

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



*2012
Annual Report*

Town of Shrewsbury

Town Clerk - 492-3511 Monday—Thursday: 9:00am - 3pm; Closed Friday	
Town Treasurer - 492-3558 Wednesday 5pm - 7pm, and by Appt.	Historical Society Open July - October; Sundays 1pm - 3pm
Transfer Station Sunday 8am - 4pm Wednesday 1pm - 7pm	Shrewsbury Library - 492-3410 Mon, Fri, & Sat 10am-Noon Wednesday 10am - 5pm Tues, Wed, & Thurs 7- 9pm
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Contact Information

Selectboard	Bert Potter	773-2272
	Mike Stewart	775-9612
	John Wood	492-3207
Shrewsbury Mountain School	Main Office	492-3435
Mill River High School	Main Office	775-3451
Shrewsbury School Board	Adrienne Raymond	492-3578
Animal Control Officer	Matt Danaher	492-3442
Constables	Matt Danaher	492-3442
	Peter Lajoie	492-3671
Fire Wardens [Burning Permits]	Kevin Brown Al Ridlon, Jr.	775-6194(h); 775-5518(w) 492-3722(h); 492-2055(w)
Board of Listers	Betsy Jesser	492-2009
Health Officer	Bert Potter	773-2272
Emergency Management Director	Bert Potter	773-2272
Town Garage	Jamie Carrara	492-3656
Zoning Administrator	Adrienne Raymond	492-3578
Town Hall reservations	Paul Sgalia	492-3649

Town Meetings

Board of Selectmen	7pm	1st & 3rd Wednesday - Town Office
Shrewsbury School Board	6:30pm	2nd & 4th Monday - Shrewsbury Mountain School
Mill River School Board	7pm	1st & 3rd Wed. - Mill River High School
Volunteer Fire Department	7pm	Every Thursday - Cuttingsville Station
Planning Commission	7:30pm	1st & 3rd Monday - Town Office
Conservation Commission	5pm	1st Monday - Town Office

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Joan Aleshire
Photo by Sandy Milens

The Board of Auditors dedicates this Annual Report to Joan Aleshire for all she has given to this community and for her role as the guiding spirit of the Shrewsbury Library since she came to Shrewsbury 50 years ago.

The Library began in a building that had been Stewart's General Store, just west of the present John C. Stewart & Son. The former store housed Antonia's Music Shelf, a lending library of records, sheet music, and instruments for schoolchildren begun by other town residents. After moving to Vermont in 1963, Joan lived with husband Michael and their daughter Anne in an apartment on the second floor. They added their overflowing book collection to the shelves, other books were donated or obtained from the State Library Bookmobile, and the Cuttingsville Library opened in 1964.

Since its modest beginning and with vital support from many others, Joan has guided the Library through incorporation as a non-profit and its move into the former Cuttingsville School in 1975, purchase of the building in 1982, and its extensive renovation in the 1990's and 2003. Her high standards and leadership have made this one of the best small libraries in Vermont, and one of the few still operated on an all-volunteer basis. During her tenure the Library has expanded to over 11,500 books, movies, and music; and it has been weatherized, computerized, and put on a sound financial footing. Joan has played all the parts: president, board of trustee member, the librarian who selects and orders the books, the volunteer who staffs the desk.

Joan has ensured that the Library is inclusive of everyone and gives special attention to young people. Many a Shrewsbury child has discovered a life-long love of books and reading at the Library, and many a teen or adult has enjoyed the music at a Library coffeehouse or street dance, a summer evening performance by the Mettawee Theatre Company, or has been intellectually enriched by a guest speaker, a book discussion, or a conversation stimulated by a Library visit or program.

Joan grew up in Baltimore and graduated from Harvard/Radcliffe in 1960, later studying film at Boston University and Slavic language and literature at New York University. Her translations of the Russian poets Anna Akhmatova and Marina Tsvetaeva shaped her own voice and vision as a poet. In 1980 she received a Master of Fine Arts from Goddard College in Plainfield, VT which led to her first collection of poems *Cloud Train* (1982). When the Goddard MFA Program for Writers moved to Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC, Joan became its interim director and since 1983 has been on the teaching faculty of this low-residency graduate program.

In 1989 she won a Pushcart Prize, which recognizes the year's best work in the small presses. Her other books of poetry are *This Far* (1987), *The Yellow Transparents* (1997), *Litany of Thanks* (2003), and *Happily* (2012). Anyone who has read Joan's poetry, or heard her read, finds in her poems her wide-ranging knowledge of literature and her love of language - its sound, its meaning, and its value in allowing us to engage, as she says, in both "conscious thinking and a listening to the unknown" in our lives and in our world. Joan's poetry connects the personal with the universal, revealing who we are – with honesty, often humor, and always insight.

A woman of strong principles and well-informed opinions, fiercely committed to social justice, equal human rights, and peace, Joan is that rare example of a person who truly lives her values. An early member of the Shrewsbury Group of Amnesty International, she wrote letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience. For many years she served on the boards of the Hayes Foundation and Spring Lake Ranch. The solar panels on her house attest to her commitment to clean energy and the environment.

A lover of good food and tea and a champion of the local food economy, Joan has been instrumental in establishing Amelia's Restaurant at Rutland Airport and Red Wing Farm in Shrewsbury, which will demonstrate and provide training for sustainable local agriculture on land conserved with the Vermont Land Trust. She has given her support to community events organized to assist the victims of natural disasters at home and abroad, to efforts to foster music and the arts in and beyond Shrewsbury, and to townspeople and others who've needed a helping hand. She has done all of this quietly, generously, steadfastly. Thank you, Joan, for your friendship to so many in this community and for your service and inspiration to us all.



John C. Stewart Store in Cuttingsville, first location of the Shrewsbury Library
Photo provided by Shrewsbury Historical Society

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2012 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2013
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2015
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2015
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Michael Stewart	2013
		John Woods	2014
		Bert Potter	2015
AUDITORS	3 Years	Richard Biziak	2013
		Chryl Martin	2014
		Jonathan Gibson	2015
LISTERS	3 Years	Betsy Jesser	2013
		Sharon Winnicki	2014
		Steven Nicholson	2015
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Sarah Bolster	2013
		Edmund Hemmer	2014
		Adrienne Raymond	2015
MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Andrew Richards-Peelle	2013
		Sally Snarski	2014
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2013
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2013
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Matthew Danaher	2013
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Peter Lajoie	2013
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2015
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	David Rice	2013
		Larry Carrara	2014
		George Richards	2015

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justices of the Peace are elected for two year terms every other year. Current Justices were elected November 6, 2012 to serve from February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2015. The next General Election will occur November 4, 2014.	John Berryhill	2015
	Barry Griffith	2015
	Larry Carrara	2015
	Betsy Jesser	2015
	Lee Wilson	2015
	Hull Maynard	2015
	Julanne Sharrow	2015

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Matthew Danaher	2013
TRUSTEES of the SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE ⁽²⁾	3 Years	Jonathan Gibson	2013
		Paul Sgalia	2014
		John Berryhill	2015
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Cynthia Thornton	2013
		Louise Duda	2014
		Carol Calotta	2015
		Deborah Weaver	2015
		Connie Youngstrom	2015
		Grace Bringham	2016
		Lily French	2016

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2012 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD ⁽¹⁾

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years ⁽³⁾	Alan Shelvey	2013
		Scott Darling	2014
		Bruce Bullock	2015
		Bert Stewart	2015
		Mark Younstrom	2015
		Laura Black (Alternate)	2013
		David Rice (Alternate)	2013
		Jason Smith (Alternate)	2013
		Francis Wyatt (Alternate)	2013
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Bert Potter	
HURRICANE RECOVERY FUND		John Wood	
COORDINATORS		Louise Duda	
		Vacant	
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Steven Spatz	2013
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page	2013
		Bert Potter	2013
		Mike Stewart	2013
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Cynthia Thornton	5/05/13
HEALTH OFFICER		Vacant	7/31/14
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		Eldred French	2013
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blecich	2013
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years ⁽³⁾	Laura Black	2013
		Mark Goodwin	2013
		Jason Smith	2014
		David Rice	2014
		Francis Wyatt	2014
		Marilyn Dalick	2015
		Melissa Reichert	2015
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Hull Maynard	6/30/13
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2013
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2013
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin	6/30/13
		David Rice (Alternate)	6/30/13
SERVICES OFFICER		Mark Goodwin	4/14/13
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	4/14/13
FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown	6/30/13
		Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/13
TREE WARDEN		Eldred French	2013
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2015
WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	2013

⁽¹⁾ All appointments expire on date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.

⁽²⁾ Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard. ⁽³⁾ Term of office determined by Selectboard.

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

TOWN ROAD CREW	Gilbert Pitts, Stephen Bruce	
(Appointed by Road Commissioner)		
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT	Bob Perry	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Linda McGuire, Betsy Jesser	2015
(Appointed by Town Clerk)		
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER	Christina Clarke	2015
(Appointed by Treasurer)		
SELECTBOARD CLERK	Mark Goodwin	2013
(Chosen by Selectboard)		

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 232nd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2013

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 5, 2013 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	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 budget of **\$2,167,112**, and appropriate and expend **\$529,877**, to be raised by taxes or other revenues, to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways?
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 **\$26,000** 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 **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?

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MARCH 5, 2013

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,000** 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)?
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 **\$600** 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 **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

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MARCH 5, 2013

26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35** to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?
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 11, 2013**?
29. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for its annual budget vote?
30. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all public questions?
31. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury hold its Annual Town Meeting on the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March, at a time and place determined by the Selectboard, beginning in 2014?

Dated: January 25, 2013

/ss/

Bert Potter, Chairman

Mike Stewart

John Wood

Shrewsbury Selectboard

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, March 4, 2013**.

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of 231st ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2012

The informational meeting for the Town was called to order on March 5, 2012 at 7:05 pm by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Mike Stewart, Bert Potter and John Wood. Also present were approximately 60 voters. Bill Tabor spoke about his recently deceased friend Danny Korngiebel. Representative French summarized the 2011 process of reapportionment. Because of the current census figures, Shrewsbury is now slated to be combined with Mt. Holly and Ludlow as Rutland – Windsor District 2.

The Selectboard outlined their approach to setting the budget and tracking expenses. Primarily the Flood Work was discussed and the expenses that have and will occur as a result of reconstruction. All warned articles were reviewed and discussed. Eldred recognized Barry Griffith for his thirty years of service to the SVFD. Mike Stewart thanked the Road Crew for their diligence and hard work.

The Auditors noted that the 2011 Annual Report should be corrected as follows: "Results of the 2011 Annual Meeting, Article 9 as 195 "Yes" and 61 "No"; Kathleen Beauchain listed as Assistant Treasurer in Other Town Officers; and Dick Adams shown as President of the Rutland County Maple Producers from 1969 to 1975 in the Dedication."

The meeting recessed at 8:45pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, beginning at 10 am.

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

One Moderator	1-year term – Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	3-year term – Bert Potter
One Town Clerk	3-year term – Mark Goodwin
One Town Treasurer	3-year term – Linda McGuire
One Auditor	3-year term – Jonathan Gibson
One Lister	3-year term – Steven Nicholson
One Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3-year term – Randy Page
One Grand Juror	1-year term – Barry Griffith
One Town Agent	1-year term – Barry Griffith
One-1st Constable	1-year term – Matt Danaher
One-2nd Constable	1-year term – Pete Lajoie
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term – George Richards
	(Write In)

2. Shall the Town approve a budget of **\$3,451,611**, and appropriate and expend **\$524,501**, to be raised by taxes or other revenues, to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways?

Yes 258

No 76

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of 231st ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2012

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|---|----------------|---------------|
| 3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund? | Yes 245 | No 86 |
| 4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund? | Yes 260 | No 76 |
| 5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund? | Yes 249 | No 83 |
| 6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund? | Yes 270 | No 83 |
| 7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund? | Yes 240 | No 93 |
| 8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$26,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund? | Yes 260 | No 76 |
| 9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$12,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House? | Yes 240 | No 95 |
| 10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$25,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department? | Yes 263 | No 71 |
| 11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library? | Yes 224 | No 110 |
| 12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,000 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society? | Yes 223 | No 111 |
| 13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$4,224 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service? | Yes 279 | No 54 |
| 14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? | Yes 213 | No 120 |
| 15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,526 to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? | Yes 227 | No 57 |
| 16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization? | Yes 250 | No 83 |

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17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
Yes 242 No 70
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
Yes 229 No 84
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
Yes 219 No 97
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
Yes 240 No 77
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
Yes 181 No 133
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
Yes 193 No 118
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
Yes 206 No 109
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
Yes 182 No 130
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
Yes 211 No 101
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35** to support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
Yes 205 No 105
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to support the American Red Cross/Vermont & The NH Valley?
Yes 212 No 98
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 12, 2012?
Yes 281 No 32
29. Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties which are located at 9800 Cold River Road and 23 Shunpike Road, and which are owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization?
Yes 259 No 55
30. In the light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with political speech and gives corporations rights

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MARCH 6, 2012

constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Shrewsbury vote on March 6, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not political speech, that corporations are not persons under the United States Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the Town send its resolution to the Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Yes 235

No 73



Preparing for a TV interview at the reopening of the Frank Lord Bridge are (l to r) : Mark Younstrom, P.E., Town Resident and Principal Engineer – Otter Creek Engineering; Joe Casella, Project Manager – Casella Construction; Mike Stewart, Shrewsbury Selectman; and John Wood, Shrewsbury Selectman.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. We have examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis, ensuring that all expenditures were supported by invoices, approved on Selectboard and Road Commissioner Orders, and documented on bank statements.

We also reviewed the Grand List, the Town's year-end financial statements, as well as the financial statements of Town organizations which appear in this Report. Based on the records available to us, we believe these statements reasonably reflect the financial status of the Town of Shrewsbury for 2012. We note that there is no explanation for the difference between the amount warned "to be raised by taxes or other revenues" and the Selectboard's projected "current property taxes" amount in the 2013 budget. For 2013 this difference is \$71,340 (pages 3 and 27).

Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 were audited by Angolano and Co., CPA, Shelburne, VT. This report is available at the Rutland South Supervisory Union office. We believe the professional auditors' report accurately describes the District's financial condition.

We have been informed that during 2013 a professional audit will be conducted by Jeffrey R. Bradley CPA, to satisfy a mandatory requirement of Federal funding for Tropical Storm Irene recovery. This Town audit will be available upon completion. We continue to encourage the Selectboard to schedule professional audits on a routine basis, convert to the modified accrual system for budgeting and seriously to consider making a transition to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year.

Acting on a request from the Selectboard and pursuant to its statutory responsibility under 24 V.S.A. Sec. 932-933, the Board of Auditors approved fixing the compensation of the Selectboard at an amount of \$1,000 per member for the Town's 2013 fiscal year. The Board further recommended that the Selectboard include in its annual expenditure budget a line item for "Selectboard salary", beginning with the 2014 fiscal year, which will allow voters to approve or "fix" the salary in the future.

This year's dedication to Joan Aleshire was written by Jonathan Gibson and the photograph of Joan was taken by Sandy Milens. Additional photos were provided as follows: John C. Stewart store by the Shrewsbury Historical Society through Ahmet Baycu, Gerry Martin (pages 9 and 37), Ann Tiplady (page 43), and Betsy Jesser (page 90). The cover and other photos were taken by Jonathan Gibson. Chryl and Jonathan want to express their appreciation to our retiring fellow Auditor Rich Biziak. His thoroughness and dedication have served the Town well during his seven years on the Board, and it has been a great pleasure to work with him.

Richard Biziak

Jonathan Gibson

Chryl Martin

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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 legislature in 2011 again passed the requirement for the Homestead Declaration to be filed annually. Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration (HS-131) and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (HS-145) forms that must be filed each year in order to receive a tax adjustment and the Homestead tax rate. For questions please call the State of Vermont 1-866-828-2865.

This year a tremendous amount of work was accomplished to recover from the 2011 damage from Hurricane Irene. Thanks to all who contributed in so many ways and made this recovery happen.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2012

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash	234,436	173,930	408,366
Prepaid Expenses	11,487		11,487
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	29,746		29,746
Other Receivables	1,904,494		1,904,494
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	936,613		936,613
Machinery and Equipment	261,242		261,242
Infrastructure	2,538,415		2,538,415
Total Assets	5,916,434	173,930	6,090,363
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	220,735		220,735
Other Current Liabilities	2,265		2,265
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	280,000		280,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		173,930	173,930
Unrestricted Equity	2,473,254		2,473,254
Excess Revenue	2,920,180		2,920,180
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	5,916,434	173,930	6,090,363

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2012

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$234,436	\$173,930	\$408,366
Prepaid Expenses	\$11,487		\$11,487
Receivables			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	29,746		29,746
Other Receivables	1,904,494		1,904,494
Capital Assets			
Land and Buildings	936,613		936,613
Machinery and Equipment	261,242		261,242
Infrastructure	2,538,415		2,538,415
Total Assets	\$5,916,434	\$173,930	\$6,090,363
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable	220,735		220,735
Other Current Liabilities	2,265		2,265
	\$243,000		\$243,000
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	280,000		280,000
Total Liabilities	\$523,000	\$0	\$523,000
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets	3,436,270		3,436,270
Capital Projects		134,573	134,573
Community Development Projects		11,967	11,967
Other Purposes		27,389	27,389
Unrestricted	1,957,163		1,957,163
Total Net Assets	\$5,916,434	\$173,930	\$6,090,363

STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

General Fund	\$	234,436.27
Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund		18,349.58
Cemetery Reserve Fund		1,290.95
Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund		11,966.85
Brown Bridge Grant		3,000.00
Road Equipment Fund		83,812.72
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund		28,169.03
Garage Reserve Fund		7,526.34
Records Restoration Fund		6,408.40
Smith Brook Culvert Fund		4,313.45
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund		1,340.45
Town Office Reserve Fund		7,751.93
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	408,365.97

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2012

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$	1,492,074.00	
Taxes: Town Current		601,013.04	
School Reconciliation Taxes		46,976.28	
Delinquent Tax		<u>63,990.54</u>	
Total Property Tax Receipts	\$		2,204,053.86

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use	53,641.00	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	18,754.50	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	5,506.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>887.96</u>	
Total Other Tax Receipts		78,819.46

Road Commission Receipts

Grant for Radios	7,525.00	
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	12,000.00	
Paving Grant	101,734.40	
State Aid	98,103.44	
Services Rendered	0.00	
Weight Permits	<u>180.00</u>	
Total Road Commission Receipts		219,542.84

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds	6,821.00	
DRB Hearing Fee	625.00	
Dog Licenses	526.00	
FEMA Reimbursement	2,752,117.64	
Fines Received	572.00	
Fire Pond Matching Contribution	1,175.00	
Grant - NCRS	16,443.75	
Grant - Brown Bridge	3,000.00	
Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund	5,188.00	
Interest	181.32	
Insurance Reimbursement - Brown Bridge	12,121.00	
Liquor License	50.00	
Lister Education Grant	390.18	
Miscellaneous	55.27	
Recycling	866.04	
Restoration Fees	1,581.00	
Workers Compensation Reimbursement	1,567.00	
Zoning Permits	<u>1,788.23</u>	
Total Other Receipts		2,805,068.43

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 5,307,484.59

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2012

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$ 1,510,547.94
Selectboard's Orders (Net)	207,592.08
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)	1,774,055.46
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾	201,825.68
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾	(1,365,443.26)

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	2,000.00
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500.00
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	25,000.00
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	26,000.00
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
Total Warned Items	<u>139,727.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 2,468,304.90**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$ 2,839,179.69**

Interfund Transfers for Warned Items \$ 81,000.00

Excess Revenue **\$ 2,920,179.69**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2012

GRAND LIST

Real Estate	\$ 159,795,261
Less Exemptions	<u>13,297,561</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 146,497,700

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,464,977
Tax Rate	<u>0.4534</u>
Municipal Taxes Billed	664,220.73

Education Grand List-Non-Resident	540,897
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.2095</u>
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed	654,214.60

Education Grand List-Homestead	929,646
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.1637</u>
Education Resident Taxes Billed	1,081,829.04

Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,464,977
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0007</u>
Local Agreement Taxes Billed	1,025.55

Late Homestead Penalty	91.05
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TOTAL TAXES BILLED

2,401,380.98

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	2,339,806.27
Delinquent Taxes	63,990.54
Abatement	22.26
Errors & Omissions	(1,343.10)
Refunds/Overpayments	(2,754.94)
BCA & Superior Court Appeals	<u>1,659.95</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

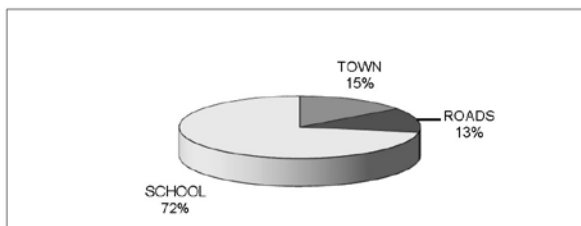
2,401,380.98

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2012 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.4534	664,220.73
Local Agreement Rate	0.0007	1,025.55
Schools Residential	1.1637	1,081,829.04
Schools Non-Residential	1.2095	<u>654,214.60</u>
		2,401,289.93

Resident	1.6178
Non-Resident	1.6636



Town of Shrewsbury
2012 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2012	1,597,952.00	Residential	1.6178	2,401,380.98
		Non-Residential	1.6636	
2011	1,461,693.00	Residential	1.84	2,607,387.99
		Non-Residential	1.74	
2010	1,464,580.00	Residential	1.78	2,706,405.15
		Non-Residential	1.94	
2009	1,059,698.96	Residential	2.48	2,742,426.80
		Non-Residential	2.73	
2008	1,041,578.23	Residential	2.28	2,484,895.12
		Non-Residential	2.53	
2007	1,012,820.13	Residential	2.07	2,221,289.02
		Non-Residential	2.42	
2006	1,002,046.89	Residential	2.17	2,241,258.16
		Non-Residential	2.36	
2005	989,599.37	Residential	2.12	2,128,056.83
		Non-Residential	2.21	
2004	982,689.40	Residential	1.87	1,882,335.27
		Non-Residential	1.99	
2003	848,249.00		2.59	2,190,946.00

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury					
2012 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS					
Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
Brown Bridge Grant	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	11,523	6,821	0	6	18,350
Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,290	0	0	1	1,291
Garage Reserve Fund	6,023	1,500	0	3	7,526
Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund	6,974	5,188	200	5	11,967
NRCS Grant	6,281	800	7,081	0	0
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	71,794	62,000	50,000	19	83,813
Records Restoration Fund	3,825	2,581	0	2	6,408
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	28,165	26,000	26,000	4	28,169
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	4,311	0	0	2	4,313
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,089	1,000	749	0	1,340
Town Office Reserve Fund	8,012	1,500	1,764	4	7,752
TOTALS	149,289	110,390	85,794	45	173,930

Town of Shrewsbury

2012 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Bert Potter	Selectperson/Transfer Station	\$	\$ 900.00
Mike Stewart	Selectperson		600.00
John Wood	Selectperson		600.00
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk Salary	23,042.00	
	Selectboard Clerk Salary	1,200.00	
	Town Clerk Fees	15,945.40	
	Total		40,187.40
Linda McGuire	Town & School Treasurer		18,436.27
Joyce Wilson	Payroll Administration		221.00
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector**		4,333.87
Chryl Martin	Auditor		555.75
Jonathan Gibson	Auditor		877.35
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Assistant		8,320.00
Irene Gordon	Health Officer		618.33
Betsy Jesser	Lister		1,590.00
Steven Nicholson	Lister		513.50
Sharon Winnicki	Lister		2,718.75
Matthew Danaher	Animal Control Officer		1,848.00
			<u>82,320.22</u>
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds			<u>6,297.50</u>
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year		\$	<u>88,617.72</u>

** Based only on fees collected

Town of Shrewsbury
2012
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 \$408,365.97, 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	\$ 29,745.92
Other Receivables (FEMA Reimbursements)	<u>1,904,494.49</u>
Total Receivables	\$1,934,240.41

4. Accounts Payable. Amounts payable at year end as reported in the Statement of Net Assets and Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 11,242.26
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>209,493.13</u>
Total Payables	\$220,735.39

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.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2012 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	271,223.00	0.00	271,223.00
Capital Assets not being depreciated:	271,223.00	0.00	271,223.00
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,069,733.64	0.00	1,069,733.64
Vehicles and Equipment	660,483.66	57,525.00	718,008.66
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	1,586,146.53	1,287,918.26	2,874,064.79
Totals	3,316,363.83	1,345,443.26	4,661,807.09
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	374,766.75	29,577.25	404,344.00
Vehicles and Equipment	414,888.14	41,878.09	456,766.23
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	205,279.22	130,370.34	335,649.56
Totals	994,934.11	201,825.68	1,196,759.79
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	2,321,429.72	1,143,617.58	3,465,047.30
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	2,592,652.72	1,143,617.58	3,736,270.30

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

Buildings	\$ 29,577.25
Vehicles and Equipment	41,878.09
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	130,370.34
Total Depreciation	\$201,825.68

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.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

Brown Bridge Grant	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
Cemetery Reserve Fund	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
Garage Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Town Garage
Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund	Contributions received to be distributed to residents' recovering from damage incurred during Hurricane Irene
NRCS Grant	Funds designated for bridge repair on CCC Road
Records Restoration Fund	Fees collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents.
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designed for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Town Office Equipment Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office
Town-wide Reappraisal Fund	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 200 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$3,290 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

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.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 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 anticipation note was invested and used to pay costs for the garage before the bond was issued for \$410,000. The following is the payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2007		\$6,213	\$6,213
2008	\$25,000	17,894	42,894
2009	25,000	16,928	41,928
2010	20,000	15,944	35,944
2011	20,000	15,143	35,143
2012	20,000	14,330	34,330
2013	20,000	13,503	33,503
2014	20,000	12,666	32,666
2015	20,000	11,819	31,819
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>\$410,000</u>	<u>\$196,386</u>	<u>\$606,386</u>

- 13. Line of Credit.** The town extended the requested Line of Credit from Mascoma Savings Bank in the amount of \$500,000 for one year to provide cash flow for current expenses necessary and resulting from additional costs from Hurricane Irene for road, bridge and culvert repairs. The interest rate will be 1% on funds used.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for the year ending December 31, 2012

Delinquent Taxes

Balance outstanding December 31, 2011	\$ 19,929.07
Warrant to Collect, October 26, 2012	63,603.41
Amended Warrant, November 21, 2012	-38.75
Amended Warrant, December 10, 2012	425.88
Total taxes delinquent	\$83,919.61
 Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2012	 \$54,173.69
 Balance outstanding December 31, 2012	 \$29,745.92

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2012 for collections - \$4,333.87 and \$27.70 for 2012 mailing expenses. Check returned for NSF 1/3/2013 - (\$2,920.54).

Delinquent taxes collected January 1–31, 2012 **\$1,613.70**

Delinquent taxes still outstanding (28 accounts):

2009, 10 Cheney, Michele	278.48
2011, 12 Kelley Jr, Lawrence	140.30
2007, 10, 11, 12 Kenyon, James	\$2,400.87
2010, 11, 12 Pressley, George	1,552.14
2011, 12 Westbay, Todd	4,033.75
2012 Clark, Andrew	3,100.95
2012 Gregory, John	111.46
2012 Hammond, Robert F.	233.64
2012 Jones, Joyce	976.57
2012 Kapitan, Douglas	1,757.03
2012 Korzun, Steven	2,806.50
2012 LaGuardia, John & Lynn	638.82
2012 Lorentzon, Karen	1,632.65
2012 McGinnis, Angela	252.66
2012 McGowan, Robert & Ann	102.12
2012 McGuire, George	1,485.14
2012 Paul, Hillary	3,125.59
2012 Peer, Christopher	660.45
2012 Smith, Gregory A.	2,202.61
2012 Webster Robert & McGinnis, Angela	<u>640.49</u>
	28,132.22

Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2012 **\$29,745.92**

Randy A. Page
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SELECTBOARD REPORT

As stated in last year's report, recovery efforts from Irene will take multiple years. We are now entering the second year. Much has been done, and more to follow. Of the large outstanding projects the Old Plymouth Rd., Frank Lord Rd, and Freeman Brook Rd. bridge projects have been completed. The culverts at Pierce's and at Biddle's are waiting pending litigation between the State ANR and the Federal government. The dispute is over culvert dimensions. We cannot proceed with these projects without resolution because it would jeopardize our funding. The Brown Bridge approach road (the landslide) project has been appealed. We continue to wait for a response from FEMA. Definitive costs and timetables for proposed work are unknown at this time.

The Town has received over \$700,000 in reimbursements for large projects. With another \$500,000 (approximate) due in shortly, pending the applicable paperwork. Small projects (less than \$68,000) and emergency work have been reimbursed. The Selectboard would like to acknowledge Rich Biziak and Irene Gordon for their efforts in recording much of the data needed to apply for the reimbursements. Thanks also to John Wood for his efforts in turning the data into paperwork that resulted in the cash back to the Town.

As we move into this year of rebuilding, we ask for your continued patience with progress (or lack thereof). The workings of large government bureaucracies are not always swift. Unfortunately we must play by their rules if we wish financial assistance.

As always, Selectboard meetings are open to the public and we encourage your attendance and participation. We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. If you have a specific issue you would like to share with the board, please call the Town Clerk and arrange to be put on the agenda.

We would like to thank the auditors for their care and diligence in preparing the Town report. Also we would like to thank all town employees and elected and appointed officials for their willingness to serve their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Potter
Mike Stewart
John Wood

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2012 was a relatively normal year with the exception of the first three months that were above normal in temperature. The road crew was busy fixing rough spots on gravel roads along with regular maintenance. The rest of the year consisted of normal maintenance and working on FEMA projects.

Three bridges were replaced in 2012 with more construction anticipated in 2013. Thank you for your patience with the construction detours and delays.

2.4 miles of paving that was scheduled for 2012 on the Cold River Road will be done in the spring of 2013. Due to some confusion with FEMA it put us into fall before we could pave. Due to a very rainy October, Pike Industries (the contractor that was awarded the paving bid) could not make it to Shrewsbury until November which was too late for pavement to hold up. They will do the paving in May at the 2012 bid price.

7121 tons of gravel were used on various roads while 5215 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use. 14 new culverts were installed. 1.8 miles of town hill road were shimmed and leveled with hot mix using the state paving grant that was awarded for this project in 2011.

James Carrara
Road Commissioner

2012 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

2010 International 7600 with Plow and Sander	\$ 130,000
2009 International 7600 with Plow and Sander	\$ 135,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C excavator with trailer	\$ 50,000
2004 Ford F-350 4X4	\$ 10,000
2002 International 2574 with Plow and Sander	\$ 20,000
2000 Caterpillar 928G Loader	\$ 45,000
1998 International 2554 with Plow and Sander	\$ 8,000
1996 416B Caterpillar Backhoe	\$ 18,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$ 7,000
1992 120G Caterpillar Grader	\$ 40,000
1968 Tractor and Mower and Broom	\$ 1,500
York Rake	\$ 500
6 Two-Way Radios	\$ 1,000
<u>Miscellaneous Tools</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$ 471,000

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2012

	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013
REVENUES				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	\$ 547,054	\$ 537,660	\$ 601,013	\$ 601,217
Delinquent Tax	91,453		63,991	
Less: Warned Items	(139,435)		(139,727)	
Current Property Taxes for General & Roads	499,073		525,277	
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	5,393	5,300	5,506	5,500
State In Lieu of Taxes	18,725	18,700	18,755	18,700
Land Use Taxes	50,554	57,000	53,641	53,600
Railroad Tax	710	710	888	710
ROADS:				
Brown Bridge Structures Grant	9,000			
FEMA Reimbursement	35,205	2,693,776	2,752,118	1,226,307
Grant - Brown Bridge			3,000	
Grant - Radios			7,525	
Insurance Reimbursement - Brown Bridge			12,121	
Paving Grant			101,734	
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment			12,000	
State Aid To Roads -2012 Advance Payment	31,856			
State Aid To Roads	127,443	96,302	98,103	132,495
Services Rendered-Roads	600	600	-	
Weight Permits	130	130	180	150
Act 60 Funds	6,793	6,800	6,821	
Computer Disposal	8			
Dog Licenses	478	500	526	500
Fines	74		572	
Fire Pond Matching Contribution			1,175	
Generator Income	162			
Hurricane Recovery Fund	6,974		5,188	
Insurance Reimbursement - Workmens Compensation			1,567	
Interest Income	235	200	181	200
Leased Land	30	30	30	300
Liquor Licenses	250	200	50	100
Lister Education Funds	390		390	
NCRS Grant	6,281		16,444	
Other Income	16		55	
Recycling	2,488	2,500	866	1,000
Restoration Fees	1,003	1,000	1,581	1,000
School Tax Reconciliation	37,243		46,976	
Subdivision Permits	250			
Town Events - Fireworks	1,350			
Zoning Permits	511	500	2,413	500
Total Revenue	843,224	3,421,908	3,675,683	2,042,279
Cash Beginning Balance	179,570	42,894	42,894	234,436
Cash Available for Expenses	1,022,794	3,464,802	3,718,577	2,276,715

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL*
Year Ended December 31, 2012

	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013
TRANSFER STATION⁽¹⁰⁾				
Computer Recycling	245	-		
Tipping Fees	21,768	23,000	21,028	23,000
Hauling	6,475	6,300	6,125	6,300
Salary	7,857	8,000	8,940	9,200
Maintenance	981	1,500	3,620	2,000
Solid Waste Dues	2,311	2,320	2,384	2,500
Equipment/Facilities**	159	1,000	7	1,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disp.	771	1,000	968	1,000
Supplies	27	500	63	500
Workers Compensation	867	575	572	660
Payroll Expenses	682	700	689	800
Electric	303	500	722	700
Total Transfer Station	42,446	45,395	45,117	47,660
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE				
Planning Commission Expense	45	200	-	500
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	160	500	-	500
Payroll Expenses	7,214	7,772	7,589	7,772
Building/Property Insurance	3,526	4,374	4,376	5,011
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,940	1,833	1,832	1,606
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	721	836	836	823
Workers Compensation	110	316	316	980
Office Heat/Electric	4,561	4,500	3,959	4,500
Training/Education	379	500	760	500
Postage	1,050	1,500	1,241	1,500
Supplies & Equipment	3,415	4,000	3,602	4,000
Software	1,007	500	198	400
Salaries	54,888	58,000	56,515	58,000
Office Expense and Mileage	2,602	2,000	2,301	2,300
Building Maintenance/Repair	1,725	1,500	2,073	1,500
Warnings	489	1,000	431	600
Town Report	1,563	1,600	1,702	1,800
Total Town Officers Expense	85,394	90,931	87,730	92,292
LISTERS				
Listers Salaries/Supplies	6,611	10,000	5,566	14,000
Payroll Expense	340	765	369	1,071
Reappraisal Salaries	12,998			
Reappraisal Supplies/Printing	-	500		700
Upgrade Parcel Mapping		2,363	2,195	1,000
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees		4,000	1,350	1,500
Training	502	850	863	1,000
Total Listers Expense	20,449	18,478	10,343	19,271
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	109	250	110	250
Audit Expense		10,000		8,000
County Court Tax	9,043	7,675	8,033	8,417
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	35,143	34,330	34,330	33,503
Grant - CCC Road Work	6,281		15,644	
Interest Expense- Line of Credit		5,000	1,773	2,500
Law Enforcement	100	1,000		1,000
Legal Fees	-	2,000	1,778	2,000
Miscellaneous	130			
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	850	875	875	875
Town Events	1,763	1,500		1,500
VLCT Dues	1,808	1,860	1,860	1,852
Total Other Disbursements	55,227	64,490	64,403	59,897
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	203,517	219,294	207,592	219,120

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL*
Year Ended December 31, 2012

	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013
ROADS				
Flood Expenses**	445,050	2,633,552	1,195,245	1,210,000
Gravel	27,290	40,000	38,997	40,000
VLCT Unemployment	1,046	1,560	438	1,560
BC/BS Health Insurance	52,929	42,500	41,253	42,500
Salt	15,224	22,000	12,995	22,000
Winter Sand	57,482	65,000	53,197	65,000
Brown Bridge Structure Grant	10,000	-		
Culverts & Bridges**	2,735	7,000	7,837	8,500
Other			60	
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	7,559	6,454	6,452	7,523
Salaries	127,572	130,000	114,257	130,000
Equipment Rental	1,875	4,000	3,540	4,000
Paving**	-	160,000	128,027	160,000
Paving Carryover from 2012				133,708
Payroll Expenses	9,917	11,475	9,064	11,475
VT State Retirement	4,859	6,000	4,613	6,000
Total Roads	763,538	3,129,541	1,615,974	1,842,266
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	17,359	22,000	25,307	22,000
Tires & Repairs	3,563	5,000	4,202	7,000
Fuels & Lubricants	57,303	50,000	41,682	50,000
New Equipment**	-	1,000	8,708	1,000
Misc. Supplies	554	1,000	1,362	1,000
Signs	828	1,500	148	1,500
Total Town Equipment	79,607	80,500	81,409	82,500
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	-	500	-	500
Heating Fuel	4,002	3,000	6,625	3,000
Maintenance & Supplies	429	1,000	1,608	1,000
Utilities	2,906	3,500	2,049	3,500
Buildings & Repair**	1,607	1,000	3,113	1,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	13,311	13,276	13,276	13,726
Total Town Garages	22,256	22,276	26,672	23,226
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	865,400	3,232,317	1,724,055	1,947,992
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES & ROADS	\$ 1,068,917	\$ 3,451,611	\$ 1,931,648	\$ 2,167,112

* The Selectboard accounting statement is prepared on a modified cash basis for budgeting purposes

** Items include values that have been capitalized increasing the value of town assets.

2012 VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TOWN REPORT

The Vermont Department of Health is working for your health every day. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2012 the Health Department:

Supported community coalitions to help make the healthy choice the easiest choice. Rutland Area Prevention Coalition was awarded \$110,000 to prevent chronic disease by increasing access to healthy eating and opportunities to be physically active, supporting Healthy Retailers, preventing alcohol and drug abuse, reducing exposure to second hand smoke, and helping smokers to quit. (Reference: Healthy Communities FY13)

Served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Rutland County, 2515 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. (Reference: WIC Data)

Promoted immunizations and worked to control the spread of infectious diseases like influenza, measles and pertussis (whooping cough). This year saw another rise in the number of cases of pertussis, from 95 statewide in 2011 to 471 by December 2012 – including 67 in Rutland County. (Reference: Pertussis Case Counts – Nov. 30)

Launched a new online resource that brings environmental and public health data together in one place, at www.healthvermont.gov/tracking. The Tracking portal has county-level searchable data and information about air quality, asthma hospitalizations, birth defects, blue-green algae, cancer rates, carbon monoxide poisoning, drinking water, heart attacks, lead poisoning and reproductive health – with links to national data.

Your Health Department district office is in Rutland at 300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 802-786-5811 or toll free 888-253-8802

For more information, news, alerts and resources:

Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov.

Join us on facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/vdhrutland> and www.facebook.com/HealthVermont.

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Town of Shrewsbury
2012 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Irene Gordon has stepped down as the Director of Emergency Management, and Health Officer. We thank Irene for her years of service to the Town, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. I am not sure which task is more arduous, that of actually fixing the damage of Irene, or the paperwork in the aftermath. 2012 was the year for paperwork. 2013 promises more of the same. There are many hoops to go through to receive the Federal and State share of the reimbursement money for rebuilding projects.

The Town applied for and received grant money to update its existing radios to the FCC mandated narrow band. We also applied for and received another grant for the purchase and installation of a radio repeater that will enable better radio coverage throughout our mountainous terrain. Thanks to Irene Gordon and Louise Duda for their assistance in obtaining these grants.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wood

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 HURRICANE RECOVERY COORDINATORS REPORT

There has been no recent activity with this committee or disbursement of funds. Any money that was donated that had a stipulation attached to it (ie "for Caravan Gardens) has been disbursed as requested. The remaining funds, amounting to \$11,967, are still in the account set up to receive such funds. The thought of the Committee at the time was to hang on to the funds pending the outcome of the repeater grant funding. If we did not get the grant we could use the funds to pay for all or part of the repeater cost. We did get that grant, for approximately \$10,000. We just learned about that in December. We have money to spend. I would like to get this money spent and off the books soon. How to disburse money to individuals is a challenge. On what basis do you merit any award? I could see it being used for a town project. We are open to suggestions.

Along with me, Louise Duda is a member of the Committee; we also have one vacancy. Linda McGuire serves the committee in an advisory and bookkeeping capacity. Please contact us if you have an interest in serving on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wood

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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 minutes of various town boards and commissions. 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 and has been updating and keeping current the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org. The Selectboard has also been utilizing the Clerk for administrative functions as the Board's legislative and oversight responsibilities continue to have additional compliance and record-keeping mandates.

This past year we had three elections: an Annual Town Meeting Election, Vermont State Primary Election and Vermont General Election. The State Primary Election was recounted on a state-wide basis in respect to the Progressive Party write - in ballots for the office of Governor.

The 2011 Reapportionment (Act 93) was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2012, at which time Shrewsbury was joined with Mt. Holly and Ludlow to become Representative District Rutland-Windsor 2.

The Town Clerk's Office is the distribution point for most all information disseminated from the Vermont Agency of Transportation pertaining to FEMA and matters related to Tropical Storm Irene.

The Board of Civil Authority met to rule on two Lister Grievances in 2012 and the Board of Abatement ruled on one Abatement request in 2012.

This year there were no major records restoration projects undertaken, primarily due to scheduling conflicts and the length of time the vital records volume would be unavailable.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin
Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 VITAL STATISTICS

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
BIRTHS	5	6	6	7	9	6	7	5
DEATHS	20	9	2	7	7	4	10	8
MARRIAGES				8	4	9	3	4
CIVIL MARRIAGES	9	8	8	5				
CIVIL UNIONS				0	0	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 Clerk Mark Goodwin viewing exit checklist with Barbara Griffith at
November 6, 2012 General Election.

Town of Shrewsbury
ANIMAL LICENSES 2012

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE*	TOTAL COLLECTED
94	SPAYED FEMALE	\$8.00 EACH	\$752.00
90	NEUTERED MALE	\$8.00 EACH	\$720.00
2	FEMALE	\$12.00 EACH	\$24.00
10	MALE	\$12.00 EACH	\$120.00
0	TOWN TO TOWN COURTESY TAG	NO CHARGE	\$0.00
1	SPECIAL PERMIT	\$30.00 EACH	\$30.00
2	KENNEL PERMITS	\$10.00 EACH	\$20.00
16	LATE FEES	\$4.00 EACH	\$64.00
TOTAL :	199	LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$1,730.00

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$554.00
Fees retained by Clerk	\$392.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$196.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program	<u>\$588.00</u>
	\$1,730.00

Anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1st obtain a license and shall pay **\$8.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$12.00** for each un-neutered or unsprayed 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 \$1.00 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 2013, 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 **\$8.00** (Spayed/Neutered) or **\$12.00** (Male/Female) for each animal.

Thank you,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

As Animal Control Officer (ACO) for the Town of Shrewsbury, I serve as the chief enforcement officer for animal complaints as defined by the Town animal ordinances. Most often this includes attempting to reunite lost pets with their owners and serving as initial investigator for complaints of animal abuse and neglect. During my service as the ACO I have handled fourteen animal-related calls for the 2012 year.

The statistics include: eight lost dog calls, two of which were hunting dogs; two calls for dog complaints; one dog attack, and one cow trespassing call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Danaher

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 TOWN CONSTABLES' REPORT

As Constables for the Town of Shrewsbury, we serve as the first and second enforcement officers for town ordinances and state laws. Activities included: six suspicious vehicle calls, two harassment calls, one gun-complaint call, two suspicious activity calls, one lost item call, one illegal dumping call, three house theft calls, three attempted break-in calls and one border dispute call.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew E. Danaher, 1st Constable
Peter LaJoie, 2nd Constable

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

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.

John Berryhill
Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

This has been my first year working full time at the Transfer Station, and I have enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you each Wednesday and Sunday. Following proper disposal guidelines saves all of us money. The major disposal areas at the Transfer Station are:

Glass	Batteries	Metal
Aluminum	Tin Cans	Plastics
Cardboard	Electronics	The Reading Romm
Recyclable Drink Containers	Paper: White, Magazines, and Newspapers	

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 and for designated hazardous waste disposal days. Free electronic waste disposal is new this year with no cost to residents or the Town, but batteries must be removed.

**Batteries and other hazardous waste can be disposed of at the next household hazardous waste disposal day scheduled on:
*Saturday, June 22, 2013, from 1:00-3:30pm.***

I would like to thank all the people who help out in the Reading Room by straightening it up. I really appreciate their help.

Submitted by
Bob Perry, Transfer Station Attendant



Transfer Station Attendant Bob Perry

2012 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury
Stan Wilbur, Vice Chair – Tinmouth
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Clapp, Administrator
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VISIT www.rutlandcountyswac.org for additional information

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 work cooperatively to resolve solid waste and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner. SWAC functions with one part-time Administrator. SWAC fulfills the statutory requirements of the state covering solid and hazardous waste. In 2012, SWAC:

- ❖ Oversaw implementation of the 10 town SWAC Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website. Without being included in an approved SWIP, municipalities would not be allowed to dispose of their solid waste in Vermont. SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources representing the SWAC Towns' interests on issues such as legislation, rule changes, Solid Waste Implementation Plan requirements, and Product Stewardship.
- ❖ Continued its support and membership in the Vermont Product Stewardship Council (VTPSC) and Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). These entities work to help shift product waste management systems from government funded, taxpayer and ratepayer financed waste diversion to producer responsibility that encourages green product design with producers having the primary responsibility to establish, fund, and manage end of life systems. VTPSC was an integral part in the passage of electronics and mercury bulb take-back legislation. Manufacturers now pay for the collection of televisions, laptops, computers, monitors, and peripherals, compact fluorescent bulbs and mercury lamps. Most SWAC transfer stations and recycling centers have permanent electronics collections as well as fluorescent bulb collection. These materials are collected free of charge. Bulbs can also be brought to any of the HHW collections.
- ❖ Sponsored seven Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events in SWAC towns as required by the State as well as contracted for year-round HHW drop-off service for residents at the Rutland County Solid Waste Management District (RCSWMD) HW Depot (Depot) on Gleason Road in Rutland. SWAC residents can drop off HHW at the Depot during regularly scheduled operating hours. Visit www.rutlandcountyswac.org for 2013 HHW collection events schedule. Residents can attend any of the collection events, not just the ones scheduled in their town. Free of charge to SWAC residents.

2012 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

In 2012, 5,512 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs; 643 compact fluorescent bulbs; 530 gallons of motor oil; 123.75 gallons of antifreeze/glycols; 158.5 pounds and 87.5 gallons of pesticides; 32 pounds of batteries; 72.5 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals; 772 aerosols; 130.25 gallons of paint; 638.75 gallons of paint related materials; and 86.5 gallons of small paints were collected. 215 households participated in collection events. In addition, over 12,880 pounds of clothing/textiles were collected in the first three quarters of 2012.

Since the implementation of electronics manufacturer take-back legislation became effective July 1, 2011, the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, and Tinmouth have registered as official collection facilities. 73,229 pounds of electronics were collected from residents versus 53,160 pounds in 2011. Mercury lamp take-back legislation became effective in 2012.

- ❖ Maintained a website providing information on SWAC transfer stations, hazardous waste education and collection event schedules, recycling, composting, and business education. The “living green” section provides helpful tips for residents to live a greener lifestyle. The “What Do I Do With...” section provides residents information on proper disposal options on many products.

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.**

The Shrewsbury Representative to SWAC is appointed by the Selectboard. The position is currently rotated among the Selectboard members. Bert Potter and Mike Stewart served as SWAC representatives in 2012.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Shrewsbury is scheduled for June 22, 2013 between 1:00 and 3:30 pm at the Shrewsbury Transfer Station.

Please note that residents can attend Hazardous Waste Collection dates at ANY of the Towns in the Rutland County SWAC network, not just the ones scheduled in their Town. Also, residents have year-round access to the Rutland County Solid Waste District’s hazardous waste facility. For additional information please visit the Rutland County SWAC website: www.rutlandcountyswac.org.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Finishing up the 2010 town wide reappraisal we had one seasonal property, Fox Lots, which was appealed to the Superior Court. Fox Lots property value was reduced from \$251,000 to \$207,000 due to limited access on a Class 4 Road without septic, water or electrical service.

We had two property owners that, after Grievance hearings, appealed their property value to the Board of Civil Authority. L. & C. Lundeen property value was reduced \$900 and T. & K. Carrara's property value remained unchanged.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 65.21% with a Coefficient of Dispersion(COD) of 22.94% before the 2010 reappraisal. In 2011 the CLA was 114.10 and the COD was 10.57. The 2012 current CLA is 110.65 with a COD of 14.96. We currently are requesting a new CLA determination to our current sales study from Property Valuation and Review. We are requesting the removal of an invalid sale, which could change the CLA and COD favorably if the adjustment is granted.

The Listers can be contacted at 492-2009.

We again thank everyone for their cooperation throughout the year.

Betsy Jesser Steven Nicholson Sharon Winnicki



Lister Betsy Jesser in the Town Office

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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

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

The Planning Commission began working on the Town Plan update. Initial tasks were to add 2010 census data for the Town including population and economic information. We all participated in the Shrewsbury Community Forum, the results of which are being integrated into the Town Plan. The Rutland Region Planning Commission (RRPC) reviewed our current Plan and presented the findings to us in May. Areas identified as needing work included an economic development chapter, adult education, agricultural & forestry activity including locally produced goods, and availability of health care/services. The Town Plan update is due at the end of 2013 per Vermont state statute. The Planning Commission plans to hold informational meetings and public hearings on the Plan in the upcoming months.

The Planning Commission worked diligently to add GIS layers onto the Town's AutoCad parcel maps which can now be digitally overlaid with other GIS resource information and with the Town zoning maps. We reviewed several iterations of the maps mindful that they should be clear and the attributes easily discernable.

We have kept abreast of state and regional land use issues, by attending state and community meetings and by information made available via the RRPC. Issues included proposed renewable energy projects such as the Poultney Wood Shed project, Fair Haven's Beaver Wood Biomass plant, N. Springfield's Biomass plant, the Grandpa's Knob Wind project, and Clarendon's Airport Overlay Zone.

We continue to work on merging the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

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 2012, the Board held 10 hearings, five for Conditional Uses, one for a Variance, two for Land Subdivision, one for a minor boundary adjustment and one for development in an Meadowland Overlay Area.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

This year it felt as if things were getting back to normal in the building world. There were five new house permits granted with at least two completed and the others in various stages of planning or building. There were 28 other building permits granted for a variety of projects. Five Agricultural Building notifications were also filed. I have also been contacted on a number of possible projects that have not been applied for yet.

The Planning Commission is still in the process of writing a combined zoning and subdivision ordinance, but had to set it aside for a bit to update the Town Plan. The combined ordinance will be a great improvement over having two separate sets of regulations as the requirements for projects will be consistent and easier for people to follow. I am hopeful that they will include ticketing to the Judicial Bureau for simple infractions of this new ordinance. It is a far quicker and less costly method of dealing with people who for one reason or another refuse to get permits or follow Shrewsbury's Zoning Regulations. I am interested in hearing your opinions on this; feel free to call me about this issue or any questions you have regarding our Town's Zoning or Subdivision Ordinances. I appreciate everyone who calls to ask whether they need a permit for something; it is always easier to ask first.

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

This has been a busy year for the Conservation Commission. Our hardworking members worked together with Nancy Bell to get a grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund. We used these monies to host a Community Forum in April and follow-up in June to determine what environmental and conservation issues Town residents value most. We will use this information to guide our actions as a commission.

We also received a \$10,000 award from Neighborworks of Western Vermont for Shrewsbury's participation in energy efficiency efforts. This will be used for Town efficiency measures.

We continue to work to help recycling at the school and host Green-Up Vermont. The Conservation Commission feels honored to serve this active and caring community. We welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Thornton

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance January 1, 2012	\$1,640.50
Cash Receipts:	\$10,930.00
Disbursements	<u>1,875.16</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 10,695.34

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Calotta



Town Residents participating in the Community Forum

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT

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.

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 and appropriate use of the sanctuary can be arranged through the Shrewsbury Committee Church and the Committee. Our policy is to allow use of the building only to Shrewsbury residents.

This past year has been very important for the Meeting House. With great appreciation to the late Russell Smith, who left the Meeting House a generous bequest for maintenance of the building, the Committee was able to catch up with much deferred maintenance and improvements. As you may have noticed, there was a lot of contractor activity at the Meeting House this past summer and fall. All exterior clapboards and trim in poor condition were replaced and the entire building was professionally repainted. The front entryways have been repaired and the traditional Hall entry has been restored with upgraded wiring, lighting and carpeting. The main building also received a new standing seam metal roof, finally eliminating leaks and ice dams. And, very important, the entire building has been completely insulated to current standards, which should decrease heating costs significantly. A few other interior changes will be made this coming year to make the building more attractive and useable. Over \$88,000 was spent to make these important improvements but this work will serve the community for decades to come and was essential to maintaining this important building in good condition. The remaining bequest will be held for future capital improvements in Russell Smith's name.

Many thanks to Greg McGown, who keeps the grounds looking so nice, and also to Sue Ransom-Kelly, who maintains the inside. A sincere thank you 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: John Berryhill, Jonathan Gibson, Leonard Korzun, Paul Sgalia, Julianne Sharrow, Donna Smith, Mark Youngstrom

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2012 **\$139,392.58**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000.00	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250.00	
Hall Rental	\$350.00	
Interest	\$113.48	
Other	\$39.17	
Total Receipts		\$16,752.65

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$939.22	
Propane	\$5,183.51	
Telephone	\$455.49	
Custodial	\$2,500.00	
Maintenance	\$2,074.45	
Insurance	\$4,137.40	
Supplies	\$209.71	
Capital Improvements	\$88,356.83	
Total Disbursements		\$103,856.61

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2012 **\$52,288.62**

RESTRICTED FUNDS (From establishment till December 31, 2012)

	Beginning Balance (2011)	Receipts (2011)	Expenditures (2011 - 2012)	Balance (December 31, 2012)
Russell Smith Capital Fund*	\$0.00	\$116,394.72	\$88,356.83	\$28,037.89

* Note: These funds are included in the balance sheet above.

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2012 BUDGET</u>	<u>2012 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2013 BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Town of Shrewsbury - Steeple Repair	\$10,147.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,350.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00
Hall Rental	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Interest	\$48.52	\$50.00	\$113.48	\$50.00
Donations	\$116,394.72	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.17	\$0.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$143,740.74*</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,752.65</u>	<u>\$19,950.00</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$1,121.33	\$1,100.00	\$939.22	\$1,100.00
Propane	\$5,883.71	\$5,500.00	\$5,183.51	\$4,500.00
Telephone	\$450.35	\$500.00	\$455.49	\$500.00
Custodial	\$1,566.46	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Maintenance	\$2,445.37	\$2,500.00	\$2,074.45	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$3,931.82	\$4,000.00	\$4,137.40	\$4,200.00
Supplies	\$144.63	\$150.00	\$102.71	\$150.00
Capital Improvements	\$677.25	\$1,750.00	\$88,356.83	\$4,500.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$16,220.92</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$103,749.61</u>	<u>\$19,950.00</u>

* For comparison, total receipts without Steeple Repair (State funds) and Donation (bequest) equal \$17,198.52

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 LIBRARY REPORT

The Library is again requesting \$7,500 in Town tax support to help cover basic operating expenses: fuel, electricity, telephone service and internet access, septic pumping, maintenance, and insurance. Although our actual operating expenses in 2012 were \$15,172, we will fund-raise to meet the remaining operating expenses, add new materials, and provide programming in the public interest.

The Library had a strong 37th year of service, increasing circulation and patrons' visits, and becoming fully automated, thanks to the efforts of Donna Swartz, Lisa Sharrow, Heather Shay, and Mill River Honor Society seniors. Donna Swartz completed the required number of courses offered by the Vermont Department of Libraries, and became a Certified Vermont Librarian. We met the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries for the 12th straight year.

3,402 adults and children visited the Library to borrow books, DVDs, and music CDs; access our wireless internet; and attend programs and fund-raising events. Numbers alone don't tell the whole story; there was an increase in the number of volunteers willing to serve as Library Trustees, staff during Library hours, offer presentations and workshops, and make donations of all kinds. The Library is more than an historic building filled with books (and DVDs, tapes, magazines, and computers,) it is a center of community activity that embodies the generous spirit of Shrewsbury.

Free Library programs included an on-going book club; a quilting workshop, a writers' group; a Gardeners' Round Table; presentations by Shrewsbury's Leonard Korzun; Civil War historian Howard Coffin; writers Penelope Weiss, Joan Aleshire, Yvonne Daley, and Archer Mayor; Habitat for Humanity volunteers Stan and Louise Duda; and archaeologist Charlie Paquin. Childrens' programs included Family Movies; a Stuffed Animal Sleepover; and Dino Rice's "Summer and Autumn Songs" for infants and toddlers.

As part of our Five Year Plan, we are replacing VHS tapes with DVDs, adding new periodicals to our selection, and providing a comfortable reading corner.

Fundraising efforts included the Mettawee Theatre Company's annual production; the Book & Bake Sale, the Street Dance, and the Holiday Cookie Swap & Silent Auction.

We are grateful for the Town's past support and look for new ways to serve townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Aleshire, President

Donna Swartz, Vermont Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2012		\$ 75,202
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	21,976	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	1,145	
Total Receipts		23,121
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	15,172	
Capital Fund	1,685	
Restricted	650	
Total Expenditures		(17,507)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2012		<u>\$ 80,816</u>
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2012		\$ 25,000
Receipts		-
Board designation of funds		1,685
Expenditures		(1,685)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2012		<u>\$ 25,000</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 20	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 270
E. Jeffords Permanent Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Children's Program	-	100	100	-
Claire Hooper	-	745	-	745
Allan YA Book Fund	26	-	-	26
Gerty Current Fiction Fund	466	-	-	466
Large Print Book Fund	50	50	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	357	-	-	357
Speakers Fund	567	-	550	17
Mitch Spencer Fund	111	-	-	111
	<u>\$ 5,137</u>	<u>\$ 1,145</u>	<u>\$ 650</u>	<u>\$ 5,632</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2011 Actual	2012		2013
		Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	13,291	6,500	9,135	6,500
Fundraising	7,584	5,280	4,716	5,645
Interest Earned	331	300	107	75
Other income	563	500	518	500
Total Operating Revenue	<u>29,269</u>	<u>20,080</u>	<u>21,976</u>	<u>20,220</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	220	300	300	300
Materials: Adults	2,698	3,400	3,108	4,350
Materials: Children & YA	188	1,700	605	1,700
Children's Program Expense	623	1,000	620	1,000
Equipment & Repairs	220	250	250	300
Electricity	1,581	1,660	1,526	1,600
Five year plan costs	100	350	75	200
Fuel	1,504	2,000	1,810	2,000
Fundraising & events expense	731	2,000	1,244	1,500
Insurance	1,689	1,750	1,743	1,815
Librarian Expense	-	150	-	100
Maintenance	1,923	2,615	1,412	2,665
Miscellaneous	47	150	85	150
Septic Pumping	990	1,000	613	1,225
Postage	29	70	45	70
Postage-Interlibrary loan	78	150	103	150
Program Expense	1,160	650	200	650
Supplies	685	850	418	850
Telephone	1,003	1,035	1,015	1,045
Total Operating Expense	<u>15,469</u>	<u>21,080</u>	<u>15,172</u>	<u>21,670</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 13,800</u>	<u>\$ (1,000)</u>	<u>\$ 6,804</u>	<u>\$ (1,450)</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The year 2012 was an enjoyable one in that the Society decided to keep up for viewing the many photographs of our town and historical charter as we celebrated the Town's 250th birthday the year before. As we all know, Hurricane Irene had different plans in 2011.

The Society elected as co-presidents Grace Brigham and David Rice. And the decision was made that the Society would mail a letter to members and friends requesting a one-time donation, being the only fund raiser for this year. A storage shed is on the priority list of things to accomplish. The storage area in the museum itself is crowded, therefore part of the proceeds of the donation letter will be earmarked for the shed.

June found the Society gearing up for the Vermont History Expo held in Tunbridge. Committee chair members Fran Patten and Richard Bettelli were joined by Grace Brigham, Ruth Winkler and Bud and Edie Clark. The theme for this year's Expo was the Civil War. The Society was happy to exhibit the "Letters to Home" written in 1862-1863 by George Wellington Foster of Cuttingsville to his wife while he was serving as a drummer with the 14th regiment, Company B. The SHS is very proud that Grace Brigham was chosen to prepare the official poster for the event. If you study the poster you may just recognize the center building. The next Expo will be in 2014.

The museum opened for the season on July 1st. This season we had visitors from all areas of Vermont, Glens Falls and Saratoga Springs, N.Y., from Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and Germany.

On Saturday, August 25th, the Society sponsored a program at Ludy Biddle's farm to learn about the 12 rescued race horses Ludy saved from being slaughtered. Member Len Korzun gave an historical presentation about the area and the pioneers who settled there in the 1700s. There were about 50 interested townsfolk and friends present.

The Historical Society was saddened by the passing of more than several of its former members starting late in December of 2011 to the present: Danny Korngiebel, Claire Bailey Hooper, Tom Tomlinson, Polly Ridlon Wilson, and Don Butler. Don Butler served as President in 1986, Vice President in 1991, 92 and 93, and was a Trustee for many years. We miss them all.

The Historical Society's website invites you to visit at www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com. We are a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our annual request to the Town for \$2000 will greatly help us to continue with the maintenance costs and operating expenses of the historical museum building. We appreciate your support and invite you to join the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Co-Presidents, Grace Brigham and David Rice

SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

SUMMARY

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 919.06
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>(912.00)</u>
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	<u>9,364.34</u>
Certificates of Deposit	<u>23,796.06</u>

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2012

33,167.46

Total Receipts for 2012 7,783.10

Total Operating Expenses for 2012 2,798.98

ENDING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	<u>2,679.55</u>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>-</u>
Plus Outstanding Deposits	<u>-</u>
Money Market Acct	<u>11,459.47</u>
Certificates of Deposit	<u>24,012.56</u>

ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2012

\$ 38,151.58

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
RECEIPTS:				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Membership dues	\$ 675.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 450.00
Fund Raising	\$ 2,339.50	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,410.70	\$ 2,400.00
Contributions	\$ 2,512.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,616.00	\$ 1,500.00
Interest on CD's and MM	\$ 196.74	\$ 200.00	\$ 223.63	\$ 200.00
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107.77	\$ -
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 7,723.24</u>	<u>\$ 7,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,783.10</u>	<u>\$ 6,550.00</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES:				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$ 912.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 933.00	\$ 950.00
Electricity	\$ 342.50	\$ 350.00	\$ 280.75	\$ 300.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 3,955.82	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Archival Supplies	\$ 1,104.67	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 466.25	\$ 600.00
Supplies and misc	\$ 1,672.96	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 769.63	\$ 900.00
Postage	\$ 345.38	\$ 400.00	\$ 349.35	\$ 400.00
Telephone	\$ 408.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Operating Expenses	<u>8,741.60</u>	<u>7,600.00</u>	<u>2,798.98</u>	<u>5,650.00</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,018.36)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,984.12</u>	<u>\$ 900.00</u>

Town of Shrewsbury

2012 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 2012 was another busy one for your Fire Department. We responded to 43 emergency calls of all sorts. Lack of snow and an early warm spell led to us fighting numerous brush fires in March and April. The worst fire in Town in 2012 gutted a residence on the Old Plymouth Road. The owners were away, giving the fire a good start before we were summoned. The best news: no one was injured.

Vermont State Police now promptly call local agencies like SVFD for assistance when 911 calls reporting missing or lost hikers are received. On July 22, SVFD received two such calls, and successfully rescued a lost hiker. Unfortunately, a second man -- who had suffered a heart attack hiking on the Appalachian Trail -- could not be revived, in spite of valiant efforts by SVFD and other responders. Our members have expanded their training and readiness in light of these new protocols.

In 2012, generous donations allowed SVFD to modernize its extrication tools, without spending tax dollars. Your Fire Department again responded to multiple motor vehicle accidents in 2012, including one at the Cuttingsville bridge involving nine cars! The new equipment helped your volunteers rescue trapped victims at this accident, and at another one on the Cold River Road. Thank you for helping us to help them. To comply with federal mandates, SVFD also converted its radios and pagers to a "narrowband" system in 2012. Ray Dambrackas spearheaded the project, assisted by Steve Suker and Central Vermont Communications. Barry Griffith wrote a grant, so that the costs would be covered by the State rather than local tax dollars.

In August, members attended the annual Vermont State Firefighters Association in Bennington, winning the Ray Davison Award handily with an outstanding performance in the muster games. Bob Snarski was honored as VSFA's Senior Firefighter of the Year. SVFD quietly celebrated its Sixtieth Anniversary at its Annual Meeting in October. Al Ridlon, Sr. -- a 1952 Charter Member of the Department -- was presented with a plaque in recognition of 60 years of exemplary dedication to the fire service. Matt Brown joined our ranks. Congratulations to all!

SVFD's Trustees are pleased again to present a "level funding" budget request to the Town. We have found a way to do this for 17 years now, in spite of our constantly increasing operating expenses and equipment costs. This has been made possible by the fundraising efforts of our members and Auxiliary, and the generous donations received from our friends and neighbors. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Jack Perry
President

Barry Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Carrara
Fire Chief

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Raised by SVFD	12,842.29	12,500.00	20,175.88	12,500.00
Total Operating Income	\$37,842.29	\$37,500.00	\$45,175.88	\$37,500.00
EXPENSES				
New Equipment	6,635.47	6,600.00	8,179.26	7,000.00
Operating	3,976.11	3,300.00	4,241.23	4,000.00
Maintenance	7,975.79	5,500.00	3,413.37	5,800.00
Stations	2,675.30	4,000.00	2,541.63	4,000.00
Insurance	8,426.00	8,500.00	7,747.00	9,000.00
Communications	1,651.68	1,800.00	1,689.67	2,000.00
Heating	3,621.86	4,600.00	3,590.15	4,000.00
Electric	1,644.53	1,500.00	1,625.02	1,800.00
Dues/Training	733.00	1,000.00	587.00	1,500.00
Fundraising	522.65	400.00	813.90	700.00
Miscellaneous	157.16	200.00	150.00	100.00
Bank Charges	80.44	100.00	79.04	100.00
To Replacement Fund			10,000.00	
Total Operating Exp.	\$38,099.99	\$37,500.00	\$44,657.27	\$40,000.00

GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2012

\$34,022.36

Receipts:

Town of Shrewsbury	\$25,000.00	
Race Pool Income	12,000.00	
Fuel Raffle Proceeds	2,900.00	
Coin Drop Proceeds	2,135.00	
Strainer Sale Proceeds	1,600.00	
Donations/Refunds/Other	1,464.34	
Interest Income	76.54	
Total General Fund Receipts	\$45,175.88	

General Fund Expenditures

(44,657.27)

GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2012

\$34,540.97

**2012 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

Replacement Fund

Opening Balance 01/01/12	\$23,676.64	
Extraction Tool Donations (early '12)	4,985.00	
Toward Extraction Tools Purchase	(11,904.00)	
From Operating For Equipment	10,000.00	
Narrowbanding Radio/Pager Purchase	(5,540.00)	
Narrowbanding Radio/Pager Grant	5,540.00	
Aiken Fund Fire Pond Grant	2,500.00	
Mailer Donations for PPE (late '12)	6,010.00	
Interest Income	39.18	
Ending Balance 12/31/12		\$35,256.82

Tim Stewart Memorial Fund * **\$3,087.78**

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 01/01/12	\$216,210.87	
Toward 2012 Lease Purchase Payment	(16,308.00)	
Change in Investment Value	19,497.93	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	(2,296.31)	
Ending Balance 12/31/12		\$217,104.49

Race Pool Account

Opening Balance 01/01/12	\$5,486.55	
Donations and Interest Income	29,869.44	
Prizes and Expenses	(19,437.36)	
Transfer to Operating	(12,000.00)	
Ending Balance 12/31/12		\$3,918.63

\$259,367.72

Engine 2 Lease Purchase Payment

From Town SVFD Truck Reserve Fund	\$26,000.00
From Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund	\$16,308.00
Paid Payment #7 of 7 in March 2012	(\$42,308.00)

Fire Truck Lease Payment Schedule, dated 3-15-06

		Payment Due	Interest	Principal	Balance	Purchase Option
	Purchase Price				260,833.00	
1	3/15/2006	42,308.00		42,308.00	218,525.00	225,080.75
2	3/15/2007	42,308.00	9,738.84	32,569.16	185,955.84	191,534.52
3	3/15/2008	42,308.00	8,287.36	34,020.64	151,935.20	156,493.26
4	3/15/2009	42,308.00	6,771.18	35,536.82	116,398.38	119,890.33
5	3/15/2010	42,308.00	5,187.44	37,120.56	79,277.82	81,656.15
6	3/15/2011	42,308.00	3,533.12	38,774.88	40,502.94	41,718.03
7	3/15/2012	42,308.00	1,805.06	40,502.94	-	-
		296,156.00	35,323.00	260,833.00		

* Funds maintained in Replacement Fund account; use of same tracked and reported separately.

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

This year was an active season for forest fires as we had four fires due to the dry spring season. Luckily they were extinguished quickly by the SVFD and other neighboring departments. I want to thank everyone who burned for doing so safely. Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be FIRE safe!!

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

Al Ridlon, Jr.
492-3722 (H)
492-2055 (W)

Town of Shrewsbury
2012 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

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 2012 these cemeteries are almost all located on private property.

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, and Bill and Donna Smith at the cemetery at Shrewsbury Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry Carrara
David Rice
George Richards



THE COMMISSION'S MISSION:
Cooperative planning in the Region
www.rutlandrpc.org

RRPC Mission:

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

THE COMMISSION'S 2012 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Development of a **Strategic Plan** for the RRPC.
- **Technical assistance** on land use issues, community development, natural resource and transportation issues.
- **Town Planning**, including enhanced consultation meetings with Planning Commissions and the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations.
- **Update of the Rutland Regional Plan**, including the Housing, Natural Resource, History, Resource Extraction and Energy Sections.
- **Assisted towns with Tropical Storm Irene recovery**, including coordinating and documenting damage to roads, bridges, and waterways, developing hazard mitigation projects, and hosting Community Recovery meetings.
- Development of a **Regional Broadband Plan**.
- Guidance for towns on **Building Healthy Communities**.
- Operate the **Brownfields Reuse Program**, conducting environmental site assessments, remediation planning and redevelopment assistance.
- Regular **roundtables of local road commissioners** to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- **Informational meetings** on pertinent subjects such as the panel discussion on local involvement in energy facility decisions made by Vermont's Public Service Board, the roles that municipalities and the public play in contributing to the Public Service Board process.
- Regular disaster training for town officials and first responders through the Rutland Region **Local Emergency Planning Committee**, including emergency planning, preparedness, response, hazardous materials, and Incident Command System
- Use of **GIS (Geographic Information Systems)** tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, town planning and zoning, and infrastructure mapping.
- Support of the **Rutland Region Transportation Council** planning for the future *multi-modal* transportation needs of the Region. Prioritized and created a brochure of all transportation projects funded with state and federal funds. Conducted Region-wide Park and Ride Study, and an Assessment of Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs.
- Supported **Agricultural Viability** through assistance to the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link.
- **Education, training, and information programs** for municipal officials, reimbursement for program fees as well as quarterly Newsletters, an updated web site and Facebook page
- A comprehensive **energy program** providing assistance to local energy coordinators and committees, organizing transportation-related energy programs, and hosting a workshop on improving energy efficiency in municipal buildings.

In Shrewsbury the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- **Completed Enhanced Consultation.**
- **Updated Culvert Inventory and entered into State VOBGIT.**
- **Provided various maps for specific town projects and/or town issues.**
- **Prepared Road Sign Inventory database.**

2012 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT



*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

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

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 29th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for twenty-nine years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 159,169 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2012, the service responded to a total of 8,083 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 413 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We also congratulate EMT Robert Foley 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 28 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employees commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,514 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 Thursdays at the Regional Ambulance building. In cooperation with the Rutland County Safety Coalition 112 inspections were completed.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact James 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
R.A.S. Board of Directors
Town of Shrewsbury Representative

www.RegionalAmbulance.com

"Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism"

A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2011/2012:**Education:**

Vermont Envirothon - The District promotes Vermont Envirothon through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. The Envirothon strengthens environmental curriculum at the high school level. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the 2011 statewide competition.

Real Estate Resource Information - To further inform Realtors about soil conservation and related subjects, the District organizes a course that is designed for Brokers and Salespeople interested in obtaining credits toward the fulfillment of the educational requirements for renewal of their licenses.

What Every Forest Landowner Should Know - The District sponsored two workshops for forest landowners. Topics presented were: What is a Forest Management Plan and What Should Be In It? , Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program, Forest Certification Primer and USDA-NRCS Cost Sharing Programs for Environmental Quality and Wildlife Habitat.

Newspaper Articles - The District sponsors bi-monthly articles in the Rutland Herald. These articles are prepared by various partners as part of an on-going series in environmental education and are featured on the Environment Page of the Sunday Rutland Herald and Times Argus. Featured articles during FY2011 were: Streamside Buffers, Lake Champlain Water Quality, Low Impact Development, etc.

Outreach:

Newsletters - The District publishes a newsletter each year. Over 500 residents/landowners receive information regarding various District projects, as well as information about ways to help improve our natural environment. This publication is funded by paid advertisements placed by local businesses.

Website - The District hosts a website at 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 has secured funding through grant sources to:

1. Complete a River Corridor Plan on the Cold River in the Town Shrewsbury and Clarendon. A draft copy of this plan is available on the District's website at www.vacd.org/rcd
2. Promote the use of portable skidder bridges. When properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, skidder bridges reduce stream bank and streambed disturbance which will minimize the potential for sedimentation. The District has four bridges for rent at a fee of \$100.00 per month.
3. Awarded funding through a VT Watershed Grant to continue outreach and education efforts in the Moon Brook watershed in the City of Rutland regarding green stormwater management infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) practices i.e., rain gardens/bioretenention, rain barrels and stream buffer plantings. 4 rain gardens and 1 stream buffer planting were installed. These practices were installed with the help from a coalition of volunteers and technical resource advisors. Two rain barrel making workshop were also held at Garden Time in Rutland.
4. Awarded funding through a Lake Champlain Basin Program Education & Information Grant to design and install educational signage at Low Impact Development (LID) demonstration projects that were completed in 2009 and 2010 in the Moon Brook Watershed. Watershed Identification signs were also designed and have been installed in the City and Town of Rutland on the Moon, Mussey and Tenney Brooks as well as the East Creek.

Other:

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - The District has been active in coordinating volunteers and providing trees, shrubs and planting supplies for many landowners in Rutland County who are participants in the CREP and Partners for Fish & Wildlife programs.

Technical Assistance to Farmers - Trained Agricultural Specialists assist farmers in following State mandated Accepted Agricultural Practices, Nutrient Management Planning and Land Treatment Planning.

On-Farm Food Waste Composting - In cooperation with and support from the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) the District has recruited a farmer in Rutland County to operate and manage a food waste composting project.

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list please contact Nanci McGuire at 775-8034 ext. 17 or see us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.



To the Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury and Members of the Selectboard,

BROCC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Shrewsbury who have supported our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROCC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROCC helped meet the basic needs of 61 individuals in the Town of Shrewsbury, including one homeless family to secure housing. BROCC's Economic & Workforce Development Program worked with 11 Shrewsbury residents interested in starting or expanding a small business and 10 residents received classroom or seminar training and our Energy Conservation & Weatherization program weatherized the homes of 3 individuals for energy savings. BROCC created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise much needed funds so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, BROCC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the economic instability and continuing rise of everyday costs. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROCC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

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

Sincerely,
Linda G. Rooker
Executive Director



TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHREWSBURY:

In 2012, 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 74,196 visits to 2,466 patients. In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 1039 visits to 25 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

Thomas Dowling, President of the Board of Directors



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Tropical Storm Irene created more work than usual for our coordinators across the state. Green Up Vermont partnered with the Irene Recovery Office on special Green Up to Recover projects. Some of the hardest hit towns reported having so many volunteers that they ran out of places to send them! We distributed an additional 20,000 Green Up Day bags for Irene-related clean ups.

Green Up Day celebrated 42 years in 2012. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. We rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

**Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 4, 2013, the first Saturday in May.
Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your
community to make Vermont even more GREEN!**



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 **1375 volunteers**. From April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **129,728 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$2,623,100**.

Currently in Shrewsbury, volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Headstart, Community Cupboard, Rutland County schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Northeast and Northwest Elementary School, Clarendon Elementary School, One-2-One, The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, the **RSVP Rutland County Reads** program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**.

The volunteer services they provide include: Osher Lifelong Learning volunteer, knitting and sewing items for children and elders, teaching Sudoku to seniors, entertaining elders and youngsters through song, information desk clerk and couriering at the hospital, delivering and preparing meals, designing and implementing the Lifeline program at RRMC, transporting seniors, tutoring and mentoring children, working with children through the **RSVP Rutland County Reads** program, volunteering services to **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, and exercise trainers for **RSVP Bone Builders**.

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

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director
December 4, 2012



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING

Report to the Citizens of Shrewsbury

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Shrewsbury in 2012:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 1,105 meals that were delivered to the homes of 9 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.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 14 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 facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

“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; 10) Additional support and resources for elders affected by Tropical Storm Irene.

**Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging
1085 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701
802-786-5990
www.svcoa.org**

2012 RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK & SHELTER REPORT



The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter is a non-profit agency working within Rutland County to provide safety and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. We have been in Rutland County for 33 years serving families who live in danger.

Over the past year we have assisted over 4500 people in dangerous situations. We shelter families in immediate fear of harm, we offer counseling, support groups, help with relocation, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We respond to domestic violence and rape, assist with family court advocacy, and other services necessary to keep families safe.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of **Shrewsbury** for their continued support of our program. Because of your consistent support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for those survivors of domestic violence from your Town.

The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter is requesting the sum of \$150.00 which will be voted on in March, at the Town Meeting of 2013, for the assistance in supporting the shelter. We are very grateful for the help that the people of Shrewsbury have given us in the past. **We provided services to 47 residents of Shrewsbury this year.**

Sincerely,
Marianne Kennedy, J.D.
Executive Director

2012 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc., PO Box 222, 78 South Main Street, Rutland, VT 05702
Phone: 802-775-2381 Fax: 802-775-4020 website: rmhscn.org

802-747-7696 **Information and Referral** **TTY/TDD: 802-253-0191**
Toll Free: 877-430-2273

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 2012, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of 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

During fiscal year 2012, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,962 hours of services to 48 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,
Daniel J. Quinn, President and Chief Executive Officer

2012 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT



Caring for Families • Caring for the Future

Rutland County Parent Child Center Inc.
61 Pleasant Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-5009
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2012-2013 Annual Report

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private community based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "To Nurture Children and Families through Supportive, Positive, Educational Experiences that Enhance their Success in our Community."

RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

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

- Literacy based playgroups
- Early intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays
- A teen parent education program that enables young parents to complete their high school
- Diplomas while learning parenting skills and life skills
- Support for young families on public assistance
- Parent education classes and referral services
- Clinician group and individual sessions and CUPS for children birth to age five
- Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens (POISE)

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

The Rutland County Parent Child Care Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600.00 from Shrewsbury in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families with young children in your community.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,
Caprice B Hover
Executive Director



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**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) has relocated. We are now in the old CCV (Community College of Vermont) building on 16 Evelyn Street in the heart of downtown Rutland.

In partnership with *The Marble Valley Regional Transit District*, we offer registered students' unlimited access to "The Bus" at no charge, with no restrictions on use. Our focus is to assist students in getting to and from class and to help them economically due to the high cost of gas, but the pass may also be used for shopping, dining, doctors appointments, etc.

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, Rutland VAL served 356 students in Rutland County, providing 12,252 hours of education. We served two Shrewsbury students, one of which was 16-21 years of age, providing 115 hours of instruction. One student also earned their high school credential, while others continue their studies with us. VAL greatly appreciates Shrewsbury's continued support through Town Funds.

As of January 2014, all GED tests and registration will be done on the computer. There will no longer be paper and pencil registration or testing. If an individual has not taken and passed all five paper GED assessments by December 2013, previous paper tests will become null and void and individuals will need to start all over, from the beginning with the computerized tests. If you or someone you know has not completed all five GED tests, call VAL for assistance.

VAL has been very active in supporting the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board's (RRWIB) *Three Steps Forward* initiative, funded by the Vermont Women's Fund. This program supports young women between the ages of 15 and 25. The goal is to help young women who have obtained or are working on their high school diploma, are low on skills and struggling with next steps toward a career, to get connected with the people and experiences that will help them get a job and support themselves.

It's never too late to earn your high school diploma through VT Adult Learning. Someone 16 and under the age of 22 could consider our *High School Completion Program*. For those 20 years old and older, we offer the *Adult Diploma Program*. Diplomas for both programs come from Rutland County high schools.

Our primary goal at VAL is to provide high quality, respectful education, advisement for employability, post secondary education and support to Vermonthers in need of our services. Please call or stop by for a tour of our new facilities at 16 Evelyn Street.

**Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager
Email: mfolger@vtadultlearning.org**



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www.nwwvt.org



TOWN REPORT

The mission of **NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont** is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and affordable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time.

We provide home rehabilitation services to address health and safety issues, low interest loans, homebuyer education, foreclosure intervention, budget and credit counseling, reverse mortgage counseling in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties. Our newest program, The NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad helps homeowners-- regardless of income-- make energy efficiency improvements to their homes which save families an average of 375 gallons of heating fuel each year while making homes more comfortable.

2012 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont.

- ❖ **124** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ❖ **Fifty-six** families purchased their first home with help from the HomeOwnership Center.
- ❖ **Forty** families repaired their homes with loans totaling **\$795,650** through our Home Rehab Program.
- ❖ **Two hundred forty-four** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ❖ **Twenty-five** people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ❖ **12** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ❖ The NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad helped
 - **Five hundred seventy-seven** households have affordable Home Energy Check-Ups,
 - **Three hundred thirteen** families make energy improvements, and
 - **One hundred forty-seven** families were loaned **\$1,694,827** which enabled them to complete improvements that save them an average of \$1,400 on heating and electric costs each year
- ❖ **In Shrewsbury** one family in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling, and is working with their lender with NWWVT's assistance. One family attended our Homebuyer Education class. Another family purchased their first home with the help of the HomeOwnership Center. Twelve households had Home Energy Check-Ups with the help of the NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad, 14 families went on to do the recommended energy improvements, and seven of those families received NWWVT loans totaling \$69,765 which made the improvements possible.

There is always a need and we hope we are always here to help.

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!

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY**SUMMARY REPORT**

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

Preliminary numbers for our FY'12 (Oct. 2011-Sept.2012) show VCIL responded to over **2,000** 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 **400** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 35 peers who were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **180** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **56** of these households received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. VCIL's Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **200** individuals with information on assistive technology; **51** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **450** 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, Orleans, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '12, **2** residents of **Shrewsbury** received services from the following programs:

Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)

Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free at: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

2012 AMERICAN RED CROSS - VERMONT and the NEW HAMPSHIRE VALLEY



Jan. 22, 2013

Town of Shrewsbury
Mark Goodwin
9823 Cold River Rd.
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Dear Mark,

The American Red Cross of Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley 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. During this past year, in addition to our response to the spring lake and flash flooding, and Tropical Storm Irene, the Vermont & New Hampshire Valley Region of the Red Cross responded to over 100 incidents and served approximately 5,000 people in our area. Although the media gives the greatest attention to larger disasters, the vast majority of responses occur at the local level.

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 for funding in the amount of \$500 this year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities like Eden and throughout Vermont and the Upper Valley when they need it most.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nicki Raymond
Office Coordinator
Vermont & the New Hampshire Valley Region
802-254-2377

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▪ Tel: 802-660-9130 ▪ Fax: 802-660-9136
Toll Free in Vermont: 800-660-9130 ▪ On the Web: www.redcross.org/vermont

2012 VERMONT TRAILS and GREENWAYS COUNCIL REPORT



On behalf of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds your community having a successful summer season. We respectfully request your support by including an appropriation of \$35.00 in your 2013 Town budget. Being an organization with state-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each town, so we ask that this small amount be included in your budget.

For over a decade, the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council has been your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups – organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont's recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars and steward natural resources.

Your donation of support will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont – for all users.

The projects the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council plans to continue to work on include:

- ❖ Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state,
- ❖ Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont,
- ❖ Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System,
- ❖ Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails and Greenways Manual – a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects
- ❖ Distributing the Vermont Trail Ethics for use on all Vermont trails,
- ❖ Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects,
- ❖ Advocating for trail users in the Vermont Legislature and with State and Federal Agencies to secure trail funding, ensure public access to trails, and protect trail lands, and
- ❖ Providing community assistance - members of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project.

In 2012 year we have developed and implemented a survey system that has allowed us to better understand the needs of Vermont's recreation trails by hearing directly from trail users and managers. This information has been processed into the Commissioner's Report and presented to Michael Snyder, the Commissioner of the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation. We are working together with the department to see these recommendations to fruition. More information and resources can be found on the VTGC website: www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org.

Please complete the attached form for membership and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at (802) 498-4506.

We hope you will become involved and help us shape the future of recreation in Vermont.

Sincerely,
Walter Opuszynski, Chair

*103 South Main Street, Building 9 South, Waterbury, VT 05671
(802) 583-7505*

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)**

I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2012-2013)

A. School Board

Adrienne Raymond, Chairperson	2015
Ed Hemmer	2014
Sara Bolster	2013

Mill River Board:

Andrew Richards-Peelle	2013
Sally Snarski	2015

B. Administration and RSSU Programs

Dana Cole-Levesque	Superintendent of Schools
Deb Fishwick	Principal - Shrewsbury Mountain School
Bernard Peatman	Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator
Justin Walker	School Psychologist
Carol Geery	RSSU Director of Student Services
Stan Pawlaczyk	RSSU Business Manager
Carrie Becker	21stCCLC Program Director

Staff Member:	Assignment:	Employed by:	Time in the Building:
Amy Blongy	Preschool Teacher	SMS	5 - Half Days/week
Julia Bonafine	Teacher	SMS	5 – Full Days/week
Pam Bullock	Food Service	SMS	5- Half Days/week
Michael Callahan	Learning Specialist Assistant	SMS	5 – Days/week
Gerald Campeau	Custodian	SMS	5 – Days/week
Tiffany Cassano	Guidance	SMS	1 - Day/week
Molly Clark	Reading and Math/Library Asst.	SMS	5 – Half Days/week
Jennifer Cohen	Music Teacher	SMS	1.5- Full Days/week
Marj Congdon	Administrative Assistant	SMS	5 - Full Days/week
Debra Fishwick	Teaching Principal	SMS	5 - Full Days/week

Staff Member:	Assignment:	Employed by:	Time in the Building:
Christine Johnson	Classroom Teacher/Title I	SMS	5 - Days/week
Charlene Lundeen	Nurse	SMS	1 - Day/Week
Jackie McCuin	Learning Specialist	SMS	5 – Days/week
Sabrina McDonough	Elementary Teacher	SMS	5 - Days/week
Dan Morrison	Teacher	SMS	5 – Days/week
Theodore Panasci	Physical Education/Health	SMS	1.5 – Days/week
Julie Redington	Primary Teaching Assistant	SMS	4.5 – Days/week
Darlene Remy	Speech & Language Pathologist	RSSU	2 - Half Days/week
Erin Rice	Teacher	SMS	5 - Days/week
Cynthia Thornton	Learning Specialist Assistant	SMS	3 - Full Days/week

ENROLLMENT:

The 2011-2012 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 61 students as of our January count.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2013-2014</u>
Preschool	19	13	13	12
K	4	11	7	13
1	9	4	12	7
2	7	10	6	12
3	8	6	9	6
4	4	8	7	9
5	3	6	9	7
6	10	3	5	9
Total Elementary	64	61	68	75

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2013-2014</u>
7	10	8	4	5
8	15	10	9	4
9	8	15	9	9
10	9	9	13	9
11	11	6	8	13
12	9	12	4	8
Total Mill River	62	60	47	48
Total	126	121	115	123

Presently there are 47 Shrewsbury students attending Mill River Union High School.

Federal Programs

Rutland South Supervisory Union receives a limited amount of federal funds which support educational programs in all of our schools. Title I supports remedial reading instruction; Title II supports improvements in language arts, mathematics and science instruction; Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) provides drug and alcohol abuse education for students. Parents or others wishing to have additional information or to comment on these programs are encouraged to contact Dana Cole-Levesque, Superintendent of Schools (775-3264).

Special Education

Rutland South Supervisory Union offers comprehensive special education services to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. In an effort to respond to the unique learning characteristics which result from disabilities, special education is offered in various ways and includes: consulting teacher programs, resource rooms, speech and language services, EEE (Essential Early Education), consulting services and special placements. Anyone with knowledge of children in need of services (including preschool) is encouraged to contact Carol Geery, Director of Special Services (775-3264). All special education costs and state revenues are included in the financial reports.

School Board Meetings

The Shrewsbury School Board meets every second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library of the Mountain School. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings. Also, the board holds special meetings to transact other business such as contract negotiations.

Financial Audits

Rutland South Supervisory Union's financial records are audited on an annual basis by professional auditors. Clarendon, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford have their records audited by professional auditors once every year. This past year the firm of Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants from Shelburne, Vermont, performed these audits. Copies of these audits are available through the Rutland South Supervisory Union Central Office.

Non-discrimination Policy

The Shrewsbury School Board offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this policy may be directed to: Dana Cole-Levesque, Superintendent of Schools. Telephone (802) 775- 3264.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

First and foremost, my fellow Board members and I want to thank you for your commitment to your school and community. We appreciate your ongoing support very much. These reports provide a very small window into what your school is and how it is doing in providing the start our kids need and deserve. Please take the time this year to come to an event or a Board meeting, or become a volunteer and see firsthand what your school is like. Now on to the nuts and bolts....

This past year we have increased our integration of technology into our school curriculum. We purchased a number of Macbooks and Ipads that allowed the 4/5/6 class to have individual devices during their lessons. These have been well utilized by the staff and children. We are also using these devices to provide more individual testing to determine what skills and knowledge our children have and any deficits that need to be worked on. In this budget we provide enough Macbooks to free up the Ipads for use in the younger grades. The staff at the Mountain School is working hard on making sure that these devices and other available technology are used in the most creative and effective way to improve the education our children are receiving.

Additionally, in the past two years the Board has made significant expenditures on the school building- some to keep up what we have and some to improve the use and safety of the school. These include an insulation project, installation of an energy-efficient ventilation system, new carpeting, relocation of the main office space and most recently, replacement of the original boiler. There are still items on our "to-do list" the most important of which is the roof. We are currently discussing the best and most cost effective way of doing this and will keep you all informed of our progress. We are also looking at various ways to further improve the safety of the students while in our building. We have discussed locked entry systems and lockable classroom doors for the older section of the building. We are hoping to find grant monies to help with these projects.

As I write this report we are halfway through the 2012-2013 school year and we are asking you to approve a budget for the school year starting in August of this

year that we started working on at the beginning of November. If that sounds confusing, it can be. Being on a school board means you are thinking numbers for the past, present and future- all at once. The budget that we are presenting of \$1,090,524 reflects our efforts to balance concerns of providing the best support we can to Shrewsbury's children and our responsibilities to the taxpayers. The increase is due in large part to our teaching staff attaining higher levels of training that with the addition of a contractual raise increased our salary expenditures. Health benefit costs are expected to rise 9-14% in the coming year after a number of years of single digit increases. Our Supervisory Union assessment went up both because of our increased share in the overall number of students in RSSU and the previously mentioned salary and benefit pressures. We are also continuing the technology integration plan we adopted last year. Overall, I can recommend our budget as a responsible one. It is written to continue the good work our school does educating the children of Shrewsbury and to improve both our building infrastructure and our integration of technology into the school day. Please support it.

You will also find on the ballot this year three Articles having to do with how we vote on school issues and when. These are a result of a petition requesting they be placed on the ballot. Please consider them carefully.

Questions are most welcome at the Informational Meeting to be held on March 4th at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be provided for sale by the 4/5/6 class and student's work will be displayed for your enjoyment. Please come.

Respectfully submitted by
Adrienne Raymond, Board Chair

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Shrewsbury Mountain School completed the 2011-12 school year very successfully and has continued that success throughout the first half of the 2012-13 school year. Success is evident in Shrewsbury because students are engaged in their learning, teachers are focused on student learning outcomes, and the community participates actively in school programs. Faculty and staff at Shrewsbury are constantly looking to improve instructional opportunities for all children. It is a pleasure to work with a board, staff, and community that is committed to doing what is right for children. It is also encouraging to know that Rutland South Supervisory Union's mission to ensure "that all students acquire the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life" is being pursued with passion in Shrewsbury.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Each school in RSSU is developing an Action Plan designed to guide the continuous process of school improvement. The Shrewsbury Board has commenced the review of the Action Plan with the goal of improving learning outcomes now and in the coming years for all students. The Mission Statement has been updated and the staff has begun to review and revise the Plan for presentation and approval by the board later this spring. All members of the Shrewsbury community are invited to participate in the review of the Action Plan and

encouraged to contact Principal Deb Fishwick for information about how best to get involved.

RSSU AFTERSCHOOL: With the support from a generous five-year 21st Century Community Learning Center investment, assistance from the Agency of Human Services in the form of child care subsidies, and the incredible hard work of the program Director, Carrie Becker, the site coordinators at each school and the faculty and staff who work with students, RSSU’s after school and summer school programs have expanded learning opportunities for children. Exciting and engaging new programs for students in grades K-8 throughout the supervisory union have been created. Each school provides enrichment, tutoring, homework completion, arts, crafts, and other programs and activities which extend educational experiences beyond normal school hours.

Shrewsbury’s Afterschool program regularly serves more than 40 students in grades K-6 and expects those numbers to stay strong along with the services being provided in 2013 and those planned for FY14. Site Coordinator Amy Blongy does a wonderful job with students and staff.

FY14 BUDGET:The expenses for FY14 totaling \$1,090,524 have been approved by the Shrewsbury School Board and are submitted to voters on Town Meeting Day for their approval. This budget represents an increase in spending of \$86,132 over the approved budget for FY13. The increase is due in large part to contracted salary and health benefit increases. A separate article on the warning asks for voter approval of \$10,000 that, if approved, will be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund.

Shrewsbury’s spending per equalized pupil is estimated to be \$13,199 well below the Department of Education’s penalty threshold of \$15,456. The budget for FY14 also does not propose spending in excess of the Maximum Inflation Amount; therefore, the penalty and two-vote provisions of Act 82 do not apply to next year’s expenditures – the last year the two-vote calculation will be in effect.

FY14 TAX RATES: The following are estimates only and assume that no changes are made to the FY14 budget at town meeting. They are based on the information available at the time this report goes to print and are shown to explain how assessments are calculated:

In Shrewsbury, 45.8% of the equalized pupils attend Shrewsbury Mountain School and 54.2% of the equalized pupils attend Mill River. The elementary tax rate is estimated to be \$1.3622 and the Mill River tax rate is \$1.4413.

Shrewsbury Elementary School component	45.8% of \$1.3622 is \$0.6239
<u>Mill River Union #40 School component</u>	<u>54.2% of \$1.4413 is \$0.7812</u>
Town of Shrewsbury (average) Homestead Tax rate (before CLA) = \$1.4051	
The average rate is then adjusted by the CLA which in Shrewsbury is 110.65% for 2012, producing an Estimated Homestead Tax rate of \$1.2698 .	

For FY 14 the base education support amount is projected to increase to \$8,915.

Shrewsbury is truly fortunate to have an experienced, talented, and dedicated Principal, Deb Fishwick, along with three exceptionally hard-working and knowledgeable board members Sarah Bolster, Ed Hemmer, and Board Chair, Adrienne Raymond. They all contribute many hours, attend countless meetings, and demonstrate a dedication to students and this community which is outstanding. Kathy Beauchain deserves thanks and recognition, too, for her work as the recording secretary for the board.

The residents of Shrewsbury are to be congratulated for your continued support of your school. I invite you all to schedule a visit with me at the Central Office when you get the chance.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana J. Cole-Levesque, Superintendent

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2011-2012 school year ended with 61 students in preschool through 6th grade. The 2012-2013 school year's population is currently 68 students. This includes several students who have come to our school through the School Choice Program. We are excited to see the number of young families that are becoming part of our school community.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is utilized in Vermont and other New England states to assess how well our students are meeting State standards and Grade Level Expectations. The assessment is given to students in October and consists of both multiple choice questions as well as constructed response questions in which students must write their answers explaining their thinking. While October may seem to be an unusual time for testing, students are tested on the previous year's Standards and Expectations. Our students in grades 3 – 6 as well as the students in grades 7 -8 participated in this assessment. Students' scores fall in one of four categories; Proficient with Distinction (4); Proficient (3); Partially Proficient (2); and Substantially below Proficient (1). Approximately 80% of our students scored in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in reading and in mathematics. Students in 5th grade also participated in the revised writing assessment. 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 4th grade students each spring. These scores are for students in the 2011-2012 school year. The NECAP standardized assessments along with other local assessments are used to help us monitor student progress and assess the effectiveness of our curricula and programs.

Vermont has joined 45 other states in adopting the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Vermont's educators have played an active role in the development of these new standards. The goal of the standards is to prepare all students to graduate from high school "college and/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. Shrewsbury Mountain School's teachers are in the process of incorporating the CCSS into the curriculum and their daily lessons. The process will take time to fully implement, but should be in place by the 2014-2015 school year.

The Shrewsbury School community continues to transform over time. Our school which once was structured with individual grade classrooms is now structured with all multi-grade or combined classrooms. Multi-grade classrooms differ in philosophy from multi-age classroom. 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. Teachers, staff and I have worked creatively to provide instruction to all students by using a team teaching approach in writing instructions, creating a rotation of science and social studies units, and using certified teaching staff to provide instruction in reading and mathematics.

Shrewsbury Mountain School is now in its third year using an RTI (Response to Instruction) model. At school we refer to this block of time as our "Brain Power" time. The time is structured to provide extra support or enrichment to all students in math or literacy based on their individual needs. The instruction provided in a small group for approximately 30 minutes a day for 4-6 week cycles. We monitor student progress throughout the year. This year we also have incorporated thematic based units of study. The thematic based units of study provide students an opportunity to explore a topic in a variety of disciplines. Our thematic based units offer enrichment opportunities for all students.

We continue to use Houghton-Mifflin Reading Program, Everyday Math Program, Prentice Hall Reading Program, and Math Thematics Program. All of these programs support the Rutland South Supervisory Union's curriculum giving all students the same foundation. As a district we are working to revise our curriculum to align with the CCSS. Teachers at Shrewsbury Mountain School continue to incorporate differentiated instructional practices along with integrating technology within these programs, which allow students to work in a way that is most conducive to their individual learning styles.

New to Shrewsbury Mountain School in 2011-2012 was the 21Century Community Learning Center (21CCLC) after-school program. The after-school program is a grant-funded program that offers a variety of workshops along with additional instruction in mathematics and literacy and homework support. Workshops are offered by both staff and community members. Our first year was very successful with nearly 50% of students participating at some point during the year and with an

average of approximately 30% of students participating on a regular basis. Although the program was initially free to all students, it now collects a fee for services to help share in the local costs of the program. Financial support is available for any student who wants to participate.

The students at Shrewsbury Mountain School continue to be philanthropists. Students collected items for the National Guard and local residents after Tropical Storm Irene; they participated in the Stuff-A-Bus program, collecting nearly 375 food items; and students, families, staff and community members organized a community supper to thank the road crew along with the many volunteer that worked tirelessly throughout Tropical Storm Irene and the aftermath. Students also made hot cocoa mix and other chocolate treats as part of their “Brain Power” project. These items were sold at school and at Pierce’s Store and their proceeds were donated to the Rutland County Animal Shelter.

We again thank the community for its continued support of the Okemo ski program. We have been able to include all students in grades K – 6. We had a wonderful experience cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, downhill skiing and snowboarding. It was very exciting to watch students develop and apply the skills that they need to be successful. This program would not be possible without the continued financial support from many generous donations. We also would not be able to offer this program without the dedication of many community volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra L. Fishwick, Principal



The Shrewsbury Library offers a wealth of opportunity for learning.

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Combined Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2012**

Table III

	General	Lunch	Fixed Assets	Long Term Debt	Total
Assets					
Cash	21,949	1,360			23,309
Accounts Receivable	21,240				21,240
Fixed Assets (Depreciated)			69,611		69,611
Retire Long Term Debt					0
Total Assets	43,189	1,360	69,611	0	114,160
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	97				97
Due to Other Funds	5,492				5,492
Bonds Payable					0
Total Liabilities	5,589	0	0	0	5,589
Fund Equity					
Fund Balance	37,600	1,360			38,960
Capital Assets			69,611		69,611
Total Fund Equity	37,600	1,360	69,611	0	108,571
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	43,189	1,360	69,611	0	114,160

Note: Excluded from Long Term Debt above is \$24,497 EPA Loan (Water Project) subject to loan forgiveness. At the March 4, 2008 school district meeting, Article 7 was voter approved authorizing borrowing up to \$25,000 for upgrade of the water system as required by the State of Vermont Water Supply Rule.

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

Table IV

	General	Lunch	Total
Beginning Balance July 2011	26,568	1,327	27,895
Expenditures	(970,101)	(41,263)	(1,011,364)
Revenues	1,003,607	31,822	1,035,429
Transfers In (Out)	(22,474)	9,474	(13,000)
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance June 2012	37,600	1,360	38,960

Sinking Funds

Table V

	Bus Fund	Building Fund	Preschool Fund	Total Sinking Funds
Beginning Balance July 2011	52,630	62,736	6,681	122,047
Expenditures-Operations	0	(16,526)	0	(16,526)
Expenditures-Transfers out	0	0	0	0
Revenues-Approved Transfers in	0	13,000	0	13,000
Revenue-Grants	0	7,257	0	7,257
Revenue-Interest	504	69	64	637
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance June 2012	53,134	66,536	6,745	126,415

On March 6, 2012, the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District authorized the Shrewsbury Board of School Directors to apply \$14,348 of the bus sinking fund to pay the Rutland South Supervisory Union's assessment for the Shrewsbury Town School District's share of the cost of the purchase or lease of buses by the Supervisory Union that provide transportation for Shrewsbury students. The remaining balance in the fund (\$38,792) was to be transferred to the building sinking fund. The closing of the bus sinking fund took place in fiscal year 2013.

Shrewsbury Town School District

Operational Fund FY2014

Description	Budget Approved 2011-2012	Unaudited Actuals 2011-2012	Budget Approved 2012-2013	Estimated 2012-2013	Budget Proposed 2013-2014	Budget Increase (Decrease)
Total Revenue	944,483	1,003,606	993,787	993,833	1,086,332	92,545
Total Expenditures	942,687	992,573	1,004,392	1,027,242	1,090,524	86,132
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue	1,796	11,033	(10,605)	(33,409)	(4,192)	6,413
Beginning Bal July 1	(1,796)	26,568	10,605	37,601	4,192	N/A
Audit Adjustments - Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Ending Bal June 30	0	37,601	0	4,192	0	N/A

Revenue

Table 1

Code	Account	Budget Approved 2011-2012	Unaudited Actuals 2011-2012	Budget Approved 2012-2013	Estimated 2012-2013	Proposed Budget 2013-2014	Budget Increase (Decrease)
Local Revenue							
1312	Tuition	0	0	0	0	0	0
1314	Tuition school choice	0	8,544	8,618	8,724	8,724	106
1422	Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0
1500	Investments	6,000	6,899	7,000	6,000	7,400	400
1940	Excess Cost Reimb.-Transfer Prog.	0	0	0	0	0	0
1990	Other Local	0	5,540	0	1,200	0	0
Total Local Revenue		6,000	20,983	15,618	15,924	16,124	506
2000 Sub Grants							
		31,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	0
State Revenue							
3110	ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support	737,360	750,360	757,094	767,094	848,630	91,536
3145	ACT 60 Small School Aid	76,384	81,298	83,248	78,356	81,677	(1,571)
3150	ACT 60 Transport Aid	12,145	12,208	16,002	16,189	15,921	(81)
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant	19,322	19,322	15,923	15,923	18,997	3,074
3202	Spec Ed Expenditures Reim	41,105	66,711	69,116	62,862	68,995	(121)
3204	Spec Ed EEE	6,256	6,256	6,786	6,786	5,988	(798)
3205	Spec Ed State Placed	14,911	0	0	0	0	0
3790	State EPA / Equipment Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total State Revenue		907,483	936,155	948,169	947,210	1,040,208	92,039
Federal Revenue							
4110	ARRA Education Spending Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
4120	Education Jobs Fund	0	13,237	0	0	0	0
Total Federal Revenue		0	13,237	0	0	0	0
Other Revenue							
5300	Compensation for Loss	0	2,508	0	0	0	0
5400	Prior year adj	0	723	0	699	0	0
5840	Sub Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Revenue		0	3,231	0	699	0	0
Total Revenue - All Sources		944,483	1,003,606	993,787	993,833	1,086,332	92,545
Transfers - Pending Approval							
5350	Transfers - Pending Approval	13,000	inc in # 3110	10,000	inc in # 3110	10,000	0

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Expenses**

Table II

Code	Account	2011-2012 Approved Budget	2011-2012 Audited Actuals	2012-2013 Approved Budget	2012-2013 Anticipated	2013-2014 Proposed Budget
1100	General Instruction					
	Salaries	274,425	275,320	283,848	299,939	315,895
	Benefits	99,976	104,712	103,856	110,524	122,599
	Purchased Services	5,075	2,357	2,300	2,841	2,420
	S.U. Assessment-Gifted & Tal.	0	0	1,151	1,151	0
	Tuition - School Choice	8,618	12,816	8,618	8,724	8,724
	Supplies/Snacks/Travel	7,650	6,723	7,400	7,400	7,400
	Books / Periodicals	3,000	1,540	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Equipment	500	500	300	300	300
	Licensing Fees/MAP Testing	1,150	719	0	0	0
1100	Total Instruction	400,394	404,687	408,973	432,379	458,838
1150	Preschool					
	Salaries	25,647	25,585	26,309	26,484	26,847
	Benefits	5,596	5,616	6,395	6,496	7,025
	Supplies & Snacks	1,400	1,783	1,400	1,400	1,400
	Dues/Fees	275	0	275	275	275
1150	Total Preschool	32,918	32,984	34,379	34,655	35,547
1400	Activities	1,464	1,893	1,464	2,679	1,464
1500	Title I / SWP	34,449	34,215	35,378	35,444	37,488
2120	Guidance	9,735	9,954	11,737	12,077	12,709
2130	Health Services	11,591	11,485	11,180	11,362	11,817
2210	Improvement of Instruction	10,535	11,296	5,250	5,250	5,525
2220	Total Library / Media	10,804	6,750	11,916	9,904	11,039
2230	Technology					
	S.U. Assessment	0	0	10,929	10,929	11,871
	Tech Infrastructure	0	0	4,500	4,500	0
	Repair / Maint	1,500	0	1,500	1,000	1,000
	Equipment Leasing	0	0	0	6,816	6,816
	Communications	0	0	3,588	1,710	2,942
	Supplies	1,200	21	100	600	600
	AV and Software	2,100	850	2,900	2,900	3,686
	Equipment	4,000	11,636	4,000	181	8,014
2230	Technology	8,800	12,507	27,517	28,636	34,929
2310	Board of Education	6,714	13,298	6,714	6,714	6,714
2320	Administration-RSSU	17,826	17,826	14,983	14,983	17,885
2400	Administration					
	Salaries & Benefits	96,032	97,876	101,653	101,576	106,182
	Contracted Services	920	80	710	710	710
	Telephone / Postage	3,000	1,391	2,600	2,000	2,000
	Travel/Supplies/Books	450	272	450	450	450

Code	Account	2011-2012 Approved Budget	2011-2012 Audited Actuals	2012-2013 Approved Budget	2012-2013 Anticipated	2013-2014 Proposed Budget
	AV & Software/Rediker	950	950	0	0	0
	Equipment	500	0	0	0	0
	Equipment & Software	1,450	950	0	0	0
	Dues / Fees	500	340	500	500	500
2400	Total Administration	102,352	100,909	105,913	105,236	109,842
2520	Fiscal Services					
	Salary & Benefits	1,077	1,076	1,077	1,077	1,077
	S.U. Assessment	15,940	15,940	16,762	16,762	20,413
	Audit/Fees/Supplies	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,500	3,500
	Interest/ note anticipation	5,625	4,654	5,200	4,104	5,400
2520	Total Fiscal Services	25,442	24,870	26,239	25,443	30,390
2600	Buildings / Grounds					
	Salaries & Benefits	45,675	46,124	43,349	43,475	45,709
	Repair / Maintenance	10,000	12,582	12,200	12,200	12,200
	Equipment Rental - Copier	5,200	4,387	5,200	4,800	4,800
	Insurance	6,625	6,310	6,625	5,397	5,667
	Travel/Supplies	4,300	5,504	3,400	3,400	5,000
	Electricity	8,950	10,073	8,950	11,455	12,150
	Fuel Oil	14,500	15,804	15,050	16,425	14,800
	Gasoline	0	89	100	100	100
	Equipment / Furniture	2,500	2,680	2,500	2,500	2,500
2600	Total Buildings / Grounds	97,750	103,553	97,374	99,752	102,926
2711	Total Transportation	24,829	24,829	23,528	23,528	27,598
2720	Transportation -Activities	0	0	1,810	1,810	1,810
2790	Transportation -Field Trips	0	0	2,050	2,050	2,050
5200	Prior Yr. Adjustments	0	616	0	0	0
5300	Food Svc. Subsidy/Transfers	8,000	9,474	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Operating Expenses-General		803,603	821,146	836,405	861,902	918,571
1200	Special Education					
	Salaries & Benefits	99,877	123,728	129,280	116,558	126,410
	Purchased Educ. Svc.	1,000	245	1,000	1,075	1,000
	RSSU - EEE Assessment	7,883	7,883	6,268	6,268	7,802
	RSSU - Trans Assessment	1,149	1,149	0	0	0
	Travel/Supplies/Equipment	1,550	1,041	1,550	1,550	1,550
	OT Services & Assessment	3,258	2,758	3,414	3,414	3,312
	Psych Services & Assessment	8,316	5,816	7,497	7,497	9,862
	Speech Services & Assessment	2,821	2,577	4,766	4,766	5,933
	Spec Ed. Admin. Assessment	13,230	13,230	14,212	14,212	16,284
1200	Total Special Education	139,084	158,427	167,987	155,340	171,953
Total General & Special Ed. Expenses		942,687	979,573	1,004,392	1,017,242	1,090,524
Pending Approval						
5350	Transfers-to Sinking Funds	13,000	13,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Grand Total -Expenses		955,687	992,573	1,014,392	1,027,242	1,100,524

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2013-2014 Budget
Operating Fund Revenue**

	Budget Approved 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget Approved 2012-2013	Estimated 2012-2013	Budget Proposed 2013-2014
Assessments to Schools					
1931 - Regular Education					
Clarendon	209,164	209,164	224,774	224,774	223,220
Shrewsbury	66,880	66,880	67,353	67,353	77,767
Wallingford	123,035	123,035	146,090	146,090	160,685
Mill River UHS	631,532	631,532	580,629	580,629	608,728
Total Assessments	1,030,611	1,030,611	1,018,846	1,018,846	1,070,400
1412 - Transportation	0	0	10,500	20,710	10,500
1422 - H.S. Transportation	6,800	10,375	58,000	84,725	57,640
1490 - Misc. Transportation Fees	0	1,142	0	59,687	26,877
1500 - Interest	2,500	2,588	2,500	1,500	1,500
1940 - Summer Camp Income	0	15,373	0	20,875	0
1941 - Service to Other LEA's	0	1,702	0	1,860	0
1990 - Other	0	129	0	0	0
3790 - State DCF Fees	0	0	0	11,525	0
3790 - Bus Replacement Grant	0	0	0	38,793	0
5300 - Sale of Fixed Asset	0	1,958	0	4,046	6,000
5400 - Refund of a Prior Yr Expense	0	11	0	0	0
5810 - Prof Development Courses	0	77,145	0	0	0
Total Revenue-Regular Education	1,039,911	1,141,034	1,089,846	1,262,567	1,172,917
Assessments to Schools					
1932 - Special Education Services					
Clarendon	118,711	118,711	111,834	111,834	115,514
Shrewsbury	33,307	33,307	32,807	32,807	39,643
Wallingford	52,345	52,345	82,136	82,136	82,951
Mill River UHS	198,696	198,696	207,986	207,986	223,616
Total Assessments-Special Educ.	403,059	403,059	434,763	434,763	461,724
5810 - Prof Development Courses	0	5,895	0	0	0
Total Revenue-Special Education	403,059	408,954	434,763	434,763	461,724
Total All Revenues	1,442,970	1,549,988	1,524,609	1,697,330	1,634,641
Regular Education Expenses	1,164,357	1,303,829	1,192,748	1,381,337	1,249,348
Special Education Expenses	478,613	464,314	496,861	479,049	510,293
Total Expenses	1,642,970	1,768,143	1,689,609	1,860,386	1,759,641
Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance					
	Budget Approved 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget Approved 2012-2013	Estimated 2012-2013	Budget Proposed 2013-2014
Total Revenue	1,442,970	1,549,988	1,524,609	1,697,330	1,634,641
Total Expenditures	1,642,970	1,768,143	1,689,609	1,860,386	1,759,641
Excess Of Revenue	-200,000	-218,155	-165,000	-163,056	-125,000
Beg Bal July 1	543,181	594,994	365,273	376,839	213,783
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	343,181	376,839	200,273	213,783	88,783

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

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

FY2012 School Level Data

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

School level data		Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest) 29 out of 49				
	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio
< Smaller	K - 6	53	6.10	1.00	8.89	53.00
	PK - 6	56	5.70	0.80	9.82	70.00
	PK - 6	57	6.50	0.40	8.77	142.50
Shrewsbury Mountain School	PK - 6	67	8.40	0.70	6.79	81.43
	K - 6	64	7.03	0.50	9.10	128.00
< Larger	K - 6	64	6.73	1.00	9.51	84.00
	PK - 6	66	5.45	1.00	12.11	66.00
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		62.39	6.68	0.76	9.34	81.76

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data indicate districts are not making so many districts more comparable to each other.

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

School District: Shrewsbury
LEA ID: T190

FY2011 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2011 FTE < 100
(49 school districts in cohort)

Stockbridge	53.15	\$15,449
North Hero	56.39	\$15,137
Leicester	56.70	\$15,071
Shrewsbury	57.97	\$15,976
Sunderland	61.91	\$11,946
Barnard	62.16	\$13,868
Holland	62.83	\$12,063

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

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

FY2013 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate				Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates			
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Ed tax rate	Equalized Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.										
↑ T009	Barnard	K-6	59.54	12,931.58	1,319.4	1,319.4	1,428.9	103.65%	1,378.6	1,378.6
T188	Sherburne	PK-6	59.69	12,982.16	1,324.6	1,324.6	1,424.7	94.39%	1,509.4	1,509.4
T110	Leicester	PK-6	60.80	13,405.36	1,367.7	1,367.7	1,353.1	102.85%	1,315.6	1,315.6
T190	Shrewsbury	PK-6	60.93	12,589.76	1,284.5	1,284.5	1,327.8	114.10%	1,163.7	1,163.7
T103	Isle La Motte	K-6	62.51	13,264.53	1,353.4	1,353.4	1,353.4	89.22%	1,516.9	1,516.9
T104	Jamaica	K-6	62.62	13,594.92	1,366.1	1,366.1	1,414.7	115.92%	1,220.4	1,220.4
↓ T057	Holland	PK-6	64.62	11,268.15	1,149.7	1,149.7	1,189.0	93.37%	1,273.4	1,273.4

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

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

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

PRELIMINARY **Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE** ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **Shrewsbury**
County: Rutland

T190
Rutland South

Enter your choice for FY14 base education amount. See note at bottom of page. **8,915**

Enter your choice for estimated nonrelated base rate for FY2014. See note at bottom of page. **0.92**

Expenditures

1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)

2. plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting

3. minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending

4. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget

5. plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any

6. plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget

7. Gross Act 68 Budget

8. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data

9. Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data

Revenues

10. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)

11. plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60

12. minus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)

13. plus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues

14. Total local revenues

15. Education Spending

16. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)

	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	
1.	\$1,011,310	\$957,483	\$1,014,392	\$1,100,524	1.
2.	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	\$1,011,310	\$957,483	\$1,014,392	\$1,100,524	4.
5.	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	\$1,011,310	\$957,483	\$1,014,392	\$1,100,524	7.
8.	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	-	-	-	-	9.
10.	\$243,508	\$207,123	\$247,298	\$241,894	10.
11.	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	-	-	NA	NA	12.
13.	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	\$243,508	\$207,123	\$247,298	\$241,894	14.
15.	\$767,802	\$760,360	\$767,094	\$868,630	15.
16.	68.43	63.12	60.93	65.05	16.

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2014 Assessments**

General Fund	Budget 2013-2014	Carry Over /Revenue Applied	To Be Assessed
Improvement of Instr	11,461	1,132	10,329
Treasurer	646	63	583
Central Office	239,741	23,673	216,068
Fiscal Service	324,219	32,016	292,203
Bldg/Grounds	24,210	2,391	21,819
After School Program	8,326	0	8,326
Sub Total	608,603		
Transportation	424,939	74,140	350,799
Technology	188,929	18,656	170,273
Transportation	0	0	
C.O. Admin Subtotal	1,222,471	152,071	1,070,400

Special Ed Fund	Budget 2013-2014	Carry Over /Revenue Applied	To Be Assessed
Special Ed	67,036	6,620	60,416
EEE	51,923	5,127	46,796
Health Services	37,140	3,667	33,473
Psych Services	113,990	11,256	102,734
Speech Services	73,744	7,281	66,463
Transportation	18,418	0	18,418
Special Ed Admin	148,042	14,618	133,424
Special Ed. Subtotal	510,293	48,569	461,724
Grand Total Budget	1,732,764	200,640	1,532,124
Carryover/ Revenue Applied	200,640		
Total To Be Assessed	1,532,124		

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY2014 Assessments**

	Clarendon	Shrewsbury	Wallingford	Mill River	Total
"A" ADM (20 day FY13 Total)	188.76	64.50	136.60	535.30	925.16
Percent FY 2013	21.31%	6.12%	13.73%	58.84%	100%
Percent FY 2014	20.40%	6.97%	14.77%	57.86%	100%
"B" ADM (20 day FY13 In District)	187.76	64.50	134.60	380.94	767.80
Percent FY 2013	25.06%	7.38%	18.83%	48.73%	100%
Percent FY 2014	24.45%	8.40%	17.53%	49.61%	100%
"C" ADM (20 day Elem in District)					
EEE ADM - Elementary Only	187.76	64.50	134.60	0.00	386.86
Percent FY 2013	48.89%	14.39%	36.72%	0.00%	100%
Percent FY 2014	48.53%	16.66%	34.79%	0.00%	100%
RSSU Assessments					
Central Office Administration - General ("A" ADM)					
FY 2014	112,079	38,298	81,108	317,843	549,328
FY 2013	110,513	31,745	71,205	305,085	518,548
Direct Instruction - Gifted & Talented ("A" ADM)					
FY 2014	0	0	0	0	0
FY 2013	4,006	1,151	2,581	11,059	18,797
Computer Services - ("A" ADM)					
FY 2014	34,741	11,871	25,141	98,520	170,273
FY 2013	38,048	10,929	24,515	105,038	178,530
Transportation - (Equalized Pupils)					
FY 2014	76,400	27,598	54,436	192,365	350,799
FY 2013	72,207	23,528	47,789	159,447	302,971
Special Education Assessments					
Speech Services - ("B" ADM)					
FY 2014	16,253	5,583	11,651	32,976	66,463
FY 2013	14,995	4,416	11,262	29,155	59,828
EEE - ("C" ADM)					
FY 2014	22,712	7,802	16,282	0	46,796
FY 2013	21,286	6,268	15,987	0	43,541
Special Ed Admin - ("B" ADM)					
FY 2014	47,402	16,284	33,981	96,173	193,840
FY 2013	48,261	14,212	36,246	93,838	192,557
Psych Services - ("A" ADM)					
FY 2014	20,961	7,162	15,169	59,442	102,734
FY 2013	17,397	4,997	11,209	48,027	81,630
Transportation - (Budgets)					
FY 2014	0	0	0	18,418	18,418
FY 2013	0	0	0	17,726	17,726
Health Services - ("B" ADM)					
FY 2014	8,186	2,812	5,868	16,607	33,473
FY 2013	9,895	2,914	7,432	19,240	39,481
Total FY 2014	338,734	117,410	243,636	832,344	1,532,124
Total FY 2013	336,608	100,160	228,226	788,615	1,453,609

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 6, 2012

Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order on March 5, 2012 at 5:35 pm. Present were School Board members Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster, and Ed Hemmer. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, RSSU Superintendent Dana Cole-Levesque, RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk and approximately 20 voters. All warned articles were discussed.

Superintendent Dana-Levesque spoke to the tremendous effort by the Shrewsbury School Board in putting together a sound and reasonable budget in order to educate the children of Shrewsbury. Ed Hemmer presented information concerning various line items including technology, building and grounds, transportation, and equalized per pupil ratios and their respective relation to tax rates. There was discussion concerning Article 6, pertinent to the closing of the Shrewsbury bus replacement reserve fund and transferring the balance to RSSU for the purchase or lease of buses, and any remaining balance going towards the building maintenance reserve fund. Questions from the floor included the after school program. Superintendent Dana Cole-Levesque on behalf of the Vermont School Board Association recognized Ed Hemmer for nine years of service to the children of Shrewsbury. This meeting recessed at 6:30 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, beginning at 10 am.

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| Article 1 | To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.
<div style="text-align: right;">Eldred French</div> |
| Article 2 | To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years.
<div style="text-align: right;">Adrienne Raymond</div> |
| Article 3 | To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for a term of two years of a three year term.
<div style="text-align: right;">Sally Snarski</div> |
| Article 4 | Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
<div style="text-align: right;">Yes 222 No 111</div> |
| Article 5 | Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of \$1,004,392 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?
<div style="text-align: right;">Yes 216 No 118</div> |
| Article 6 | Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District authorize the Shrewsbury Board of School directors to apply \$14,348.00 of the bus replacement reserve fund to pay the Rutland South Supervisory Union's assessment for the Shrewsbury Town School District's share of the cost of the purchase or lease of buses by the Supervisory Union that provide transportation for Shrewsbury students, with the remaining balance to be transferred to the |

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 6, 2012

building maintenance reserve fund?

Yes 237

No 97

Article 7

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 234

No 99

Results of Mill River Union School District #40 Annual Meeting Ballot
March 6, 2012

Article 7

Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,768,291 for school year 2012-2013? (by Australian Ballot)

Yes 764

No 579



Your Board of Auditors at work: Chryl Martin, Rich Biziak, Jonathan Gibson

Shrewsbury Town School District
WARNING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 5, 2013

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 5, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian ballot on the following matters:

- 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 3 years.
- Article 3 To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for a three year term.
- Article 4 Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
- Article 5 Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of **\$1,090,524** for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?
- Article 6 Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District discontinue the use of Australian ballot for its annual budget vote?
- Article 7 Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all public questions.
- Article 8 Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District hold its Annual Meeting on the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March, at a time and place to be determined by the School Board, beginning in 2014?
- Article 9 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?

Dated: January 14, 2013

Sarah Bolster _____

Edmund Hemmer _____

Adrienne Raymond _____

Shrewsbury School Directors

The annual Town School District informational meeting will take place on **Monday, March 4, 2013 at 5:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.**

The cover photograph of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House commemorates the extensive restoration work that was completed in 2012.

This restoration was made possible by a bequest from the late Russell Smith and is described in more detail in the Meeting House Trustees report on page 44.

The dedication of the Smith Family to the preservation and maintenance of this historic building and landmark of Shrewsbury life is much appreciated.

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

Information Meetings

Monday, March 4, 2013

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

Meetings begin at 5:30 PM

School District Followed by Town

Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Current Resident

Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

