,409
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,291	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,291
Energy Grant	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,100
Garage Reserve Fund	\$10,527	\$1,500	\$0	\$1	\$12,028
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$109,474	\$50,000	\$35,179	\$9	\$124,304
Records Restoration Fund	\$7,744	\$1,712	\$341	\$1	\$9,115
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$80,175	\$35,000	\$0	\$9	\$115,183
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,314
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$2,404	\$1,000	\$350	\$0	\$3,054
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$10,753	\$1,500	\$12,253	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$262,776</b>	<b>\$97,124</b>	<b>\$48,124</b>	<b>\$23</b>	<b>\$311,800</b>



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Town of Shrewsbury

**2015 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	\$	\$	7,716.00
Steven Nicholson	Selectperson			1,000.00
Aaron Korzun	Selectperson			1,000.00
John Wood	FEMA Adminstrator			1,716.75
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk Salary	23,182.50		
	Selectboard Clerk Salary	1,200.00		
	Town Clerk Fees**	8,270.90		
	Total			32,653.40
Linda McGuire	Town & School Treasurer			28,639.81
Joyce Wilson	Payroll Administration			135.00
Gina Page	Treasurer Assistant			903.75
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector**			6,990.59
Jonathan Gibson	Auditor			980.85
Adrienne Raymond	Building Inspector/DRB Clerk			1,860.00
Daphne Leahemmer	Health Officer			500.00
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Attendent			5,507.00
Gary Duprey	Transfer Station Attendent			2,220.00
Sharon Winnicki	Lister			9,716.25
Ingrid Wisell	Lister			1,106.25
				<hr/> 102,645.65
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds				<hr/> 7,852.38
<b>Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year</b>				<b>\$ <u><u>110,498.03</u></u></b>

\*\* Based only on fees collected

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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2015 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 \$437,580, 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	\$ 28,647
Other Receivables	<u>66,784</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 95,430

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

Accrued Payroll	\$13,212.57
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>9,129.45</u>
Total Payables	\$22,342.02

**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**  
**2015 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**6. Capital Assets.** Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2015 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	1,069,733	15,474	1,085,207
Vehicles and Equipment	971,667	368,011	1,339,678
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	4,028,741	191,640	4,220,381
Totals	6,070,141	575,125	6,645,266
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	463,499	30,558	494,057
Vehicles and Equipment	552,435	86,465	638,900
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	642,252	172,756	815,008
Totals	1,658,186	289,780	1,947,966
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	4,411,955	285,345	4,697,300
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>4,683,178</u>	<u>285,345</u>	<u>4,968,523</u>

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

Buildings	\$ 30,558
Vehicles and Equipment	86,465
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>172,756</u>
Total Depreciation	\$289,780

**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 through the church currently for casualty. The Shrewsbury Community Church has provided a written agreement of understanding regarding this coverage and any possible loss that may occur.

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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2015 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.
<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 \$876 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2015 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

**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>
2016	20,000	10,962	30,962
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>\$240,000</u>	<u>\$ 71,946</u>	<u>\$311,946</u>

**13. Line of Credit.** On July 10, 2015 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 \$1.50% 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.

**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 4 members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available upon request.

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**2015 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**for the year ending December 31, 2015**

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**Delinquent Taxes**

<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 27,966.25</b>
Warrant to Collect, October 24, 2015	+\$68,680.05
Amended Warrant, November 1, 2015	-\$946.26
<b>Total taxes delinquent</b>	<b>\$95,700.04</b>
Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2015	\$67,053.48
<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$28,646.56</b>

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2015 for collections - \$6,990.59.

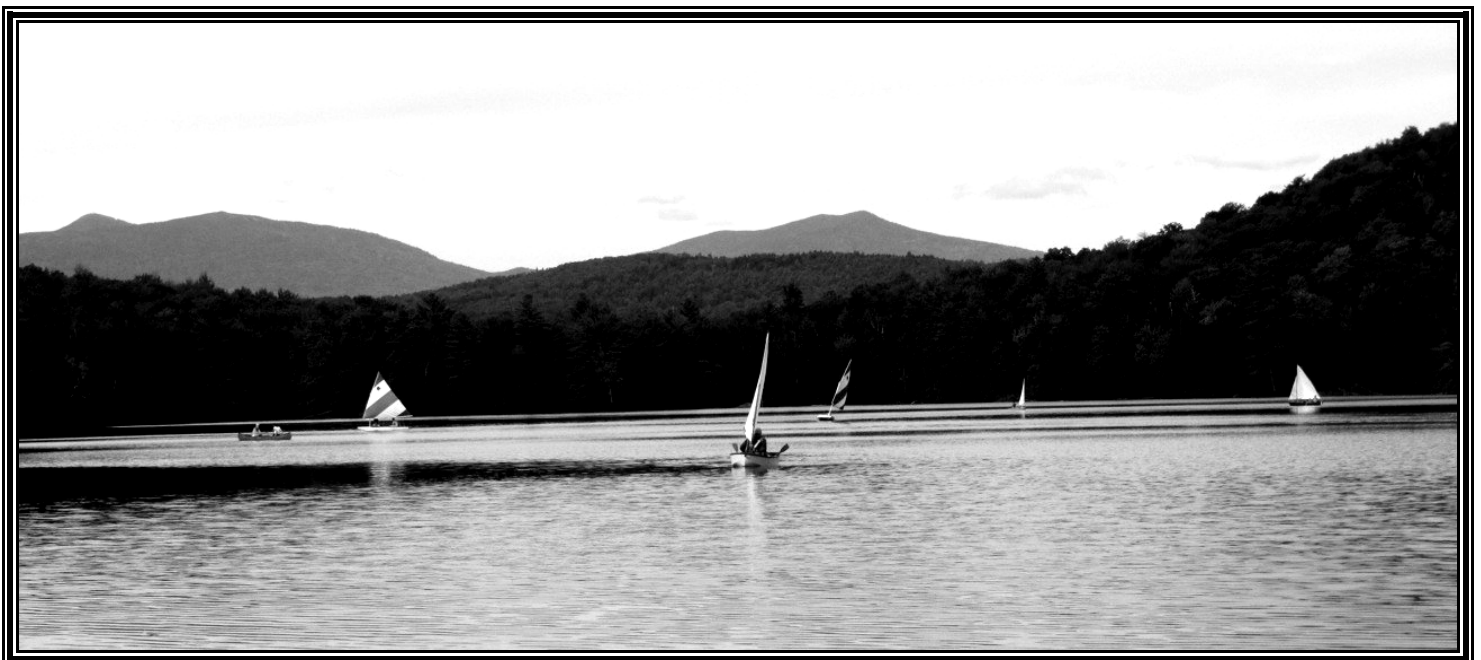
<b>Delinquent taxes collected January 1 - 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$5,309.29</b>
<b>Delinquent taxes still outstanding (15 accounts):</b>	
2009, 2010 Cheney, Michele	278.48
2013, 2014, 2015 Paul, Hillary	9,810.73
2015 Geary, Arthur J	1,112.13
2014 Guyette, Peter L.	343.19
2015 Jones, Jones A	2,421.73
2014, 2015 Korzun, Steven	3,580.62
2015 LaGuardia, John & Lynn	739.82
2015 Lorentzon, Karen Allen	3,013.98
2015 Peer, Christopher	764.86
2015 Tabor, Margo	529.98
2015 Webster Robert & McGinnis, Angela	741.74
	<b>\$23,337.26</b>

**Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2015**

**\$28,646.55**

**Randy A. Page**

Collector of Delinquent Taxes



Spring Lake Regatta



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SELECTBOARD REPORT**

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In 2015 the Town updated their Local Emergency Operations Plan which is now required to be done yearly. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan received final approval from FEMA. Thanks again go to David Rice for volunteering to rewrite and see the new Local Hazard Mitigation Plan through to adoption by the Selectboard.

The landslide on the Upper Cold River Road, impacting the western approach to the Brown Bridge, caused by Tropical Storm Irene took up a lot of time during our meetings this year. On December 29<sup>th</sup> we received a letter from FEMA concurring with the Town that a Stone Wall Buttress was the most cost efficient and most viable repair for the long term. The work to repair the road should begin in the summer of 2016. Thanks go to Otter Creek Engineering and Mark Youngstrom for seeing this through to approval by FEMA. In 2016 we plan to have a geotechnical engineering study done across from 4400 Cold River Road to explore the alternatives to mitigating severe erosion of the bank that will soon impact the Cold River Road.

The Town purchased a sander for the 2014 Ford F550 allowing the Road Crew to spot sand as they are out looking over the condition of the roads in the winter and a liquid chloride system was purchased for dust control. Also purchased was a 2009 John Deere 5065E tractor to be mainly used for mowing and sweeping and using FEMA alternative funds from Tropical Storm Irene a 2015 Caterpillar 12M3A grader was purchased and the 1992 grader was sold. In 2016 we will be purchasing a 2017 International 7600 tandem wheel dump truck to replace the 2009 International dump truck which has been very costly to keep on the road.

VTrans replaced bridge number 37 at the bottom of Lincoln Hill Road this summer. The Town paid 10% of the cost. The Town received a VTrans Structure Grant to install an upgraded box culvert in 2016 to replace the culvert that washed out in 2015 at the bottom of Spring Lake Road. The Town will pay 10% of the cost. The Brown Bridge, at the bottom of the Upper Cold River Road, a National Historic Landmark, was refurbished by Wright Construction of Mount Holly. The Town paid 2.5% of the cost with Vtrans paying for the rest.

Using mostly Tropical Storm Irene alternative funds from FEMA the Town Office was upgraded in the old nursery school half of the building. Electrical wiring was updated, windows repaired and new storm windows installed, new fire exit signs, a new hung ceiling, new floor and a new exterior door were all installed. The walls were patched and painted and communication upgrades were made. It has been recommended that we replace the septic tank in 2016. We are also looking at replacing the two furnaces with one furnace and installing a dehumidifier in the basement.

In order to be in compliance with the new Universal Recycling Law, (Act 148), we adopted a Solid Waste Implementation Plan along with a "Unit Based Pricing" schedule, ("pay as you throw"). Punch cards are available at the Town Office and at Pierce's Store. The Selectboard thanks Grace Brigham for the Moose design on the rubber stamp for the punch cards.

We also wish to thank Gilbert Pitts, who retired this fall, for his years of service to the Town on the Road Crew and to thank John Wood for his work as our FEMA coordinator.

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, 2015

	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>TAXES:</b>				
Current Property Taxes	680,323		613,297	
Delinquent Tax	68,148		67,734	
Property Tax Receipts-Other			167	
Less: Warned Items	(139,727)		(151,227)	
<b>Current Property Taxes for General &amp; Roads</b>	<b>608,745</b>	<b>507,041</b>	<b>529,970</b>	<b>469,999</b>
 Federal in Lieu of Taxes	 5,751	 5,751	 5,684	 5,684
State In Lieu of Taxes	18,910	18,910	19,292	19,292
Land Use Taxes	57,705	57,705	64,196	60,000
Railroad Tax	222	222	222	222
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>	<b>82,587</b>	<b>82,588</b>	<b>89,394</b>	<b>85,198</b>
 <b>ROADS:</b>				
Sale of Scrap Metal	225			
FEMA Reimbursement	169,586	668,700	323,604	585,000
Grant- Culvert Inventory	-	-	4,000	-
Grant- Spring Lake Road Culvert Replacement				142,750
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	14,365	-	46,200	
State Aid to Roads	132,131	132,131	132,002	132,000
Services Rendered - Roads	3,678	3,500	3,383	
Weight Permits	200	150	205	
<b>Total Road Receipts</b>	<b>320,185</b>	<b>804,481</b>	<b>509,395</b>	<b>859,750</b>
 <b>OTHER RECEIPTS:</b>				
Act 60 Funds	6,812		6,412	
Dog Licenses	466	500	445	445
Insurance Reimbursement - Workmens Compensation	-		172	
Interest Income	35	30	43	30
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	185	100	300	300
Lister Education Funds	390		390	
Other Income	191		120	
Recycling	1,922	1,500	1,015	500
Restoration Fees	926		712	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	16,740		30,556	
Transfer Station Punch Cards		-	10,180	15,000
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	890	500	1,336	500
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>28,586</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>51,710</b>	<b>16,805</b>
	<b>1,040,102</b>	<b>1,396,770</b>	<b>1,180,469</b>	<b>1,431,752</b>
 <b>Cash Beginning Balance</b>				
	<b>108,637</b>	<b>137,234</b>	<b>137,234</b>	<b>125,781</b>
<b>Cash Available for Expenses</b>	<b>1,148,739</b>	<b>1,534,004</b>	<b>1,317,702</b>	<b>1,557,533</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year ended December 31, 2015**

	<b>ACTUAL 2014</b>	<b>BUDGET 2015</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2015</b>	<b>BUDGET 2016</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION<sup>(10)</sup></b>				
Tipping Fees	21,013	23,000	16,631	23,000
Hauling	5,950	6,300	6,275	6,300
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	10,019	15,000	14,880	20,384
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator				877
Payroll Expenses	768	1,149	1,138	1,626
Maintenance	726	2,000	836	2,000
Solid Waste Dues	2,506	2,500	3,252	3,300
Equipment/Facilities	-	1,300	-	1,300
Household Hazardous Waste Disp.	856	1,000	637	1,000
Supplies	116	500	1,003	1,000
Workers Compensation	224	225	972	1,150
Solid Waste Implementation Plan	-	636	-	636
Electric	684	700	453	600
Other			1,071	-
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>42,862</b>	<b>54,310</b>	<b>47,147</b>	<b>63,173</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>				
Planning Commission Expense	-	300	60	600
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	622	1,000	100	500
Building/Property Insurance	3,689	4,003	4,004	3,900
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,690	1,543	1,544	2,248
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	497	670	668	1,290
Workers Compensation	891	1,450	276	304
Office Heat/Electric	4,445	5,000	3,522	4,000
Training/Education	325	800	878	900
Postage	1,074	1,100	822	1,300
Supplies & Equipment	5,335	5,000	2,863	5000
Software	649	1,000	563	1,000
Selectboard Salary	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Other Town Officers Salary	58,739	53,000	56,848	64,000
Payroll Expenses	5,018	4,553	6,228	6,400
Retirement	-	-	1,236	1,260
Office Communications	2,335	2,350	3,006	3,000
Mileage Reimbursement	8	300	7	300
Building Maintenance/Repair	1,872	3,000	6,256	3,000
Warnings	671	500	221	600
Town Report	2,264	2,300	2,304	2,300
<b>Total Town Officers Expense</b>	<b>93,123</b>	<b>90,869</b>	<b>94,405</b>	<b>104,902</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (Continued)  
Year ended December 31, 2015

	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Listers Salaries	7,815	10,000	11,415	11,000
Payroll Expenses	551	706	795	842
Supplies	320	320	769	400
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,200	1,500	1,200	1,200
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	-	1,500	-	1,500
Training & Training Mileage	700	1,500	345	1,500
<b>Total Listers Expense</b>	<b>10,587</b>	<b>15,526</b>	<b>14,524</b>	<b>16,442</b>
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Animal Damage and Control	248	500	118	500
Independent Audit Expense	6,583	-	-	-
County Court Tax	9,649	9,342	10,171	10,171
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	32,666	31,819	31,773	30,962
Interest Expense - Line of Credit	721	2,000	981	2,000
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	2,289	2,000	100	2,000
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	900	900	925	925
Town Events	-	500	200	500
Vermont Leauge of Cities & Towns Dues	2,037	2,050	2,124	2,105
Miscellaneous	-	-	13	-
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>	<b>55,093</b>	<b>50,111</b>	<b>46,405</b>	<b>50,163</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>201,665</b>	<b>210,816</b>	<b>202,481</b>	<b>234,680</b>



New Road Grader at work on Russellville Road

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016
<b>ROADS</b>				
Chloride	-	4,000	5,498	5,500
Gilman Road Bridge	1,104	-	-	-
Flood Expenses	127,600	743,841	17,355	650,000
Cold River Rd. Flooding Mitigation			-	25,000
Gravel	43,294	45,000	45,861	45,000
Salt	20,819	25,000	19,144	25,000
Winter Sand	53,761	65,000	48,295	49,000
Erosion control		-	400	1,000
Tree Removal		-	600	3,500
Bridge #37,(Lincoln Hill Culvert)	1,104	50,000	57,530	-
Culverts & Bridges	7,637	7,500	9,163	23,500
Paving	108,981	110,000	107,778	160,000
Equipment Rental	1,605	4,000	3,325	4,000
Salaries	133,907	140,000	131,485	140,000
Payroll Expenses	9,910	10,710	9,867	11,200
VT State Retirement	5,422	5,600	5,219	5,600
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	9,269	12,192	12,192	12,192
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	46,311	51,600	46,801	52,683
VLCT Unemployment	250	250	307	307
Other	300	-	50	50
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>571,273</b>	<b>1,274,693</b>	<b>520,871</b>	<b>1,213,532</b>
<b>TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>				
Parts & Repairs	28,013	20,000	23,565	22,000
Tires & Repairs	4,866	5,000	4,419	5,000
Fuels & Lubricants	54,891	53,000	41,084	43,000
New Equipment	90	1,500	327,409	1,500
Misc. Supplies	870	1,000	1,035	1,000
Signs	460	500	505	800
<b>Total Town Equipment</b>	<b>89,190</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>398,016</b>	<b>73,300</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGES</b>				
Equipment	-	500	-	1,550
Heating Fuel	3,564	3,000	1,716	3,000
Maintenance & Supplies	550	500	176	500
Utilities(combined electricity and communications)	2,429	2,500	-	-
Electricity		-	1,717	1,900
Communications		-	3,001	2,225
Buildings & Repair	1,545	1,500	1,462	1,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	14,380	13,405	13,767	15,500
<b>Total Town Garages</b>	<b>22,466</b>	<b>21,405</b>	<b>21,839</b>	<b>26,175</b>
<b>TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES</b>	<b>682,929</b>	<b>1,377,098</b>	<b>940,727</b>	<b>1,313,007</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES &amp; ROADS</b>	<b>884,594</b>	<b>1,587,914</b>	<b>1,143,208</b>	<b>1,547,687</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

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The Town highway department would like to thank Gilbert Pitts Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the Town and wish him well in his retirement, and welcomes Jeremiah Johnson as his replacement on the road crew.

In 2015 the Town applied for and received a grant for a concrete box culvert on Spring Lake Road that was washed out in 2014 from a flash flood. This project will be completed in the summer of 2016.

Breakdowns were a big problem in the first months of 2015 especially with the 2009 International plow truck. This truck has had a recurring problem with the emissions system. 2009 was the last year that Caterpillar motors were put in International trucks; that same year EPA emission guidelines changed resulting in a "one year emissions system". Getting parts is very expensive and long down times usually result. With no more warranty this has been a big drain on the budget. It was a good time to trade this truck in while we can still get a good trade in price for a newer truck that is both dependable and comes with an extended warranty.

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

- a. 1.5 miles of scheduled paving for 2015 on the Cold River Road was completed.
- b. 6,671 tons of gravel were used on various roads.
- c. 4,965 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.
- d. 6 new culverts were installed.

James Carrara  
Road Commissioner

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**2015 Inventory of Town Equipment**  
**Estimated Value**

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2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	\$ 327,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 136,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	\$ 60,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 70,000
2009 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 60,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor mower broom	\$ 27,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator with trailer	\$ 38,000
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	\$ 802,000

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 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 2015 Shrewsbury had one election: an Annual Town Meeting Election. 2015 being an odd numbered year, the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority is obligated to review and make challenges to the voter checklist where necessary. In 2015 the State of Vermont introduced a new statewide Vermont Elections Management System [mvp.sec.state.vt.us/](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/). Voters can now register, request and track absentee ballots on-line.

The Board of Civil Authority did meet in 2015. In March the voter checklist was reviewed and 76 voters were challenged and notifications were sent. In July a Lister Grievance Appeal was heard and in September the Board of Abatement held a hearing in regard to a Tax Abatement for property lost during the year.

There were no major record restoration projects this year. It is anticipated that the Records Restoration Fund will be utilized sometime in the next two years for an upgrading of the Land Record storage shelving.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 VITAL STATISTICS**

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	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>BIRTHS</b>	7	6	13	5	6	6	7	9	6
<b>DEATHS</b>	8	7	14	20	9	2	7	7	4
<b>MARRIAGES</b>							8	4	9
<b>CIVIL MARRIAGES</b>	10	5	8	9	8	8	5		
<b>CIVIL UNIONS</b>							0	0	0

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  
**ANIMAL LICENSES 2015**

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE*	TOTAL COLLECTED
94	SPAYED FEMALE	\$8.00 EACH	\$752
84	NEUTERED MALE	\$8.00 EACH	\$672
3	FEMALE	\$12.00 EACH	\$36
6	MALE	\$12.00 EACH	\$72
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>	
8	LATE FEES	\$4.00 EACH	\$32
	<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>		<b>\$1,564</b>

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$442
Fees retained by Clerk	\$374
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$196
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program	<u>\$561</u>
	<b>\$1,573</b>

\*In July of 2015, the Legislature increased the Rabies Program contribution by \$1. Licenses fees after that date increased in addition to the late fee.

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 **50%** 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 2016, 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  
**2015 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.

Your current Justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Julianne Sharrow, Hull Maynard, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill. I would like to report that all incumbent Justices were re-elected last year and are looking forward to serving again. Our activities during 2015 were relatively light with no tax appeals although we did have two tax abatement hearings.

John Berryhill  
Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 TOWN CONSTABLES REPORT**

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As 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Constables for the Town of Shrewsbury, we serve as the first and second enforcement officers for Town ordinances and state laws. Despite some troubling equipment thefts, there were few incidents involving suspicious activity in 2015.

2015 activities included: one lost bull, captured and found; four lost dog calls; one misplaced gravestone marker; one week of dump monitoring (Betsy on-duty); one call involving stolen tractor parts; one call involving a stolen compressor; one call about a dog invasion in a neighbor's home; one illegal deer found; and five suspicious vehicle calls.

Many thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Program and to all the citizens of Shrewsbury who called in with valuable information regarding any suspicious activity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew E. Danaher, 1<sup>st</sup> Constable  
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[shrewsburyconstables@hotmail.com](mailto:shrewsburyconstables@hotmail.com)

Betsy J. Jesser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable  
492-9117  
[benbeano@vermontel.net](mailto:benbeano@vermontel.net)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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Our Office of Emergency Management is a coordinated organization of our Fire Department, our Road Department, our Constables, our Town Clerk and a dedicated group of Townspeople who assist with shelter management, medical services, communications, disaster reporting, disaster accounting, post-disaster repair, volunteer services, construction, and construction equipment needs. By statute, the Chair of the Town Selectboard serves as the Executive Director unless someone else is appointed. Assisting the Director is an Emergency Management Facilitator (EMF), usually a Townsperson with organizational experience aware of, and interested in, the importance and complexities of Emergency Management within our community. If any Townsperson is interested in serving as Emergency Management Facilitator or as an Assistant EMF, please notify any member of the Selectboard.

Beginning in 2014 the Federal Government mandated an additional duty to the Office of Emergency Management; that of Hazard Mitigation required for any FEMA support. Therefore, the Town developed a formal Hazard Mitigation Plan which was approved by FEMA and officially adopted by the Selectboard in October, 2015.

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

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 FEMA ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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2015 was a relatively slow year for FEMA work in Shrewsbury.

PW 2867 - The Brown Bridge Land Slide continues to move slowly.

PW 2008 - Sargent Brook Bridge was designated an alternate project. The Town elected to take the money available from this project and put it to the purchase of a new road grader which turned out to cost essentially the same amount.

PW 2041 - The Stoudt Bridge was designated an alternate project in 2014. The money available from this project was spent in 2014 on the Town International tandem dump truck, and the Ford 550. An extension was applied for, and granted, in 2015 to provide \$7,000 for Town Office improvements which were completed this fall.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Wood

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT**

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A green year for the foliage is a moderate year for the Tree Warden. With no major storms (snow, hail, or wind) trees had a pretty good 2015. The adequate rain during the growing season managed to green up our roadside canopies very well. Even the badly infected butternuts still alive had luscious green foliage. The Town Road Crew removed the Hemlock trees beginning to encroach into the Right-of-Way (ROW) at the Brown Covered Bridge curve and did some valuable pruning (snow plow clearance) on the Eastham Road this fall. The only State Highway hazardous tree (big dead elm just south of Cuttingsville) was removed this summer and several trees that threatened the Brown Covered bridge were removed as well.

My little red car finally covered all 32 Town Roads allowing completion of a roadside tree inventory which resulted in the creation of the Shrewsbury Town Road Hazardous Tree Data Survey. While there are far more healthy trees than hazardous ones, and far more trees with some sort of damage than ones actually dangerous, this document does assess damage to 271 roadside trees. One can now plan for yearly work removing truly hazardous trees. One of the bright spots in this survey was locating ALL of the roads with rows of old sugar maples. There are far more than I thought since this survey forced me to drive every Town road and not just the ones partial to my daily life. While not in the best of health (what old tree is?) they still linger on as a living testament to Shrewsbury's history. Some sunny day slowly drive through them on sections of the Eastham, Lottery, Shunpike, Mitchell, and Upper Cold River roads.

Emerald Ash borer has still not been discovered in Vermont but educational awareness activities still continue. I spent a day at the Fair Haven Visitor Center in May intercepting tourists and explaining the hazards of moving firewood into Vermont from places away. Got my tree education enhanced with attendance at: Vermont Farm Show (Barre), Annual Forest Health Workshop (Woodstock), New England Society of American Foresters annual meeting (Fairlee), and the Fourth Annual Tree Stewards Conference (Bristol). As Frank Sinatra crooned "It was a very good year".

Gary Salmon  
Tree Warden



Shrewsbury Maples along Shunpike Road

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 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 2015 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 who care for these cemeteries. We thank particularly Bill Tabor at the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, 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

George Richards

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 TRANSFER STATION REPORT**

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What a great start to the New Year! The transition into the punch card system has gone quite smoothly. Thank you everyone for your cooperation and patience. In addition, I would like to thank Pierce's Store for selling our punch cards. Without them we would be lacking a place to sell tickets during the Transfer Station's regular hours of operation.

In the first five months of using punch cards we have seen a modest increase in recycling with a slight decrease in waste. For those who do not know, "Pay as You Throw" is a Vermont State mandate requirement for all transfer stations (Act 148). The funds that are collected from the sale of the punch cards go to the Town and then are put into the General Fund to help defray taxes.

Don't forget to put your name and telephone number on the back of your used card for the \$10.00 punch card monthly drawing.

The Transfer Station is open Wednesdays from 1:00-7:00pm and on Sundays from 8:00am-4:00pm. It is also open on Green Up day in May (only for disposal and recycling of material collected during Green Up day) and for designated Hazardous Waste Disposal Days.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 1:00-3:00pm. Please refer to [www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org) for a list of hazardous wastes that are accepted and the dates of Hazardous Waste Disposal Days at other Towns in Rutland County.

Bob, Gary, and Bert will do their best to answer any questions that may arise. If you have further questions in regards to this new system—please contact a member of the Selectboard. Once again, thank you all for your work with recycling. I'll see you all at the Shrewsbury Transfer Station.

Bob Perry

Gary Duprey

Bert Potter

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## 2015 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

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Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury  
John Garrison, 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 2015, SWAC:

- ❖ Successfully complied with all Act 148 requirements. SWAC received approval of a new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). 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.
- One requirement of the SWIP is for solid waste management entities to survey constituents on knowledge of variable rate pricing, recycling, organics, C&D (Construction and Demolition Debris), HHW (Household Hazardous Waste)/CEG (Conditionally Exempt Generator), and Electronic Waste and Universal Waste. Your participation in filling out the survey would be most appreciated. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S86DB77>.
- ❖ 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.
- Thanks to a new state-wide product stewardship battery takeback law, effective January 1, 2016, primary batteries (i.e., AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) can now be recycled. Call2Recycle, Inc. will be setting up collection sites throughout the region. Call2Recycle already accepts rechargeable batteries. This means all residential batteries weighing under four pounds can now be recycled for free! Visit Call2Recycle for more information as well as a convenient collection location near you: <http://www.call2recycle.org/>. Manufacturers now pay for the collection of televisions, laptops, computers, monitors and peripherals, compact fluorescent bulbs, mercury lamps, architectural paint, and batteries.
- ❖ Sponsored 11 FREE HHW events and contracted for year-round HHW drop-off service at the RCSWMD HW Depot. The 2016 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 442 gallons of oil based paint, 1,493 gallons of latex paint, 31 gallons of antifreeze, 47 gallons of pesticides, 71 pounds of solid pesticides, 115 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals, 112 pounds of batteries, nine gallons of acid, 194 gallons of motor oil, 840 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, nine propane tanks, and two used oil filters through its HHW collection events.

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 and Mike Stewart

**Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law Timeline**

**July 1, 2015**

- Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight.
- Recyclables are banned from landfills.
- Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.
- Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.
- Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.
- Generators of more than 52 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

**July 1, 2016**

- Leaf and yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.
- Generators of more than 26 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

**July 1, 2017**

- Transfer stations must accept food scraps. Haulers must offer food scrap collection.

**July 1, 2020**

- Food scraps are banned from landfills. The 20 mile limit no longer applies.

**Implemented - July 1, 2014**

- Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no separate charge.
- Generators of more than 104 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT**

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This year we had two brush fires. Luckily, they were not too large. Thanks to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response and for extinguishing those fires. 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 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  
**2015 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT**

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In 2015, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission continued to finalize or expand on projects started in previous years. Green Up Day in May was well attended and almost every road in Shrewsbury was covered by volunteers picking up roadside trash. Changes this year in the way garbage is handled at the recycling center prompted worries of roadside dumping. To our knowledge, this has not increased but the same assortment of beer cans and fast food containers still accumulated all too quickly, thus our roving moose anti littering sign has been popping up around town, thanks to Grace Brigham. " Love Shrewsbury? Please don't litter!"

We continued to make use of the ANR Invasives Team grant and held another work day, this time using a variety of methods to try to control goutweed. We hope to conduct one more educational work day in 2016, the last year funds are available for this. If you have questions about how to get rid of plant invasives on your land, remember to look for information on the town web site under the SCC window.

We completed our research on the change in management of the VELCO Right of Way through town. Affected landowners, look for ways to opt out of herbicide spraying in upcoming TIMES articles and the town website.

Several members attended the Association of Vermont Conservation Commission conference this year, the centennial year of the founding of Town Forests. This symposium generated much excitement, excellent educational information, and connections with other conservation agencies that can help us better identify natural resources in our town. We also researched the location and guidelines for use of Shrewsbury's Town Forest. Do you know we have three Town Forest areas in town?

The SCC members feel honored to serve this community. It is a beautiful place to live.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Duda, Chairperson

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT**

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Beginning Balance January 1, 2015	\$597.06
Receipts:	\$100.00
Disbursements	\$235.53
Ending Balance December 31, 2015	\$461.31

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Youngstrom, Treasurer

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

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2015 was an interesting year for the Shrewsbury Board of Listers. We had eleven grievance requests: three were withdrawn; six were mitigated by the Listers and two resulted in no change. One decision was not accepted by a property owner resulting in one grievance to the Board of Civil Authority which upheld our value.

The Vermont State Legislature decided to make changes very late in the budget process to the Use Value Appraisal Program, most often referred to as Current Use. The result of offering Easy Out to landowners has created a backlog on the state level and has resulted in many changes, some of which are still in progress as of this writing.

We just received our stipulation from the State Department of Taxes. Results gave us a COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) value of 12.23% and a CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) of 105.22%. These values have been consistently close to those of the last couple of years.

And as usual we are reminding you to please file your Homestead Declaration (called the HS122) by April 15. 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, Ingrid Wisell and Adrienne Raymond

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

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The duties of the Planning Commission (PC) 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 edited the final draft of the unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations after receiving reviews from Town zoning officials. We hope to have the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations approved in the spring of 2016.

We are working on creating an application form for minor Boundary Adjustments.

Our plans for the coming year are to update language for the Town Plan in response to the numerous utility scale renewable energy developments and recent court decisions in Vermont Towns.

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  
**2015 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 2015, the DRB issued four conditional use permits, one historic district permit and three boundary line adjustment permits.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair



Winter of 2015 could be categorized as rather “brisk”

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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Last year I wrote that I expected to see more new building starts since there had been a lot of interest in open land. That has not proven to be true and perhaps will not be in the near future. In the past year we saw a single new home start. There were 15 building permits issued for a variety of additions and garages, porches and decks. I know there were a fair number of remodels, too, although we don't issue permits for those unless they result in a change in use of the structure or a change in the building footprint. In addition, I was notified of five structures that were categorized as "Agricultural Buildings". These structures require only notification to the Zoning Administrator, but there are strict rules to qualify and the building must adhere to our setback rules unless they have letters from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. Also, the exemption from zoning does not mean exemption from taxation.

Our zoning regulations are still awaiting the promised update from the Planning Commission that will merge our Zoning and Subdivision regulations. I've seen and reviewed a preliminary document and hope that we will soon see it in-force.

One real concern I must, again, bring to your attention: the number of "temporary" storage buildings that continue to pop up all over town is becoming 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 for the zoning district they are in.** If you put up anything that you intend to leave up for a period of time longer than 6 months, call me for a permit. Also, a reminder that the State of Vermont has full authority over waste and potable water systems. I can answer some questions or send you in the right direction for answers that I do not know.

If you are unsure whether your planned project needs any permits, call me. My listed number is my home and I am available most days and evenings for questions.

As in the past, I thank you all for your politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please, especially when it interferes with your plans.

Submitted by  
Adrienne Raymond

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Meeting House Committee, Inc., created in 1972, is responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is continuously 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 the most important buildings in Town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center.

The Meeting House Committee, 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 Committee itself. The building is available for any Town or Church function, general community gathering or civic group, and can be rented for private functions by Town residents only. Use of the downstairs hall can be arranged by contacting the Committee through Julianne Sharrow and appropriate use of the sanctuary can be arranged through the Shrewsbury Community Church (Karen Lorentz) and the Committee (Julanne Sharrow), since generally only one gathering in the building is desired by those using the building. Our policy is to only allow use of the building by Shrewsbury residents.

During 2016 we will use some of the Russell Smith endowment to renovate the downstairs bathrooms, making one of them handicapped accessible.

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 Committee with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us with preserving this wonderful building.

The Meeting House Committee

<u>Appointed by Town</u>	<u>Appointed by Church</u>	<u>Appointed by Committee</u>
Mark Youngstrom	Donna Smith	Jan O'Hara
Jonathan Gibson	Julanne Sharrow	
Liesbeth van de Heijden	John Lorentz	



Shrewsbury Bone Builders

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2015** **\$37,839**

**RECEIPTS**

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	
Hall Rental	\$850	
Interest	\$24	
Donations	\$133	
Other	\$0	
Total Receipts		<b>\$17,256</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Electricity	\$992	
Propane	\$3,316	
Telephone	\$520	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$3,917	
Insurance	\$5,360	
Supplies	\$74	
Furnishings	\$0	
Capital Improvements	\$0	
Total Disbursements		<b>\$16,679</b>

**ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2014** **\$38,417**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

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

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

	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015 BUDGET</u>	<u>2015 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2016 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	\$950	\$850	\$800
Interest	\$29	\$20	\$24	\$30
Donations	\$0	\$300	\$133	\$100
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$16,900	\$0	\$0	\$4,373
Other	\$402	\$200	\$0	\$0
Total Receipts	<u>\$34,431</u>	<u>\$17,720</u>	<u>\$17,256</u>	<u>\$21,553</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Electricity	\$1,160	\$1,200	\$992	\$1,000
Propane	\$4,851	\$5,000	\$3,316	\$3,000
Telephone	\$508	\$500	\$520	\$525
Custodial	\$2,620	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$4,114	\$3,000	\$3,917	\$3,000
Insurance	\$5,336	\$5,360	\$5,360	\$5,428
Supplies	\$194	\$160	\$74	\$100
Furnishings	\$340	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$16,900	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Total Disbursements	<u>\$36,023</u>	<u>\$17,720</u>	<u>\$16,679</u>	<u>\$21,553</u>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**

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This year the Library has been very fortunate to have an active Children's Committee of Library Trustees and community volunteers who are revitalizing the children's programs and collections. The Committee has offered regular story hours and Legos Club meetings, and organized celebrations such as the very well-attended Halloween Haunted House and the Christmas Celebration. Co-ordinated by Library Director Donna Swartz, the Committee members include: Marge Benini, Jessica Giffin, Carol Goodwin, Pam Grace, Linda Olney, Doris Perry, and Amy Thomas. Several classes from Shrewsbury Mountain School made Library visits, thanks to Library volunteers, Mrs. Fishwick and the teachers.

The Library is again requesting level funding at \$7,500 to help cover basic operating expenses: electricity, heat, telephone/internet, and insurance. All building-related costs in 2015 amounted to \$9,808, and we have planned for several increases this year that will bring our building-related operating budget to \$10,900. To meet the remaining operating expenses; add new books, movies, and music to our collections; offer NewsBank access; and present free programs to the community, we raise funds through the Silent Auction, the Haystack Dinner & Street Dance, the Book & Bake Sale, the Quilt Raffle, the Mettawee Theatre Company's production, and the annual appeal.

In 2015 the Library circulated 4,375 books (from our own collection and on Inter-Library Loan), DVDs, audio-books (including those available through ListenUpVT), and music CDs to patrons. We recorded 3,709 visits by adults and children to borrow materials, attend programs and fund-raising events, use our public computers, copier and fax, and access our wireless internet.

2015's Library programs included Nicholas Strom-Olson's presentation on Shrewsbury's Brown Bridge; Gardeners' Round Table with Shrewsbury's CSA farmers; a Q&A with VTel representatives; talks on bears and bats by wildlife biologists Forrest Hammond and Scott Darling, respectively; a visit by anthropologist Charlie Paquin; and a talk by Michael Wells on his childhood in London during World War II. Monthly programs included the Famous Books Book Club, the Science Book Club, and the Quilters' Group.

The Five Year Plan Committee of Library Trustees and Townspeople drafted a report recommending exterior, interior and infrastructure improvements for consideration by the full Board.

We are grateful for the Town's support over the past 40 years, and look forward to being of service in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Aleshire, President

Donna Swartz, Vermont Certified Librarian

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**

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BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2015		\$ 93,160
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	25,080	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	155	
Total Receipts		25,235
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	18,514	
Capital Fund	3,520	
Restricted	280	
Total Expenditures		(22,314)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2015		<u>\$ 96,081</u>
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2015		\$ 30,000
Receipts		-
Board designation of funds		-
Expenditures		(3,520)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2015		<u>\$ 26,480</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 150	\$ 140	\$ 150	\$ 140
E. Jeffords Permanent Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	745	-	-	745
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	250	-	14	236
Allan YA Book Fund	47	15	-	62
Gerty Current Fiction Fund	198	-	56	142
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	357	-	44	313
Mitch Spencer Fund	67	-	16	51
	<u>\$ 5,454</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 280</u>	<u>\$ 5,329</u>

Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**  
**COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT**

	2014	2015		2016
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	8,907	6,500	7,892	6,500
Fundraising	8,170	6,960	8,681	8,420
Interest Earned	142	100	156	100
Other income	677	600	851	600
Total Operating Revenue	<u>25,396</u>	<u>21,660</u>	<u>25,080</u>	<u>23,120</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	250	250	250	250
Materials: Adults	2,694	4,550	3,874	3,895
Materials: Children & YA	1,053	1,700	299	2,400
Children's Program Expense	200	1,000	258	1,000
Equipment & Repairs	-	300	264	300
Electricity	1,888	2,115	2,282	2,396
Five year plan costs	120	150	8	1,000
Fuel	2,351	2,500	1,498	1,800
Fundraising & events expense	1,006	1,200	1,988	1,200
Insurance	1,846	1,940	1,542	1,620
Librarian Expense	-	175	-	175
Maintenance	3,229	2,050	2,504	2,745
Miscellaneous	47	150	54	150
Septic	1,420	1,225	613	1,225
Postage	78	100	60	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	166	250	251	275
Program Expense	1,609	2,000	946	2,400
Supplies	541	750	453	750
Telephone	1,142	1,255	1,370	1,439
Total Operating Expense	<u>19,640</u>	<u>23,660</u>	<u>18,514</u>	<u>25,120</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 5,756</u>	<u>\$ (2,000)</u>	<u>\$ 6,566</u>	<u>\$ (2,000)</u>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

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I want to thank all our volunteer members who staffed on Sunday afternoons, to Ann and Kim Ridlon for the wonderful 2016 Memories Calendar, to John Elwert for keeping the snow at bay and the museum building tip top, and to Ann and Al Ridlon, Sr. who take care of mowing and weeding. Thanks also to Ruth Winkler who ably assists people from near and far in their quests for family genealogy, to Con Winkler who continues tirelessly preserving Current History, and to Brian Winkler who is ever ready to photograph historic occasions. Thank you to those who arrive every Spring to clean the museum with vacuums humming and to our wonderful bakers who provide goodies for our Bake Sale and special events. To each and every Committee member, thank you!

This summer the Museum Committee celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of family-owned John C. Stewart & Son by exhibiting special memorabilia about the Ford Agency, and family. Of special interest was a large album prepared by Kim Ridlon and presented to the Stewarts on behalf of the Ridlon family.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Society invited all on a Field Trip to visit the Cuttingsville Station of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept. Bob Snarski hosted, assisted by Barry Griffith and Al Ridlon, Sr. On August 8th, the Society hosted a Bake Sale. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Society had another Field Trip, this time to the Belmont Historical Society museum, guided by Dennis Devereux. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, Trustee Fran Patten met with a reporter and photographer from the *Rutland Herald* who interviewed her about the Letters to Home exhibit in the museum, which covered 1862 and 1863 letters from George Wellington Foster of Cuttingsville, during the Civil War. The following Sunday, the story was told in the *Rutland Herald's* magazine section. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, closing day for the season, the Society invited all to welcome Nicholas Strom-Olsen, great great great grandson of Nicholas Montgomery Powers, the architect who built Shrewsbury's Brown Bridge, now designated as a National Historic Landmark. Mr. Strom-Olsen gave a wonderful slide show. There will be formalities and dignitaries at an event at the bridge in the summer of 2016. SHS will keep you informed.

The Society was saddened this year with the passing of Trustee Leonard Korzun, member Shirley Tinker and one of our founding members, Dorothy Turnbeau.

At our Annual Meeting held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the following officers and trustees for 2016 were named: President, Grace Brigham; Vice President, Marguerite Ponton; Treasurer, John Elwert; and Secretary, Ruth Winkler. Trustees: 3 year term, Grace Korzun and Con Winkler; 2 year term, Richard Bettelli and Ann Ridlon; 1-year term: Catherine Carrara and Fran Patten. Honorary Trustees: Bud Clark and Anne Nancy Spencer.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Society celebrated its 44<sup>th</sup> year with special appreciation for one of our Founding Members, Anne Nancy Spencer, by dedicating the museum to her. A "secret" gathering of members and friends and family were present as Nancy walked in to her surprise, led by DeeDee and Peter Erb and DeeDee's sister, Stephanie.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our annual request to the Town for \$2,500 will greatly help us to continue with the maintenance costs and operating expenses of this historical museum building. For 2016, we plan to paint the exterior of the museum. We appreciate your support and invite you to join the Society. The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 7 pm in the museum.

Visit us @ [www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

Submitted by: Ruth Winkler



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

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**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 1,472.01
Less Outstanding Checks	
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	13,485.94
Certificates of Deposit	24,182.79

<b>CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2015</b>	<u>39,140.74</u>
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Receipts	2,748.10
Town of Shrewsbury	2,500.00
Interest Received	63.08
<b>Total Income for 2015</b>	<u>5,311.18</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses for 2015</b>	<u>(3,871.59)</u>

**ENDING 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

<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2015</b>	<u><u>\$ 40,580.33</u></u>
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**COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS**

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	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Membership dues	\$ 525.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 400.00
Fund Raising	\$ 2,044.44	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,092.10	\$ 2,000.00
Contributions	\$ 557.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 500.00
Interest on CD's and MM	\$ 91.70	\$ 100.00	\$ 63.08	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$ 5,218.14</u>	<u>\$ 5,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,311.18</u>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,990.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Insurance	\$ 977.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Electricity	\$ 305.76	\$ 325.00	\$ 274.77	\$ 300.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 684.59	\$ 600.00	\$ 368.05	\$ 400.00
Archival Supplies	\$ 178.96	\$ 200.00	\$ 163.31	\$ 200.00
Supplies and misc	\$ 1,508.37	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,746.79	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 249.16	\$ 300.00	\$ 318.67	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>5,893.84</u>	<u>4,125.00</u>	<u>3,871.59</u>	<u>11,700.00</u>
<b>Excess Receipts over Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ (675.70)</u>	<u>\$ 1,175.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,439.59</u>	<u>\$ (6,200.00)</u>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2015 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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This past year could be described as the best of years and the worst of years for the SVFD. The SVFD responded to 45 emergency calls in 2015.

The **WORST** of times was a structure fire resulting in loss of life of one of our neighbors. These events are tragic for the family, and can also have lasting effects on the first responders. The SVFD and other mutual aid responders attended a stress debriefing to better understand and cope with this experience.

The **BEST** of times for the SVFD is due to the hard work of ALL our members; however, Barry Griffith and Bob Snarski stand out for their continued and dedicated work on a FEMA grant to acquire new self-contained breathing apparatus and the rescue (RIT) pack.

Department ranks were expanded this year to include two new firefighting members who are now enrolled in the State Firefighter 1 course. The rest of the SVFD members are in the process of completing Incident Command System (ICS) training courses 100 and 200. These courses are required for all first responders to understand the command structure utilized for any calls we respond to or if we are requested to assist in a large scale event such as a hurricane or a plane crash outside our Town. Completion of these courses is required for the department to be eligible for future FEMA grants.

The SVFD replaced 1200 feet of three inch hose line, two sets of turnout gear, and several pairs of boots and gloves. In addition, a new extendable attic ladder for indoor access, a replacement CO detector, and a couple of additional helmets with eye protection were purchased.

SVFD's infrastructure is continually being maintained and upgraded. Both the Engine 1 and Engine 2 pumps and valve systems were tested and necessary repairs made by a fire equipment repair technician and a member of the SVFD. The primer motor on Engine 1 was rebuilt by members of the department. All four trucks were undercoated to prevent rust. The 1992 Tanker 1 had body repair work performed by one of our neighbors, John Elwert. In the Cuttingsville station the water tank was replaced. We have installed an auto-transfer standby generator at the Northam station.

The VT State Firefighters Association convention was held in Rutland in 2015. Teams of volunteers from around the state participated in the muster games held at the Diamond Run Mall which test a firefighters proficiency at timed- events that include SCBA endurance, portable pump, bucket brigade, midnight alarm, wet hose coupling and a single elimination water polo competition. The SVFD team won four of the five timed events, placed second in the fifth timed-event and won the water polo competition. We also won for Best Overall Performance!

The SVFD fund raising efforts continued in 2015 with the SVFD race pool donating \$6000. Thanks to Gina and Mark Stewart for all their hard work. The department also held our fall fuel raffle and a coin drop. Although the coin drops are successful, it is becoming increasingly dangerous to be in the roadway and the requirements continue to become more stringent. The holiday mailer was also a big success. The SVFD Auxiliary held the annual ham supper again this year with the great results.

Thank you to all the volunteer members and the auxiliary of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department for the lasting dedication and time commitment to be a first responder. Lastly, a big THANK YOU to all the officers of the Town, and our friends and neighbors whose continued support helps make the SVFD job a lot easier and Shrewsbury a great "little" Town.

Jack Perry  
President

Barry Griffith  
Secretary/Treasurer

Russ Carrara  
Chief

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2015

	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$25,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$35,000
FEMA Grant (for SCBA)			\$52,381	
Raised by SVFD	\$17,059	\$16,500	\$19,876	\$10,000
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$42,059</b>	<b>\$43,500</b>	<b>\$99,257</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
New Equipment	\$7,437	\$7,800	\$15,069	\$14,000
SCBA Equipment			\$54,994	
Operating	\$3,513	\$3,600	\$3,627	\$3,600
Maintenance	\$6,829	\$6,000	\$5,728	\$5,500
Stations	\$3,120	\$8,000	\$2,174	\$4,000
Insurance	\$8,716	\$9,000	\$8,579	\$9,000
Communications	\$1,702	\$1,900	\$1,754	\$2,000
Heating	\$1,610	\$2,700	\$3,397	\$3,400
Electric	\$2,179	\$2,400	\$1,917	\$2,300
Dues/Training	\$1,304	\$1,000	\$891	\$500
Fundraising	\$2,168	\$900	\$474	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100	\$94	\$100
Bank Charges	\$81	\$100	\$82	\$100
To Replacement Fund	\$4,000			
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$42,759</b>	<b>\$43,500</b>	<b>\$98,780</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

**GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2015** **\$33,907**

**Receipts**

FEMA Grant (for SCBA)	\$52,381	
Town of Shrewsbury	\$27,000	
Race Pool Income	\$6,000	
Fuel Raffle Proceeds	\$920	
Coin Drop Proceeds	\$2,650	
Donations	\$1,272	
Interest Income	\$34	
From Replacement Fund	\$9,000	
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b>		<b>\$99,257</b>

**Expenditures** **-\$98,780**

**GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2015** **\$34,383**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2015

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**Replacement Fund\***

Opening Balance 1/1/15	\$67,170	
Mailer Donations -- early 2015	\$5,035	
Mailer Donations -- late 2015	\$4,415	
Thermal Imager Acquisition	-\$7,584	
Rescuair System Acquisition	-\$3,999	
Net Firefighter Fund Donations	\$200	
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$9,000	
Interest Income	\$97	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/15</b>		<b>\$56,334</b>

\* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund

**Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund**

Opening Balance 1/1/14	\$239,948	
Change in Investment Value	-\$7,275	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$2,398	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/15</b>		<b>\$230,275</b>

**Race Pool Account**

Opening Balance 1/1/15	\$148	
Donations and Interest Income	\$27,434	
Prizes and Expenses Paid	-\$19,556	
Transfer to General Fund	-\$6,000	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/15</b>		<b>\$2,026</b>

<b>SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$288,635</b>
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## 2015 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

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### 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015)

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-two years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 184,840 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2015, the service responded to a total of 8,856 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 251 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. **In 2015, the R.A.S. responded to 65 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 Ashley Gabriel, EMT 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 31 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.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles each. Due to the hail storm a new roof was put on our facility and new support trailers were purchased.

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, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Blood borne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,815 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 156 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”

## 2015 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

### 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 four teams from two high schools in the 2015 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 200 students from six elementary schools in Rutland County participated. Some of the topics that students learned about were: stream ecology, water filtration, bird and fish species and migration patterns, how to reduce and recycle waste, the value of wetlands and tree identification. Funding for this year's event came from the US Forest Service.

**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 how to use the VT Natural Resources Atlas and about Stormwater, flood resiliency and conservation.

**Backyard Sugar Making** - The District co-sponsored this workshop with the VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, where participants learned the basics of making maple syrup in their backyard.

### Organization:

#### RNRCD Annual Meeting

The District held its Annual Meeting at the US Forest Service in Rutland. Gary Sabourin, Watershed Forester with the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) presented information regarding "the connection between healthy forests and clean water".

#### Local Work Group

Rutland District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings. The focus of these meetings is to help set local priorities for USDA Cost Share Programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

### Programs:

#### Land Treatment Planning (LTP)

The District works with a Land Treatment Planner who provides technical assistance to 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, will reduce streambank and streambed disturbance as compared to other alternatives, thus minimizing sedimentation.

### Outreach:

**Website** - The District hosts a website at [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd) that contains information describing the many projects/programs that the District is involved in.

#### Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

The District secured funding through grant sources to:

- Coordinate and lead in the development of a Rutland County Stream Team. Activities that the Stream Team participated in were: Stream Cleanup in the Moon and Tenney Brooks in the City of Rutland and a Summer Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program.
- Coordinate the labor and materials to plant riparian buffers in two locations along the Sugar Hollow Brook in Pittsford, and in one location along the Neshobe River in Brandon. Funding is available to the District each year in the spring for buffer plantings.
- Hire a consultant to design green Stormwater practices for Preville Ave. and Giorgetti Park in Rutland City.
- Coordinate the labor and materials to build a portable skidder bridge. This bridge will be added to the Districts Portable Skidder Bridge Rental Program.
- Hire a contractor to develop a Stormwater Master Plan for Tenney Brook and East Creek in Rutland City.

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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## 2015 RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE REPORT

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### TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHREWSBURY:

In 2015, 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 91,840 visits to 3,308 patients. **In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 188 visits to 15 individuals.**

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

*Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director*

*Dr. Richard Lovett, President of the Board of Directors*

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## 2015 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 \$1,192.00.

In the year 2015, 27 Towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through Town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of Towns such as 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 2015, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 535 hours of services to 29 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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## 2015 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 12 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 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **1,036 volunteers**. From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **179,316 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$4,095,577**.

**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 RRM, 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 1, 2015



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## 2015 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

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

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

Support from cities and Towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees. Our efficiency ratio is 30 percent.

**Mark your calendar for Green Up Day, May 7, 2016, celebrating 46 years! Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.**

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## 2015 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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To the Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury,

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. **17 individuals had their basic needs met, including food, housing and heating and utility assistance. One home was weatherized reducing energy costs**

Despite the significant outcomes BROC has achieved 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.

***Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$600.00.***

Sincerely,  
Carol Flint  
Executive Director

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## 2015 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 35 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 2,000 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 2015, we were able to assist at least one resident 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 2016 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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## 2015 NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

***TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!***

Respectfully,  
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

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

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

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

**During FY '15, three residents of Shrewsbury received services from the following programs:**

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(\$32.50 spent on meals for residents)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)  
(\$252.00 spent on assistive technology)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

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

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## 2015 RUTLAND COUNTY VERMONT ADULT LEARNING REPORT

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Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015

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 **O**ther **L**anguages). Our **Flexible Pathways** provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with additional options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

College and Career Standards (CCRS) have been a major focus of on-going training for our teachers in keeping up with the most current research in instruction.

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 1,624 students statewide in fiscal year 2015. 13% or 202 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 11,555 hours of education. **We provided 157 hours of instructional service to two students from Shrewsbury.**

As part of preparing adults for the workforce, we provide a four week workshop, Career 101, to help individuals develop their soft skills for employment. Students learn how to best present themselves to potential employees, write a resume, work on interviewing skills, and address other topics such as good workplace communication, time management, and meeting employer expectations.

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.

Please call or stop by our facilities for a tour at 16 Evelyn Street, Suite #101 in Rutland.

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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## 2015 AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT

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### New Hampshire and Vermont Region

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

2015 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross provided vital services to our community.

- Responded to 284 disasters/emergencies in our region, **including one in Shrewsbury** and 16 in Rutland County.
- Collected 99,000 pints of blood and blood products at over 2,900 drives.
- Empowered more than 1,200 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need.
- Trained more than 33,000 people in our various health and safety courses, including 776 in Rutland County.
- Installed almost 700 free smoke detectors in homes and worked with families to create fire-evacuation plans, **eight of these in homes in Shrewsbury** specifically.
- We connected 317 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We are proud to have an efficiency rating of 91%, meaning 91 cents of every dollar goes directly to support the programs and services provided by the American Red Cross.

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

If you or someone you know experiences a fire, flood or other disaster and needs assistance, please call (802) 660-9130 option 1, anytime 24/7.

Sincerely,  
Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Specialist

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## 2015 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 2015:

### ***Senior Meals:***

**The Council helped provide 1,437 meals that were delivered to the homes of 14 elders in your community.** This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing “shelf-stable” meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather related emergency. **In addition, three Shrewsbury elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 59 meals were provided.**

### ***Case Management Assistance:***

**SVCOA case management staff helped 10 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.

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## 2015 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT

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The Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) is dedicated to the goal of helping citizens make their communities more humane. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community education and events that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. Our agency also works to control over-population through low cost spay/neuter clinics for cats and Trap/Neuter/Return assistance for feral cats.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,250 animals in 2015.

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

**In 2015, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 13 animals from Shrewsbury.**

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

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## 2015 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 2015, The Child First Advocacy Center served 195 children and families in Rutland County. **We were able provide wrap around services and support to at least two Shrewsbury families in 2014 and one family in 2015 as they began their recovery from the effects of child abuse.** Since 2013 to present we have educated 826 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



**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)**

**I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2015-2016)**

**A. School Board**

Adrienne Raymond, Chairperson	2018
Sarah Bolster	2016
Andrew Richards-Peelle	2017

**Mill River Board**

Adrienne Raymond	2016
Sally Snarski	2017

**B. Administration**

David Younce	Superintendent of Schools
Brooke Farrell	Asst. Superintendent; Curriculum & Assessment Coord.
Carol Geery	Director of Special Services
Brian Hill	Director of Technology
Stan Pawlaczyk	Business Manager
Carrie Becker	21st CCLC Program Director
Coral Czachor	Associate Director of Special Services

**C. Faculty and Staff**

Amy Blongy	Special Ed Para-educator; Teacher-Preschool
Austin, Lois	Teacher - Elementary Gr. 4
Bembe, Allison	OT Therapist .7 FTE (RSSU)
Blongy, Amy	Teacher-Preschool .5 FTE
Bonafine, Julia	Teacher-Kindergarten
Bullock, Pam	Support Staff-School Cook
Campeau, Gerald	Support Staff-Custodian
Congdon, Marjorie (Marj)	Support Staff-School Secretary
Fishwick, Debra	Principal
Girardi, Francesca	Teacher-.65 FTE Elementary / .25 FTE Para-educator
Herrick, Wendy	School Social Worker (RSSU)
Kaemmerlen, Amber	Teacher-.2 FTE Art
Larose-Mangan, Michelle	Teacher-Counselor .2 FTE
Lundeen, Charlene	Teacher-.1 FTE Nurse
McDonough, Sabrina	Teacher- Elementary
Panasci, Theodore	Teacher- .2 FTE Physical Ed
Piechota, Lauren	Teacher-Elementary
Rauscher, Jonathan	Teacher-Special Educator (RSSU)
Redington, Julie	Support Staff- Support-Multiage Primary TA .5 FTE; Preschool Para .4 FTE
Rice, Erin	Teacher-Elementary
Routhier, Lori	Teacher-French / Library .2 FTE
Sylvester, Stephanie	Special Ed Para-educator (RSSU)
Washburn, Kyle	Teacher-Music

## **ENROLLMENT**

2015-2016 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 75 students as of our January count.

Presently there are 46 Shrewsbury students attending Mill River Union High School.

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u> <u>2013-2014</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u> <u>2014-2015</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u> <u>2015-2016</u></b>	<b><u>Projected</u> <u>2016-2017</u></b>
Preschool	16	16	11	13
K	7	10	10	5
1	7	7	10	10
2	12	9	6	10
3	7	14	9	5
4	8	7	16	9
5	6	9	7	16
6	9	7	8	7
<b>Total Elementary</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>
7	3	6	7	8
8	4	3	8	7
9	8	6	7	8
10	9	8	6	7
11	12	8	10	6
12	7	14	7	10
<b>Total Mill River</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>121</b>

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**

This has been a very busy year with many investments of both dollars, effort, and time to improve our school.

This past summer we installed a solar array on the new roof at the Mountain School. We were very pleased that we were able to install the system without any borrowing, in great part to the grant we received through the efforts of school board member, Sarah Bolster. We added snow guards to the roof in a number of places to prevent snow cascading onto doorways and propane tanks. Planned future improvements include replacing exterior doors to prevent air leaks, reworking the heater unit controls in the classrooms for better temperature control, and the purchase of a generator that will allow us to operate during the numerous power outages that occur in Northam. You will hear of these improvements over the coming year.

Many hours have been spent by both administration and staff on curriculum improvement, development, and alignment with the other elementary schools in our supervisory union. This work is important to assure that all our of children entering Mill River are well prepared and are on equal footing. These efforts are ongoing and require many hours of work by our hard-working staff.

Also this past year, great effort has been spent on the question of how to comply with Act 46, as passed by the Legislature last Spring. You have received multiple mailings describing the result of the work done by the Act

46 Study Committee that was created by the member school districts of Rutland South Supervisory Union (RSSU). The Study Committee determined that a consolidation of the five school districts of Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, Clarendon, Wallingford, and Mill River into one with a single board would be our best alternative. The Articles of Incorporation outline how this new board will function, including how the member Towns will be represented on the new board, and very importantly, how the individual schools will be protected from closure and how local voices will be heard in this new larger school district. There are financial impacts from this consolidation, but, to be perfectly frank, the negative impacts are not nearly as great as those from non-compliance with Act 46.

Now on to the topic of budget. We are asking approval of an expenditure budget of \$1,172,051, a number \$1,519 lower than what was budgeted last year. This includes an increase to our music teacher's time by 1/2 day and a one-time increase to our Building and Grounds budget to hasten some of the smaller upkeep projects that have been put off in the recent years. We are, again, requesting a \$15,000 addition to the Building Sinking Fund. These numbers result in an equalized pupil cost of \$12,699 and an anticipated tax rate of \$1.3466/\$100 of appraised property value based on 74.07 pupils.

No discussion of the budget is complete this year without considering the effect that the proposed Act 46 consolidation would have on our tax rate. I must be honest with you that the initial effect is one of a slightly higher tax rate for Shrewsbury. The consolidated tax rate is estimated to be \$1.3586/\$100 of appraised property value for this coming year. The reason: the Towns that we are consolidating with have higher per pupil costs than we do and when we are all joined together the average per pupil cost is higher than our cost standing alone. This may sound like a negative in terms of consolidating, but the explanation as to why our cost is lower may be an eye-opener. At SMS we have, indeed, been very careful over the years in our budgeting, we have a younger (read less expensive) teaching staff, we receive an annual Small School grant, and, most importantly this year, the equalized pupil number that the State assigns to our school is inflated by seven of what is commonly called "phantom students". These seven "phantoms" are generated by a "hold harmless" formula that the State uses to shield taxpayers from large drops in population and the resulting steep rise in tax rates. In fact, the number of students at the Mountain School has held quite stable in the past five years, but the drop in our Town's total pupil count is now being felt at Mill River so the "phantoms" are still granted to us. This number is important because these "phantoms" will be lost to us, if we do not comply with Act 46 by consolidating, and, in addition to their loss, we may lose our Small School Grant depending on the State's future determination of our geographic isolation. Altogether this would have a huge impact on our per pupil cost and resulting tax rate. For example, using this year's expenditure budget and removing the "hold harmless phantoms", our tax rate would be \$1.4415 and, if the small school grant were also removed, it would be a mind boggling \$1.5108.

So in closing, this was a challenging year in many ways and next year will be more of the same, but our school is doing well. Our kids are happy and learning what they need to know to grow up to be curious citizens of the world and, really, what more do they need and we want for them?

Submitted by  
Adrienne Raymond, Chair

## **RUTLAND SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION – SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

In the time that has passed since last year's Town Meeting an incredible amount of change has occurred in our supervisory union. An excellent class graduated from MRUHS last June. Valued educators have retired and moved on to the next stage of their lives. Academic, artistic and athletic success have been encouraged and realized. And this past fall, a brand new group of kindergarten students began its journey through public school education, a journey that we are all very familiar with.

In the RSSU it is our desire that we offer the premier public schools in the state for students to learn, educators to work, and community members to support with pride. To accomplish that objective we are building on our foundation of past success and involved community members to create a wonderful future for students.

We've also been working hard at our schools and among RSSU leadership to ensure that any changes we experience are productive, lasting, and reasonable. At the root of navigating any shifts are the RSSU Foundational Beliefs:

- Students feel cared for and loved.
- Students feel challenged every day.
- Students have lots of opportunities to learn.
- Students know what they are expected to learn.
- Students know why they are learning.
- Teachers communicate with families before, during, and after challenges and successes.
- Students, staff and families work together.

We are doing significant work in our schools to align curriculum and learning experiences across the preK-12 spectrum so that our students have a consistent, rigorous learning experience that leaves them well prepared for life after high school. We are refining our staff evaluation systems to create impactful processes that help adults to improve their craft to the benefit of our learners. We also continue to move deliberately and wisely toward implementing required proficiency-based high school graduation requirements in the year 2020. Given these efforts, in the next few years you will begin to see tangible, impactful changes in the learning and educational experiences and opportunities we offer our students.

Additionally, your local elected board members have been charting the course for navigating required changes mandated by law in Act 46. Led by the members of its Study Committee, the RSSU developed a proposal to take advantage of the incentives offered by Act 46 while maintaining as much control over as many dynamics as possible. The State Board of Education approved the proposal in December and on March 1<sup>st</sup> local citizens will vote on the proposal. A copy for your review is available at your town office or online at <http://rssu.org>.

As your superintendent, charged with supporting the work of the Study Committee AND leading our organization to the best possible future design that we can all envision, I can without hesitation state that the proposal put forth by the Study Committee is the best opportunity that our community will see. Compliance with Act 46 is not optional, but timing and structure is. The plan before you is deserving of your positive vote and positions our organization and community well for future control and success under the circumstances of the law. Even if the superintendent's position were to be terminated tomorrow I would still strongly advocate for our community's support of the merger proposal. Of note, a valuable aspect of the proposal includes the creation of local advisory boards in each school in order to maintain local connection, input and voice. For this reason, and many others, the proposal deserves your informed support.

In the RSSU we are in the business of doing great things for kids. Our Foundational Beliefs state our intentions. Potential merger of our school board operations into one body while protecting our schools and their future existence allows us to continue as a community in serving our students well, now and in the future, despite changing times and circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Younce, Superintendent

## **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.

I wanted to take a moment to report on some of the exciting activities and events that happened at Shrewsbury Mountain School. The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education (S.A.G.E) continued its partnership with the school, hosting the first annual Harvest Supper in the fall of 2014. The Harvest Supper raised enough money to offer our students a fresh fruit or vegetable snack free of charge each day. This past fall, S.A.G.E. held the second Harvest Supper and again raised money to continue to support our students by offering a school meals scholarship program. Also this past fall, we began to partner with local farmers for the purchase of produce. Special thanks to all of the folks that made this opportunity possible. We truly have an amazing community.

We continue to offer Camp SMS, our after-school program. This program provides students a variety of opportunities including yoga, walking, running, gardening, and arts and crafts. The program operates from 3:15PM - 5:15PM daily, with Rachelle Patton continuing as director of the program. She has done an amazing job of bringing in community members to work with 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. Our school which once was structured with individual grade classroom is now structured with all multi-grade or combined classrooms. Multi-grade classrooms differ in philosophy from multi-age classrooms. A multi-grade classroom combines students from two or more grade levels and provides individual grade level instruction in reading and mathematics. Providing instruction at two separate grade levels is one of the greatest challenges. 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. In second and third 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 4, 5 and 6. Students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades 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 Physical Education and Health class to all students. French class includes a wide variety of activities including song, dance 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 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 Rutland South Supervisory Union come together at Mill River to perform.

We continue to move forward with 1:1 technology for students in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Each student in those grades has been assigned a personal laptop for use throughout the school day. With a generous, anonymous donation at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, we were able to purchase Chromebooks for all of our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. The set of ten iPads are available to all students but are primarily for the students in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

This past school year (2014-2015) the students in grades 3-6 participated for the first time in a new assessment, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Like with the New England Common Assessment Program, the students' scores fall in one of four categories: Proficient with Distinction (4); Proficient (3); Partially Proficient (2); and Substantially below Proficient (1). The SBAC assessment is computer based and assesses students in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. The assessment also includes a performance task in each subject area. Students are given the opportunity to work with a classmate or group to complete the task and then the students independently add the results of their performance task on the computer. Approximately 60% of our students scored in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in reading and mathematics. Please note our testing population is small and includes all students. One or two students' scores could change our percentage by 10% or more. The NECAP Science Assessment is administered to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students each spring – the State of Vermont will continue to use the NECAP Science Assessment.

Standardized assessments along with other local assessments are used to help us monitor student progress and assess the effectiveness of our curricula and programs. As we continue to move forward with implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), we have adopted a new math program with is closely aligned to the standards, and we continue to integrate those CCSS into our curriculum. Vermont has played an active role in the development of these new national standards. The goal of the standards is to prepare all students to graduate from high school "College" or "Career" ready. The hope is that the new standards and assessment model will better reflect the progress and strengths of students, teachers and schools. As a school we have built in 30 minutes each day for "Brain Power". Initially in the fall and the winter, "Brain Power" focuses on reading and math instruction based on the students' need for remediation or enrichment. In the spring, we move into our thematic unit of study which provides enrichment for all students. Students are asked make selections based on their interests, units are planned and students work in multi-age groups (k-6) learning about the topic that they have selected. Past themes have included chocolate, animals, the winter Olympics and countries and culture. It will be interesting to see what the students will want to learn more about this year.

While academics are very important to a school, so is teaching the students the value of giving back to their community. Our students participate in a food drive each fall and donate food items to the annual "Stuff-a-Bus." The students and school community also raised money, and secured donations, kindling and firewood to help one of our school volunteers whose pipes froze. Girls on the Run collected donations for the animal shelter.

I appreciate the continued support of the Shrewsbury community. The statement, "It takes a village", really holds true at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. It is only possible with the help of the dedicated staff, volunteers, community support and other community volunteers from the Mentor Connector and the Foster Grandparent programs 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 submitted,  
Debra L. Fishwick, Principal

**Shrewsbury Town School District**  
**Combined Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2015**  
**Table III**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Long Term Debt</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash	61,326	15,923	823			78,072
Fixed Assets (Depreciated)				405,363		405,363
Retire Long Term Debt					215,000	215,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>61,326</b>	<b>15,923</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>405,363</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>698,435</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts Payable	19,266					19,266
Due to Other Funds	16,507					16,507
Bonds Payable					215,000	215,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>35,773</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>250,773</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>						
Fund Balance	25,553	15,923	823			42,299
Capital Assets				405,363		405,363
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>25,553</b>	<b>15,923</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>405,363</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>447,662</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<b>61,326</b>	<b>15,923</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>405,363</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>698,435</b>

**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
& Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Table IV**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beginning Balance July 2014	37,499	(72,201)	652	(34,050)
Expenditures	(1,110,215)	(122,241)	(41,187)	(1,273,643)
Revenues	1,120,619	0	29,008	1,149,627
Bond Proceeds	0	215,000	0	215,000
Transfers In (Out)	(22,350)	(4,635)	12,350	(14,635)
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 2015</b>	<b>25,553</b>	<b>15,923</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>42,299</b>

**Sinking Funds**  
**Table V**

	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Preschool Fund</b>	<b>Total Sinking Funds</b>
Beginning Balance July 2014	20,815	6,807	27,622
Expenditures-Operations	(25,800)	0	(25,800)
Revenues-Approved Transfers in	14,634	0	14,634
Revenue-Interest	20	18	38
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 2015</b>	<b>9,669</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>16,494</b>

**Shrewsbury Town School District**  
**Operational Fund FY2017**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2014-2015</b>	<b>Audited Actuals 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2015-2016</b>	<b>Estimated 2015-2016</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2016-2017</b>
Total Revenue	1,099,903	1,120,614	1,170,846	1,167,202	1,139,749
Total Expenditures	1,136,289	1,132,559	1,173,570	1,160,453	1,172,051
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue	(36,386)	(11,945)	(2,724)	6,749	(32,302)
Beginning Bal July 1	36,386	37,498	2,724	25,553	32,302
Audit Adjustments - Transfers	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	0	25,553	0	32,302	0

**Revenue  
Table 1**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2014-2015</b>	<b>Audited Actuals 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2015-2016</b>	<b>Estimated 2015-2016</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2016-2017</b>
<b>Local Revenue</b>						
1301	Tuition	0	2,725	0	0	0
1314	Tuition school choice	8,724	4,643	4,730	4,730	4,734
1500	Investments	6,050	4,524	5,000	4,500	4,500
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>		<b>14,774</b>	<b>11,892</b>	<b>9,730</b>	<b>9,230</b>	<b>9,234</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>Sub Grants</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>28,445</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>20,480</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>						
3110	Education Spending Grant	852,548	862,548	907,282	922,282	925,658
3145	Small School Support Grant	88,760	90,474	90,684	90,684	82,978
3150	Transportation Aid	11,247	11,219	12,312	12,312	14,677
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant	20,312	19,945	23,809	23,809	26,069
3202	Spec Ed Expenditures Reim	73,580	54,441	73,683	55,801	47,671
3204	Spec Ed EEE	8,299	8,549	9,280	9,280	11,099
3790	State EPA Grant	0	31,250	0	0	0
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>1,054,746</b>	<b>1,078,426</b>	<b>1,117,050</b>	<b>1,114,168</b>	<b>1,108,152</b>
5200	Transfer from Construction Fund	0	0	16,583	15,923	0
5400	Prior year adj	1,883	1,851	1,883	2,281	1,883
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>		<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>18,466</b>	<b>18,204</b>	<b>1,883</b>
<b>Total Revenue - All Sources</b>		<b>1,099,903</b>	<b>1,120,614</b>	<b>1,170,846</b>	<b>1,167,202</b>	<b>1,139,749</b>
5350	Transfers - Pending Approval	10,000	inc in # 3110	15,000	inc in # 3110	15,000



**Shrewsbury Town School District**

**Expenses**

**Table II**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>2014-2015 Approved Budget</b>	<b>2014-2015 Audited Actuals</b>	<b>2015-2016 Approved Budget</b>	<b>2015-2016 Anticipated</b>	<b>2016-2017 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>1100</b>	<b>General Instruction</b>					
	Salaries	299,435	296,388	315,988	323,792	341,331
	Benefits	101,709	90,020	96,254	104,112	107,969
	Purchased Services	2,420	2,270	2,450	2,455	2,450
	Tuition - School Choice	21,810	10,491	9,459	4,730	4,734
	Supplies/Snacks/Travel	7,400	5,632	10,500	10,800	10,800
	Books / Periodicals	1,500	790	1,500	1,500	3,000
	Equipment	300	300	300	0	0
<b>1100</b>	<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>434,574</b>	<b>405,891</b>	<b>436,451</b>	<b>447,389</b>	<b>470,284</b>
<b>1150</b>	<b>Preschool</b>					
	Salaries	27,061	27,629	28,036	28,934	29,459
	Benefits	7,218	7,170	7,318	7,364	7,502
	Tuition	0	0	0	0	3,092
	Supplies & Snacks	1,400	3,666	1,400	1,400	1,400
	Dues/Fees	275	0	275	275	275
<b>1150</b>	<b>Total Preschool</b>	<b>35,954</b>	<b>38,465</b>	<b>37,029</b>	<b>37,973</b>	<b>41,728</b>
<b>1400</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,600</b>
<b>1500</b>	<b>Title I / SWP</b>	<b>30,304</b>	<b>28,445</b>	<b>29,378</b>	<b>27,257</b>	<b>28,009</b>
<b>2120</b>	<b>Guidance</b>	<b>9,219</b>	<b>12,210</b>	<b>13,281</b>	<b>13,665</b>	<b>14,024</b>
<b>2130</b>	<b>Health Services</b>	<b>11,903</b>	<b>12,199</b>	<b>6,254</b>	<b>6,444</b>	<b>6,550</b>
<b>2210</b>	<b>Improvement of Instruction</b>	<b>5,525</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>5,525</b>	<b>5,525</b>	<b>5,525</b>
	Salaries & Benefits	9,775	10,193	9,999	4,647	4,797
	Supplies & Repairs	250	0	250	220	220
	Books / Periodicals	2,060	435	2,060	2,060	2,060
	Software/Equipment/Dues/Fees	150	163	150	179	180
<b>2220</b>	<b>Total Library / Media</b>	<b>12,235</b>	<b>10,791</b>	<b>12,459</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>7,257</b>
<b>2230</b>	<b>Technology</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	1,077	1,077	0	1,077	1,077
	S.U. Assessment	13,764	15,024	19,252	19,252	11,721
	Repair / Maint / Infrastructure	2,950	1,417	2,350	2,350	2,350
	Equipment Leasing	13,744	15,548	8,732	8,732	1,804
	Internet	2,942	4,386	4,386	4,386	4,386
	Supplies/Devices/Software	9,222	5,553	7,200	12,730	12,200
<b>2230</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>43,699</b>	<b>43,005</b>	<b>41,920</b>	<b>48,527</b>	<b>33,538</b>
<b>2310</b>	<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>6,589</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>8,253</b>	<b>7,037</b>	<b>8,278</b>
<b>2320</b>	<b>Administration-RSSU</b>	<b>21,906</b>	<b>20,219</b>	<b>25,350</b>	<b>25,350</b>	<b>27,358</b>
<b>2400</b>	<b>Administration</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	138,543	144,920	146,143	145,654	150,524
	Contracted Services	710	225	710	710	710
	Telephone / Postage	1,000	1,230	1,000	1,250	1,250

Code	Account	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2014-2015 Audited Actuals	2015-2016 Approved Budget	2015-2016 Anticipated	2016-2017 Proposed Budget
	Travel/Supplies/Books	450	360	450	450	450
	Equipment & Software	0	263	0	0	0
	Dues / Fees	500	370	500	500	500
<b>2400</b>	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>141,203</b>	<b>147,368</b>	<b>148,803</b>	<b>148,564</b>	<b>153,434</b>
<b>2520</b>	<b>Fiscal Services</b>					
	Salary & Benefits	1,077	1,076	1,077	1,077	1,077
	S.U. Assessment	24,679	22,778	26,088	26,088	25,003
	Audit/Fees/Supplies	3,750	4,139	4,100	4,100	4,400
	Interest/ note anticipation	4,050	3,679	4,050	3,727	4,050
<b>2520</b>	<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>	<b>33,556</b>	<b>31,672</b>	<b>35,315</b>	<b>34,992</b>	<b>34,530</b>

<b>2600</b>	<b>Buildings / Grounds</b>					
	Salaries & Benefits	47,320	47,344	48,741	48,671	50,827
	Workshops / Training	0	0	100	100	100
	Repairs / Maintenance / Svcs	12,000	66,156	12,000	12,000	24,500
	Equipment Rental - Copier	4,800	4,435	4,800	4,800	4,800
	Insurance	6,229	4,796	5,036	3,991	4,191
	Travel/Supplies	5,000	6,339	6,500	9,352	11,860
	Utilities	29,200	31,216	21,850	19,750	21,850
	Equipment / Furniture	2,500	2,484	2,500	0	0
	Dues / Fees	0	115	0	0	0
<b>2600</b>	<b>Total Buildings / Grounds</b>	<b>107,049</b>	<b>162,885</b>	<b>101,527</b>	<b>98,664</b>	<b>118,128</b>

<b>2711</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>37,240</b>	<b>34,860</b>	<b>36,995</b>	<b>36,995</b>	<b>39,322</b>
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<b>2720</b>	<b>Transportation - Activities</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
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<b>2790</b>	<b>Transportation - Field Trips</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>4,051</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>3,850</b>
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<b>5100</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>25,915</b>	<b>25,915</b>	<b>25,736</b>
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<b>5200</b>	<b>Prior Yr. Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,987</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>5300</b>	<b>Food Svc. Subsidy/Transfers</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>12,350</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>
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<b>Total Operating Expenses-General</b>		<b>952,406</b>	<b>977,640</b>	<b>980,905</b>	<b>995,840</b>	<b>1,032,151</b>
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<b>1200</b>	<b>Special Education</b>					
	RSSU - Sped Assessment	138,951	101,944	134,596	91,544	90,791
	RSSU - EEE Assessment	5,987	5,987	9,388	9,388	5,288
	OT Services & Assessment	3,392	3,585	3,712	3,712	3,681
	PT Services & Assessment	749	749	776	776	393
	Psych Services & Assessment	9,526	8,792	11,504	11,504	10,375
	Speech Services & Assessment	6,761	6,151	7,510	7,510	6,451
	Improvement of Instr Assessmnt	0	0	450	450	412
	Spec Ed. Admin. Assessment	18,517	17,711	22,906	22,906	20,981
	Transportation Assessment	0	0	1,823	1,823	1,528
<b>1200</b>	<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>183,883</b>	<b>144,919</b>	<b>192,665</b>	<b>149,613</b>	<b>139,900</b>

<b>Total General &amp; Special Ed. Expenses</b>		<b>1,136,289</b>	<b>1,122,559</b>	<b>1,173,570</b>	<b>1,145,453</b>	<b>1,172,051</b>
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Pending Approval

<b>5350</b>	<b>Transfers-to Sinking Funds</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
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<b>Grand Total -Expenses</b>		<b>1,146,289</b>	<b>1,132,559</b>	<b>1,188,570</b>	<b>1,160,453</b>	<b>1,187,051</b>
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FY2017 Estimates  
Preliminary Budgets

Act 130 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculation, FY2017

**ESTIMATES ONLY**  
Official rates from Tax Dept.  
Base rate is not official  
Base education amount not official

District: **Shrewsbury**  
County: **Rutland**

LEA: **T190**  
S.U.: **Rutland South**

1.	Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles		1,187,051	1.
2.	Act 144 expenditures	-		2.
3.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any	-		3.
4.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)	-		4.
5.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition	-		5.
6.	Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars	(lines 1 + 3 + 4 + 5) - line 2	1,187,051	6.
7.	Offsetting revenues (do NOT include revcode 3114, the on-behalf payment)		246,393	7.
8.	Act 144 dedicated revenues	-		8.
9.	Act 144 expenditures to raise locally	line 2 - line 8	-	9.
10.	Offsetting revenues less Act 144 revenues	line 7 - (lines 8 + 9)	246,393	10.
11.	Initial Education Spending	line 6 - line 10	940,658	11.
12.	Capital debt hold-harmless aid	line 16, "CDaid" page	-	12.
13.	Education Spending	line 11 - line 12	940,658	13.
14.	Equalized pupils		74.07	14.
15.	Education spending per equalized pupil	line 13 / line 14	12,699.58	15.

**Excess Spending Calculation - secs. 37 & 38 of Act 46, 2015**

16.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending	line 15	12,699.58	16.
	Exempt per phantoms ≥ 10%			
17.	Per equalized pupil spending threshold for FY2017		Exempt	17.
18.	Per pupil spending above the threshold	line 16 - line 17	NA	18.

19.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District equalized tax rate	line 15 + line 17	12,699.58	19.
20.	Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate		9,870.00	20.
21.	Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated	12,699.58 / 9,870 (lines 19 & 20)	1.2867	21.
22.	Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district		58.04%	22.
23.	Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town	lines 21 x line 22	0.7468	23.
24.	Common level of appraisal		105.22%	24.
25.	Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed	lines 23 / line 24	0.7098	25.
26.	Equalized homestead rate from Mill River UHSD #40	MANUAL	1.5970	26.
27.	Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD #40		41.96%	27.
28.	Prorated equalized rate from Mill River UHSD #40		0.6701	28.
29.	Estimated actual rate from Mill River UHSD #40 to be assessed	lines 28 / line 24	0.6369	29.
30.				30.
31.				31.
32.				32.
33.				33.
34.	Total equalized homestead rate for Shrewsbury	lines 34 + 39 + 43	1.4169	34.
35.	Total estimated actual homestead rate for Shrewsbury	lines 36 + 40 + 44	1.3467	35.
36.	Equalized non-residential tax rate		1.538	36.
37.	Estimated actual non-residential tax rate	lines 36 / line 24	1.4617	37.

38.	Education spending	line 13	940,658	38.
39.	Tech FTE's		-	39.
40.	Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district	line 39 x 9,870 x 87%	-	40.
	(This is not a local revenue. It reduces the education spending a district is owed.)			
41.	Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund	lines 38 - 40	940,658	41.

42.	Amount to raise locally for Act 144	line 9	-	42.
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43.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Household Income Percentage	line 19	12,699.58	43.
44.	Income Yield per 2.0% of household income		11,065	44.
45.	Shrewsbury household income percentage to be prorated	12,699.58 / 11,065 x 2.00% (lines 43 & 44)	2.30%	45.
46.	Prorated income cap percentage for Shrewsbury education property tax if eligible	58.04% x 2.30% (lines 22 & 45)	1.33%	46.
47.	Income percentage from Mill River UHSD #40	"FY17EstUnion", line 18 (%)	2.85%	47.
48.	Prorated income cap percentage from Mill River UHSD #40	41.96% x 2.85% (lines 27 & 47)	1.20%	48.
49.		"FY17EstUnion", line 18 (%)		49.
50.			-	50.
51.	Estimated income cap percentage for Shrewsbury education property tax		2.53%	51.

# **Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report** **16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)**

**School:** Shrewsbury Mountain School  
**S.U.:** Rutland South S.U.

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

## **FY2015 School Level Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school, enrollment < 100  
 (45 schools in cohort)

**Cohort Rank by Enrollment** (1 is largest)  
 18 out of 45

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Smilie Memorial School	PK - 4	72	5.00	1.00	14.40	72.00	5.00
	Doty Memorial School	PK - 6	74	8.45	0.80	8.76	92.50	10.56
	Middletown Springs Elementary School	PK - 6	75	7.00	1.00	10.71	75.00	7.00
	<b>Shrewsbury Mountain School</b>	<b>PK - 6</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>7.15</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>10.91</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>7.15</b>
	Townshend Village School	PK - 6	80	7.14	1.00	11.20	80.00	7.14
< - Larger	Albert Bridge School	PK - 6	80	11.00	1.00	7.27	80.00	11.00
	Braintree School	PK - 6	81	6.80	-	11.91	-	-
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>64.36</b>	<b>6.64</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>9.70</b>	<b>86.47</b>	<b>8.92</b>

**School District:** Shrewsbury  
**LEA ID:** T190

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

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

## **FY2014 School District Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE < 100  
 (47 school districts in cohort)

**School district data (local, union, or joint district)**

Grades offered in School District    Student FTE enrolled in school district    Current expenditures per student FTE **EXCLUDING** special education costs

**Cohort Rank by FTE**  
 (1 is largest)  
 20 out of 47

Smaller ->	Leicester	PK-6	68.75	\$16,236
	Worcester	PK-6	70.03	\$15,138
	Shoreham	PK-6	70.29	\$18,660
	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>71.69</b>	<b>\$13,369</b>
	Wells	PK-6	71.94	\$17,861
< - Larger	Sunderland	PK-6	72.70	\$14,289
	Middletown Springs	PK-6	72.80	\$17,531
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>63.79</b>	<b>\$15,117</b>

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

## **FY2016 School District Data**

		School district tax rate				of prorated member district rates			
			SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	MUN	MUN	MUN	
		Grades offered in School District	Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
LEA ID	School District				Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.	
Smaller ->	T133	Mt. Holly	PK-6	72.82	17,396.40	1.8207	1.7805	114.41%	1.5563
	U043	Lakeview USD #43	PK-6	74.32	16,750.28	1.7531	-	-	-
	T189	Shoreham	PK-6	75.08	16,479.32	1.7248	1.7888	104.08%	1.7187
< - Larger	<b>T190</b>	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>PK-6</b>	<b>75.70</b>	<b>12,183.38</b>	<b>1.2751</b>	<b>1.3614</b>	<b>103.53%</b>	<b>1.3150</b>
	T208	Townshend	PK-6	75.89	16,810.78	1.7595	1.7373	105.03%	1.6541
	T001	Addison	PK-6	76.99	15,304.21	1.6018	1.6798	110.09%	1.5259
	T206	Tinmouth	PK-6	77.91	15,053.25	1.5755	1.5755	117.91%	1.3362

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

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

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

District: <b>Shrewsbury</b> County: <b>Rutland</b>		<b>T190</b> <b>Rutland South</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,870 of spending per equalized pupil
				<b>9,870</b>	<b>1.00</b>
				<b>11,065</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,100,524	\$1,146,289	\$1,188,570	\$1,187,051
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,100,524</b>	<b>\$1,146,289</b>	<b>\$1,188,570</b>	<b>\$1,187,051</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,100,524</b>	<b>\$1,146,289</b>	<b>\$1,188,570</b>	<b>\$1,187,051</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$241,894	\$283,741	\$266,288	\$246,393
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$241,894</b>	<b>\$283,741</b>	<b>\$266,288</b>	<b>\$246,393</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$858,630</b>	<b>\$862,548</b>	<b>\$922,282</b>	<b>\$940,658</b>
15.	Equalized Pupils	65.05	71.81	75.70	74.07
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,199.54</b>	<b>\$12,011.53</b>	<b>\$12,183.38</b>	<b>\$12,699.58</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	\$55.70	\$337.87	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
19.	minus 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)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,456 NA	threshold = \$16,166 NA	threshold = \$17,103 NA	District Threshold NA
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,200	\$12,012	\$12,183	<b>\$12,699.58</b>
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	144.242% based on \$9,151	129.365% based on \$9,285	128.802% based on \$9,459	NA
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$12,699.58 ÷ (\$9,870.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.3559 based on \$0.94	\$1.2678 based on \$0.98	\$1.2751 based on \$0.99	<b>\$1.2867</b> based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district	45.80%	52.40%	57.24%	58.04%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (58.04% x \$1.29)	\$0.6210	\$0.6643	\$0.7299	<b>\$0.7468</b>
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	109.26%	105.66%	103.53%	105.22%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7468 / 105.22%)	\$0.5684 based on \$0.94	\$0.6287 based on \$0.98	\$0.7050 based on \$0.99	<b>\$0.7098</b> based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$12,699.58 ÷ \$11,065) x 2.00%]	2.60% based on 1.80%	2.33% based on 1.80%	2.32% based on 1.80%	<b>2.30%</b> based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (58.04% x 2.30%)	1.19% based on 1.80%	1.22% based on 1.94%	1.33% based on 1.94%	<b>1.33%</b> based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD	54.20%	47.60%	42.76%	41.96%
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. **New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.**

- 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%.

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FY 2016-2017 Budget  
Operating Fund Revenue**

	<b>Budget Approved 2014-2015</b>	<b>Audited Actuals 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2015-2016</b>	<b>Estimated 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2016-2017</b>
<b>Assessments to Schools 1931 - Regular Education</b>					
Clarendon	246,918	235,392	240,780	240,780	287,448
Shrewsbury	97,766	92,881	107,685	107,685	112,656
Tinmouth	0	87,969	102,228	102,228	105,498
Wallingford	177,307	168,806	190,483	190,483	254,212
Mill River UHS	661,491	633,499	662,869	662,869	692,290
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>1,183,482</b>	<b>1,218,547</b>	<b>1,304,045</b>	<b>1,304,045</b>	<b>1,452,104</b>
1412 - Transportation	11,700	26,747	14,000	27,000	14,000
1422 - H.S. Transportation	37,000	64,335	46,100	65,000	46,100
1490 - Misc. Transportation Fees	0	0	3,033	3,033	3,033
1500 - Interest	1,500	1,663	1,500	1,500	1,500
1940 - Summer Camp Income	0	22,478	0	18,002	0
1941 - Service to Other LEA's	0	55,635	0	23,000	0
3400 - State Lunch Program Reimb.	0	10,135	0	10,200	0
3790 - State DCF Fees	0	23,858	0	12,089	0
4400 - Federal Lunch Program Reimb.	0	211,886	0	214,800	0
5300 - Sale of Fixed Asset	10,000	15,000	7,500	6,500	13,000
5300 - Insurance Claims	0	416	0	0	0
5400 - Refund of a Prior Yr Expense	0	1,808	0	14	0
5720 - VSBIT Grant	0	1,000	0	0	0
5810 - Prof Development Courses	0	12,572	0	1,500	0
<b>Total Revenue-Regular Education</b>	<b>1,243,682</b>	<b>1,666,080</b>	<b>1,376,178</b>	<b>1,686,683</b>	<b>1,529,737</b>
<b>Assessments to Schools 1932 - Special Education Services</b>					
Clarendon	427,270	391,415	470,212	470,212	517,677
Shrewsbury	183,883	144,919	192,665	149,613	141,809
Tinmouth	0	160,499	262,511	141,052	145,762
Wallingford	253,294	213,199	248,979	248,979	252,363
Mill River UHS	1,794,702	1,776,730	1,903,826	1,869,485	1,867,132
<b>Total Assessments-Special Educ.</b>	<b>2,659,149</b>	<b>2,686,762</b>	<b>3,078,193</b>	<b>2,879,341</b>	<b>2,924,743</b>
1941 - Service to Other LEA's	0	190,091	0	58,906	0
3205 - EEE State Placed Reimb	0	10,078	0	0	0
3205 - State Placed Reimb	0	20,503	0	54,936	40,132
<b>Total Revenue-Special Education</b>	<b>2,659,149</b>	<b>2,907,434</b>	<b>3,078,193</b>	<b>2,993,183</b>	<b>2,964,875</b>
<b>Total All Revenues</b>	<b>3,902,831</b>	<b>4,573,514</b>	<b>4,454,371</b>	<b>4,679,866</b>	<b>4,494,612</b>
Regular Education Expenses	1,286,833	1,692,711	1,375,587	1,705,573	1,578,624
Special Education Expenses	2,685,998	2,931,646	3,078,784	2,979,202	3,000,988
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,972,831</b>	<b>4,624,357</b>	<b>4,454,371</b>	<b>4,684,775</b>	<b>4,579,612</b>
<b>Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance</b>					
	<b>Budget Approved 2014-2015</b>	<b>Audited Actuals 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2015-2016</b>	<b>Estimated 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget Approved 2016-2017</b>
Total Revenue	3,902,831	4,573,514	4,454,371	4,679,866	4,494,612
Total Expenditures	3,972,831	4,624,357	4,454,371	4,684,775	4,579,612
Excess Of Revenue	-70,000	-50,843	0	-4,909	-85,000
Beg Bal July 1	123,260	144,516	14,602	93,673	88,764
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	53,260	93,673	14,602	88,764	3,764

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	<b>Clarendon</b>	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>Tinmouth</b>	<b>Wallingford</b>	<b>Mill River</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>"A" ADM (20 day FY16 Total)</b>	177.83	73.00	77.83	152.83	466.60	948.09
Percent FY 2016	17.8606%	7.9128%	8.0977%	14.4218%	51.7070%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>18.7567%</b>	<b>7.6997%</b>	<b>8.2091%</b>	<b>16.1198%</b>	<b>49.2147%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"B" ADM (20 day FY16 In District)</b>	176.83	73.00	46.80	151.27	336.60	784.50
Percent FY 2016	21.7966%	9.9554%	5.3100%	18.1672%	44.7709%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>22.5405%</b>	<b>9.3053%</b>	<b>5.9656%</b>	<b>19.2823%</b>	<b>42.9063%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"C" ADM (20 day Elem in District)</b>						
EEE ADM - Elementary Only	176.83	73.00	46.80	151.27	0.00	447.90
Percent FY 2016	39.4657%	18.0256%	9.6144%	32.8943%	0.0000%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>39.4798%</b>	<b>16.2983%</b>	<b>10.4488%</b>	<b>33.7732%</b>	<b>0.0000%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"D" ADM (20 day FY16 Total)</b>						
Elementary Only	177.83	73.00	48.80	152.83	0.00	452.46
Percent FY 2016	39.7929%	17.6295%	10.4465%	32.1312%	0.0000%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>39.3029%</b>	<b>16.1340%</b>	<b>10.7855%</b>	<b>33.7776%</b>	<b>0.0000%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"E" ADM (20 day Elem in District)</b>						
Excludes Tinmouth	176.83	73.00	0.00	151.27	0.00	401.10
Percent FY 2016	43.6637%	19.9429%	0.0000%	36.3933%	0.0000%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>44.0863%</b>	<b>18.2000%</b>	<b>0.0000%</b>	<b>37.7138%</b>	<b>0.0000%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"F" ADM (20 day FY16 in District)</b>						
Includes Tinmouth HS Students	176.83	73.00	75.83	151.27	336.60	813.53
Percent FY 2016	20.9113%	9.5510%	9.1559%	17.4294%	42.9524%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>21.7361%</b>	<b>8.9732%</b>	<b>9.3211%</b>	<b>18.5943%</b>	<b>41.3752%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>"G" ADM (20 day FY16 Total)</b>						
Excludes Tinmouth HS	177.83	73.00	48.80	152.83	466.60	919.06
Percent FY 2016	18.4910%	8.1921%	4.8543%	14.9308%	53.5319%	100%
<b>Percent FY 2017</b>	<b>19.3491%</b>	<b>7.9429%</b>	<b>5.3098%</b>	<b>16.6289%</b>	<b>50.7693%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>RSSU Assessments</b>						
Health Services - (Local Budgets)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>46,884</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>47,873</b>	<b>79,048</b>	<b>183,896</b>
FY 2016	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Central Office Administration - General ("A" ADM)</b>						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>127,553</b>	<b>52,361</b>	<b>55,825</b>	<b>109,621</b>	<b>334,681</b>	<b>680,041</b>
FY 2016	116,105	51,438	52,640	93,750	336,128	650,061
<b>Technology Services - ("G" ADM)</b>						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>28,553</b>	<b>11,721</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>24,539</b>	<b>74,919</b>	<b>147,568</b>
FY 2016	43,456	19,252	11,408	35,089	125,805	235,010
<b>Transportation</b>						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>84,627</b>	<b>39,322</b>	<b>40,152</b>	<b>70,447</b>	<b>206,051</b>	<b>440,599</b>
FY 2016	81,219	36,995	38,180	61,644	200,936	418,974
<b>Total Regular Education Assessments</b>						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>287,617</b>	<b>109,954</b>	<b>107,354</b>	<b>252,480</b>	<b>694,699</b>	<b>1,452,104</b>
FY 2016	240,780	107,685	102,228	190,483	662,869	1,304,045
<b>Special Education Assessments</b>						
Speech Services - ("G" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>15,626</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>29,743</b>	<b>69,322</b>
FY 2016	16,442	7,510	4,006	13,704	33,773	75,435

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	Clarendon	Shrewsbury	Tinmouth	Wallingford	Mill River	Total
Speech Services - Local Budgets						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,770</b>	<b>35,770</b>
FY 2016	0	0	0	0	34,066	34,066
<b>Speech Services - Total FY2016</b>	<b>15,626</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>4,135</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>65,513</b>	<b>105,092</b>
Speech Services - Total FY2015	16,442	7,510	4,006	13,704	67,839	109,501
EEE - ("C" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>12,810</b>	<b>5,288</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,447</b>
FY 2016	20,555	9,388	0	17,132	0	47,075
EEE - (Local Budgets)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>11,110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,110</b>
FY 2016	9,995	0	6,153	0	0	16,148
<b>EEE - Total FY2017</b>	<b>23,920</b>	<b>5,288</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,557</b>
EEE - Total FY2016	30,550	9,388	6,153	17,132	-	63,223
Special Ed Admin - ("F" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>50,823</b>	<b>20,981</b>	<b>21,794</b>	<b>43,477</b>	<b>96,743</b>	<b>233,818</b>
FY 2016	50,151	22,906	21,958	41,800	103,012	239,827
Special Ed - Direct Instr - ("B" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>9,320</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>17,742</b>	<b>41,350</b>
FY 2016	9,155	4,181	2,230	7,630	18,804	42,000
Special Ed - Direct Instr - ("C" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>12,752</b>	<b>5,264</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,300</b>
FY 2016	8,667	3,959	2,111	7,224	0	21,961
Special Ed - Direct Instr - (Local Budgets)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>295,667</b>	<b>81,679</b>	<b>101,018</b>	<b>130,053</b>	<b>1,345,405</b>	<b>1,953,822</b>
FY 2016	314,021	126,456	137,468	128,200	1,384,088	2,090,233
<b>Spec Ed - Direct Instr - Total FY2017</b>	<b>317,739</b>	<b>90,791</b>	<b>106,860</b>	<b>148,935</b>	<b>1,363,147</b>	<b>2,027,472</b>
Spec Ed - Direct Instr - Total FY2016	331,843	134,596	141,809	143,054	1,402,892	2,154,194
Psych/Beh Services - ("G" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>25,274</b>	<b>10,375</b>	<b>6,936</b>	<b>21,721</b>	<b>66,313</b>	<b>130,619</b>
FY 2016	25,966	11,504	6,817	20,967	75,172	140,426
Psych/Beh Services - (Local Budgets)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>70,246</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198,487</b>	<b>268,733</b>
FY 2016	0	0	77,761	0	172,691	250,452
<b>Psych/Beh Services - Total FY2017</b>	<b>95,520</b>	<b>10,375</b>	<b>6,936</b>	<b>21,721</b>	<b>264,800</b>	<b>399,352</b>
Psych/Beh Services - Total FY2016	25,966	11,504	84,578	20,967	247,863	390,878
Transportation - ("G" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>9,765</b>	<b>19,233</b>
FY 2016	4,115	1,823	1,080	3,323	11,912	22,253
Student Placement Svcs - (Local Budgets)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,742</b>	<b>39,742</b>
FY 2016	0	0	0	0	38,043	38,043
Health Services - OT ("G" ADM)						
<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>8,967</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>7,706</b>	<b>23,529</b>	<b>46,344</b>
FY 2016	8,378	3,712	2,200	6,765	24,256	45,311



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	Clarendon	Shrewsbury	Tinmouth	Wallingford	Mill River	Total
Health Services - PT ("G" ADM)						
FY 2017	958	393	263	823	2,512	4,949
FY 2016	1,751	776	460	1,414	5,067	9,468
Improvement Of Instruction - ("G" ADM)						
FY 2017	1,003	412	275	862	2,632	5,184
FY 2016	1,016	450	267	820	2,942	5,495
<b>Total Special Education Assessments</b>						
FY 2017	518,277	139,900	147,135	251,048	1,868,383	2,924,743
FY 2016	470,212	192,665	262,511	248,979	1,903,826	3,078,193
<b>Total RSSU Assessments FY 2017</b>	<b>805,894</b>	<b>249,854</b>	<b>254,489</b>	<b>503,528</b>	<b>2,563,082</b>	<b>4,376,847</b>
<b>Total RSSU Assessments FY 2016</b>	<b>710,992</b>	<b>300,350</b>	<b>364,739</b>	<b>439,462</b>	<b>2,566,695</b>	<b>4,382,238</b>



## Signing in at the SAGE Harvest Dinner

**RUTLAND SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION  
FY 15 GRANTS**

GRANT	PURPOSE / USEAGE	AWARDED AMOUNT (revenues & carry over)	EXPENDITURES	RETURNED TO STATE / Forfeited	CARRY OVER (Including Unadvanced) Available for Amendment
IDEAB Preschool	Preschool special education	2,500.00	1,305.39		1,194.61
IDEAB	Special education	242,908.50	229,666.85		12,900.10
IDEAB -PPS	Special education	341.55	0.00		341.55
21st Century	Afterschool programs	193,359.65	163,141.74	1,728.65	28,489.26
Title I A	Improving academic achievement	179,758.00	174,530.01		5,227.99
Title II A	Professional development	96,088.00	94,653.07		1,434.93
BEST	Educational support systems and training	6,500.00	6,283.43	216.57	0.00
Tobacco	Tobacco use prevention	5,800.00	5,800.00		0.00
Licensing Fees	Educator relicensing	2,754.06	617.61		2,136.45
Proficiency Based Learning	Proficiency based learning training	22,400.00	19,061.16	3,338.84	0.00
Medicaid	Technology integration, Medicaid clerk, remedial services	204,669.76	58,934.29		145,735.47
EPSDT	Dental health, healthy activities, mental health counseling	32,995.08	16,474.89		16,520.19

Grants with Carry Over amounts require an amendment to their FY 16 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 FY15 grant, therefore it is possible additional carryover may be available for amendment in FY 16.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT MARCH 3, 2015**

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Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order at 5:37 pm. Monday March 2, 2015.

Present were School Board members Sarah Bolster and Ed Hemmer. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, RSSU Superintendent Dave Younce, and RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk. Also present at the beginning of the meeting were approximately **20 voters**.

Sarah thanked Ed Hemmer for filling in for Fahima Thompson who resigned in November due to personal circumstances.

All warned articles beginning with article four (4) were discussed with a focus on the increase in the building maintenance reserve fund, operational budget increases, educational tax rates set at the state level, cost per pupil ratios and equalized per pupil spending. Ed summarized various spreadsheet handouts depicting the various tax increases in relation to educational per pupil spending. Particularly depicted, Shrewsbury spending vs. the Statewide average, which is approximately 15% lower. The School Directors stated that they have worked to keep the rate lower, and spending lower and to keep the spikes out. Overall they expect a tax increase of about 2.3%.

The roof replacement came in about \$16,000 under budget. The installation of the solar panels should save an estimated \$6,000 per year in electrical costs or about 60% of SMS electrical usage requirement. VT Department of Public Service Grant / Clean Energy Fund of about \$31,250.

Representative Dennis Deveroux presented on news from Montpelier. He spoke particularly of what he called the structural deficiency in the budget. He indicated many ideas are being considered to address the budget shortfall. He stated that it is just the beginning of the two year session, and the problem will not necessarily be remedied completely this year. He spoke in summary fashion regarding school consolidation, water quality is also an issue that will be in the forefront of the legislature, because federal mandates will be more expensive than state solutions. Representative Deveroux spoke about the E-911 Call Centers consolidation from four to two, including the possible decreases in the state employee workforce.

This meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015, beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved on March 11, 2015

Sarah Bolster, Director Shrewsbury School District

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 (2 years remaining).	<b>Andrew Richards-Peelle</b>
Article 3	To elect a town school director for a term of three years.	<b>Adrienne Raymond</b>
Article 4	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 – 178 NO - 77</b>
Article 5	Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District raise, appropriate, and expend the amount of \$1,173,570 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?	<b>YES – 172 NO - 81</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT MARCH 3, 2015**

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Article 6      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?  
**YES – 184    NO - 70**

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**RESULTS of MILL RIVER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #40  
ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT MARCH 3, 2015**

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Article 7      Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,462,530 for the school year 2015 – 2016?  
**YES – 597    No – 425**



Shrewsbury Mountain School Board  
(from left) Andy Richards-Pelle, Sarah Bolster, Adrienne Raymond

**Town of Shrewsbury School District**  
**WARNING**

**Act 153 School District Consolidation**

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot upon the following articles of business:

**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 Tinnmouth, 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 Tinnmouth, 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).
- (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.

**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.

**SHREWSBURY SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**

/s/ Sarah Bolster \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Adrienne Raymond, Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
/s / Andrew Richards-Peelle \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at Shrewsbury, Vermont this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016

**TOWN CLERK**

/s/ Mark Goodwin \_\_\_\_\_

The Town of Shrewsbury School District final informational meeting on Act 153 Consolidation of the school districts of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinnmouth, Wallingford, and Mill River Union School District #40 will take place on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd.

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](#)

Deadline for registration to vote for this election is February 24, 2016 at 5:00 PM Shrewsbury Town Office or on-line at [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

17 V.S.A. § 2642 (a)

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**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**WARNING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2016**

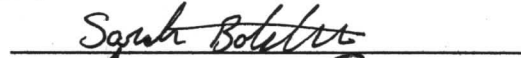
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- Article 1        To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2        To elect a town school director for a term of three years.
- Article 3        Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
- 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.
- 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?

**SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**

Sarah Bolster



Adrienne Raymond, Chair



Andrew Richards-Peelle



Dated at Shrewsbury, Vermont this 20 th day of January, 2016.

**TOWN CLERK**

Mark Goodwin



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**Members of The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department at the  
2015 Vermont State Firefighters Association Annual Convention**

From left to right: Mark Stewart, Elliott Stewart, Phillip Severy, Russ Carrara, Ray Dambrackas, Evan Robinson, Jared Rau, Tanner Stewart, Jesse Dambrackas, Seth Creed, and Jack Perry  
Not pictured: Al Ridlon Sr., Bob Snarski, Barry Griffith, Al Ridlon Jr., Paul Stewart, Kevin Brown, Jaime Carrara, Tom Ryan, Adam Severy, Mark Gilman, and Matt Brown

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Meetings begin at 5:30 PM

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Current Resident

Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM