

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2013 Annual Report

Town of Shrewsbury
Contact Information *as of December 2013**

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|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Selectboard | Bert Potter - Chair | 773-2272 | 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday - Town Office @ 7 pm |
| Town Clerk shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net | Mark Goodwin | 492-3511 | Mon -Thurs 9 am – 3 pm & by appointment |
| Town Treasurer shrewsburytreas@vermontel.net | Linda McGuire | 492-3558 | Wed 5 pm – 7 pm & by appointment |
| Shrewsbury Mountain School Board | Adrienne Raymond - Chair | 492-3578 | 2nd & 4th Monday - SMS @ 6.30 pm |
| Mill River HS School Board | Sally Snarski | 492-3505 | 1st & 3rd Wednesday - MRHS @ 7 pm |
| Board of Listers shrewsburylist@vermontel.net | Sharon Winnicki - Chair | 492-3536 | |
| Board of Auditors auditshrewsbury@gmail.com | Richard Biziak - Chair | 492-3595 | |
| Conservation Commission | Louise Duda - Chair | 492-3327 | 1 st Tuesday – Town Office @ 5:15 pm |
| Constable | Matt Danaher | 492-3442 | |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | Randy Page | 775-1885 | |
| Development Review Board | Mark Youngstrom – Chair | 492-3502 | |
| Emergency Management | Bert Potter (acting) | 773-2272 | |
| Fire Wardens Call for Burn Permit | Kevin Brown | 775-6194(h) | |
| | | 775-5518(w) | |
| | Al Ridlon, Jr. | 492-3722(h) | |
| | | 492-2055(w) | |
| Grand Juror/Town Agent | Barry Griffith | 492-3573 | |
| Green Up Day Coordinator | Carol Calotta | 492-3589 | |
| Health Officer | Daphne Leahemmer | 773-7157 | |
| Meeting House Trustees | Paul Sgalia | 492-3649 | |
| Planning Commission | Laura Black - Chair | 492-3691 | 1st & 3rd Monday - Town Office @ 7:30 pm |
| Road Commissioner | Jamie Carrara | 492-3656 | |
| Zoning Administrator | Adrienne Raymond | 492-3578 | |

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| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department - Thursdays - Cuttingsville Station @ 7 pm | |
| Northam Transfer Station Sunday 8am - 4pm, Wednesday 1pm - 7pm | Historical Society - 492-3706 (Fran Patten) Open July - October; Sundays 1pm - 3pm |
| Cuttingsville Post Office - 492-3585 Mon - Fri: Counter 8am - 11am and 12:30pm - 4:30pm; Lobby 7:30am - 5pm. Saturday: Counter 8am - 10:30am; Lobby 7:30am - 10:30am | Shrewsbury Library - 492-3410 Mon, Fri, & Sat 10am-Noon Wednesday 10am - 5pm Tues, Wed, & Thurs 7- 9pm |
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*For current information on Town Officials and news please see the Town website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Dedication

Everyone has a story: a story about where they come from, how they got to where they are, and how they've lived along the way. These stories are the threads that knit together and comprise the fabric of any community. Shrewsbury is no exception. Where did today's residents live before they lived here? Why did they come here, and what caused them to stay? How has their presence changed the town, and how has the town changed them? The lives of the men, women, and children of Shrewsbury give us our collective story. We dedicate this 2013 Annual Report to three extraordinary women who came to Shrewsbury from elsewhere, settled here for their own individual reasons, and have - through their activities and because of who they are - strengthened the institutions of our town and enriched the tapestry of our community in a multitude of ways.



Nancy Spencer

Anne Felton's family came to Shrewsbury in 1943. Born in Boston, Anne (known to all now as Nancy) soon moved here herself, married Jack Spencer, and raised five children, living first in Rutland and then in the historic Lindholm house at the bottom of Spring Lake Road. With several other couples, Nancy and Jack started the Shrewsbury Outing Club in 1954, and Nancy was active in the "Get Together Club", the parent support group for the Cuttingsville School (now the Library). She helped both in the Women's Health Club, which organized clinics in town for children who could not afford medical care, and in starting Antonia's Music Shelf with Spring Lake Ranch founder Elizabeth Sarcka. Antonia's provided records and instruments for school children in Shrewsbury, Mt Holly, and Wallingford, with fundraising for music education.

Nancy's interest in and support for the arts and for preserving Vermont's history and environment extended well beyond Shrewsbury. She was instrumental in establishing and volunteering at HerStory House, which is now the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter. She was clerk of the Shrewsbury Community Church and one of the original seven trustees in 1972 of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House (1972-1979). She served on the Board of Adjustment (1975-1980) and also as a Town Auditor (1976-1979). Nancy was a founding member of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, helping to collect and contributing many objects now held by the Society. We honor Nancy for her dedication to preserving Shrewsbury's historic heritage and for her contributions to the civic and cultural life of our town.

Grace Korzun

As the oldest of eight children, Grace Button grew up in the farming community of Chelsea, Vermont. She was a student at the University of Vermont when she first came to Shrewsbury in 1957 to work at Tip Top Inn. She has fond recollections of square dances in Wallingford, Hortonville, and as far away as Black River and social gatherings at the old Picnic Pavilion on CCC Road. It was at a concert at the Meeting House, perhaps to benefit Antonia's Music Shelf, that Grace met Leonard Korzun, son of Boniface and Anna Korzun who lived in the house at the top of Adams Road and whose farm extended along the upper and lower sides of Lottery Road.

Grace continued her education at University of Tennessee in Knoxville, receiving a Ph. D. in nutrition in 1965. She and Leonard married in 1965 and moved into the Knight house (a sign on the porch said "Gracie Mansion") where they raised four children and still reside. Grace



worked with the Vermont Women, Infants, and Children food and nutrition program and raised the young stock on their dairy farm. She was active in Ladies Aid and the Parent-Teacher Organization. While Leonard served as a Selectman from 1974 to 2001, Grace took on leadership roles on the school boards of the Shrewsbury Mountain School (1978 to 1989), Mill River Union High School (1992 to 1998, 2003), and the Shrewsbury Nursery School before it became the SMS pre-school. We thank Grace Korzun for sustaining agriculture in Shrewsbury and for her lifelong commitment, through her personal example and leadership, to public education.



Donna Smith

Donna Schweikart first came to Shrewsbury from Providence, RI in 1953 to work at the Tip Top Inn (now Crisanver House). The Inn would serve as many as 90 people for Sunday lunch. In 1957, she married Bill Smith, son of Willard and Mary Russell Smith who owned Maple Crest Farm. Bill and Donna ran the farm as a dairy until 1987 and raised three sons, while Donna somehow found time to judge maple syrup at the Rutland State Fair, teach theorem painting at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, and continue to operate Maple Crest Bed and Breakfast. Donna's service in town government began when she became a Town Auditor in 1961. She held that office until being elected Treasurer in 1970, a position in which she handled Town finances in recovery from the 1973 flood and served until 1988.

In 1975 Donna became a director of the Howard Bank (now TD Bank), breaking ground as the first woman bank director in Vermont. She was chairperson of the Shrewsbury Community Church and since 1982 has been a Shrewsbury Community Meeting House Trustee, playing a key role in maintaining this historic building. She also cares for the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery for the Cemetery Commission. Maple Crest Farm continues today with a beef cattle and 4000-tap maple syrup operation run by her son Jeff, with help from grandson Jason. We are grateful to Donna for her community service and for her role in preserving with the Smith family the working farm and agricultural landscape that surround Shrewsbury Center.

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Town of Shrewsbury
2013 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS *as of December 31, 2013*

| Elected Office | Term | Elected officer(s) | Term Expires |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| MODERATOR | 1 Year | Eldred French | 2014 |
| TOWN CLERK | 3 Years | Mark Goodwin | 2015 |
| TOWN TREASURER | 3 Years | Linda McGuire | 2015 |
| SELECTBOARD | 3 Years | John Woods | 2014 |
| | | Bert Potter | 2015 |
| | | Steven Nicholson | 2016 |
| AUDITORS | 3 Years | Richard Biziak ⁽¹⁾ | 2014 |
| | | Jonathan Gibson | 2015 |
| | | Sanford Bragg ⁽¹⁾ | 2016 |
| LISTERS | 3 Years | Sharon Winnicki | 2014 |
| | | Vacant | 2015 |
| | | Betsy Jesser ⁽¹⁾ | 2016 |
| MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS | 3 Years | Edmund Hemmer | 2014 |
| | | Adrienne Raymond | 2015 |
| | | Sarah Bolster | 2016 |
| MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS | 3 Years | Sally Snarski | 2014 |
| | | Adrienne Raymond | 2016 |
| TOWN GRAND JUROR | 1 Year | Barry Griffith | 2014 |
| TOWN AGENT | 1 Year | Barry Griffith | 2014 |
| 1 ST CONSTABLE | 1 Year | Matthew Danaher | 2014 |
| 2 ND CONSTABLE | 1 Year | Vacant | 2014 |
| COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES | 3 Years | Randy A. Page | 2015 |
| CEMETERY COMMISSION | 3 Years | Larry Carrara | 2014 |
| | | George Richards | 2015 |
| | | David Rice | 2016 |

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
2013 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽²⁾

| | | | |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------|
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | | Vacant | 2014 |
| POUND KEEPER | | Gillian Gaines | 2014 |
| TRUSTEES of the SHREWSBURY | 3 Years | Paul Sgalia | 2014 |
| COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE ⁽³⁾ | | John Berryhill | 2015 |
| | | Jonathan Gibson | 2016 |

Town of Shrewsbury

2013 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽²⁾ (continued)

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 4 Years | Louise Duda | 2014 |
| | | Carol Calotta | 2015 |
| | | Deborah Weaver | 2015 |
| | | Connie Youngstrom | 2015 |
| | | Grace Brigham | 2016 |
| | | Lily French | 2016 |
| | | Cynthia Thornton | 2017 |
| | | Lucas Jackson | 2017 |
| | | Jesse Shapiro | 2017 |
| DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD | 3 Years ⁽⁴⁾ | Scott Darling | 2014 |
| | | Bruce Bullock | 2015 |
| | | Bert Stewart | 2015 |
| | | Mark Younstrom | 2015 |
| | | Alan Shelvey | 2016 |
| | | Vacant (Alternate) | 2014 |
| | | Vacant (Alternate) | 2014 |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR | | Bert Potter | |
| HURRICANE RECOVERY FUND | | John Wood | |
| COORDINATORS | | Louise Duda | |
| | | Vacant | |
| ENERGY COORDINATOR | | Steven Spatz | 2014 |
| FENCE VIEWERS | | Randy Page | 2014 |
| | | Bert Potter | 2014 |
| | | Mike Stewart | 2014 |
| GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR | | Carol Calotta | 2014 |
| HEALTH OFFICER | | Daphne LeaHemmer | 2/29/16 |
| INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD | | John Wood | 2014 |
| LIBRARY BOARD | | Debbie Bleich | 2014 |
| PLANNING COMMISSION | 3 Years ⁽⁴⁾ | Jason Smith | 2014 |
| | | David Rice | 2014 |
| | | Francis Wyatt | 2014 |
| | | Marilyn Dalick | 2015 |
| | | Melissa Reichert | 2015 |
| | | Laura Black | 2016 |
| | | Mark Goodwin | 2016 |
| REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL | | Hull Maynard | 6/30/14 |
| REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE | | Gerry Martin | 2016 |
| ROAD COMMISSIONER | | Jamie Carrara | 2014 |
| RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION | | Mark Goodwin | 6/30/14 |
| | | David Rice (Alternate) | 6/30/14 |
| SERVICES OFFICER | | Mark Goodwin | 4/14/14 |
| SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES | | Bert Potter | 2014 |
| FOREST FIRE WARDEN | | Kevin Brown | 6/30/18 |
| | | Al Ridlon, Jr. | 6/30/18 |
| TREE WARDEN | | Eldred French | 2014 |
| ZONING ADMINISTRATOR | 3 Years | Adrienne Raymond | 2015 |
| WEIGHER OF COAL | | George Richards | 2014 |

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

TOWN ROAD CREW

(Appointed by Road Commissioner)

Gilbert Pitts, Stephen Bruce

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Bob Perry

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

(Appointed by Town Clerk)

Betsy Jesser

2015

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

(Appointed by Treasurer)

Christina Clarke

2015

PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION

Joyce Wilson

SELECTBOARD CLERK (Chosen by Selectboard)

Mark Goodwin

2014

(1) Persons appointed by the Selectboard to fill vacancies in elected offices serve until Town Meeting, 2014.

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

(3) Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.

(4) Term of office determined by Selectboard.



Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

First Board of Trustees

1972

L to R: Edward Cook, Willard Smith, Nancy Spencer, Donald Moore, Margo Taggett, Jim Kaufman.
John Barber (absent)

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 233rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014

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 4, 2014 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:

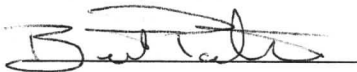
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| One Moderator | 1-year term |
| One Selectboard Member | 3-year term |
| One Auditor | 2 years of 3 year term |
| One Auditor | 3-year term |
| One Lister | 1 year of 3 year term |
| One Lister | 2 years of 3 year term |
| One Lister | 3-year term |
| One Grand Juror | 1-year term |
| One Town Agent | 1-year term |
| One 1st Constable | 1-year term |
| One 2nd Constable | 1-year term |
| One Cemetery Commissioner | 3-year term |
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,831,558**, of which **\$604,636** shall be raised by taxes and **\$1,128,320** by non-tax revenues?
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?
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)?

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WARNING for 233rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014

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?
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 10, 2014 ?

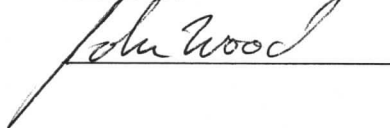
Dated: **January 29, 2014**

Bert Potter, Chairman

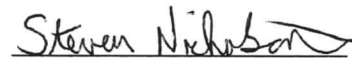


Shrewsbury Selectboard

John Wood



Steven Nicholson



Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road**. The meeting will take place following the Town School District informational meeting, which begins at **5:30 P.M., Monday, March 3, 2014**.

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

The informational meeting for the Town was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 4, 2013 by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Mike Stewart, Bert Potter and John Wood. Also present were approximately 45 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

Senator French gave a brief summary of his work at the Statehouse serving on the Senate Agricultural and Government Operations Committees, which has jurisdiction of campaign finance. He also summarized the status of various other bills that have passed through the Senate chamber and the overall legislative session thus far.

Rep. Dennis Devereux presented a summary of the sessions thus far in the House of Representatives concerning the Rutland-Windsor 2 District.

Bert Potter thanked a number of individuals who have served the Town as elected officers in a number of roles: Rich Biziak, Betsy Jesser, Matt Danaher, Peter Lajoie and especially Mike Stewart for his thirteen years as a Selectboard member.

The Auditors presented an informal proposal to reformat the Town Report to make it a larger size.

All warned articles were reviewed and discussed.

In respect to the budget and the ongoing impact of Tropical Storm Irene recovery and FEMA reimbursements, John Wood outlined that the Town has been reimbursed 1.2 million dollars for work associated with the flood and that the Town is currently waiting for 2.9 million dollars in approved and obligated reimbursements by FEMA.

Extended discussion was had pertaining to Articles # 29, 30, & 31 addressing the discontinuance of Australian ballot for budget and public questions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, 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 – Steven Nicholson (Write In) |
| One Auditor | 3-year term – Christina Clarke (Write In)* |
| One Lister | 3-year term – Christina Clarke (Write In) |
| One Grand Juror | 1-year term – Barry Griffith |
| One Town Agent | 1-year term – Barry Griffith |
| One 1st Constable | 1-year term – Matt Danaher (Write In) |
| One 2nd Constable | 1-year term – Peter Lajoie (Write In)* |
| One Cemetery Commissioner | 3-year term – David Rice |

*Declined to serve

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?

Yes - 232 No - 69

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

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| 3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund? | Yes - 224 | No - 69 |
| 4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund? | Yes - 237 | No - 65 |
| 5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund? | Yes - 223 | No - 73 |
| 6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund? | Yes - 238 | No - 73 |
| 7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund? | Yes - 224 | No - 76 |
| 8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$26,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund? | Yes - 229 | No - 72 |
| 9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$12,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House? | Yes - 211 | No - 86 |
| 10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$25,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department? | Yes - 250 | No - 51 |
| 11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library? | Yes - 212 | No - 92 |
| 12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,000 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society? | Yes - 197 | No - 106 |
| 13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$4,224 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service? | Yes - 253 | No - 50 |
| 14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? | Yes - 187 | No - 115 |
| 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 - 251 | No - 53 |
| 16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization? | Yes - 219 | No - 82 |
| 17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)? | Yes - 224 | No - 76 |
| 18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging? | Yes - 213 | No - 84 |
| 19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services? | Yes - 212 | No - 89 |
| 20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter? | Yes - 231 | No - 67 |
| 21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont? | Yes - 173 | No - 121 |
| 22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center? | Yes - 191 | No - 106 |

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MARCH 5, 2013

23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
Yes - 182 No - 115
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
Yes - 178 No - 119
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
Yes - 201 No - 97
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35 to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
Yes - 201 No - 105
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?
Yes - 192 No - 104
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?
Yes - 252 No - 25
29. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for its annual budget vote?
Yes - 106 No - 192
30. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all public questions?
Yes - 115 No - 184
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?
Yes - 194 No - 101

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. Since the last Town Meeting we implemented new procedures, developed auditing task forms and diagrams to serve as recordkeeping and training aids, and increased the use of electronic data and files.

We have examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis, tracking tax payments and reconciling bank accounts to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were 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 2013. We were unable to verify the receipts and disbursements in the SVFD Race Pool account and are therefore presenting the net change in the bank statements for this account. We did not receive reports this year from the Town Tree Warden, the Town Animal Control Officer (position vacant), or the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council.

Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 were audited by Angolano and Co., CPA, Shelburne, VT. This report is available at the Rutland South Supervisory Union office. We commend the School District for having their audit completed in August, and believe the professional auditors' report accurately describes the District's financial condition.

The Town Treasurer provided the Selectboard a report on internal financial controls pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 163(11) which will be updated annually.

We are pleased to note that the amount warned "to be raised by taxes and other revenues" (\$604,636) agrees with the amount of the Selectboard's projected "current property taxes" in the 2014 budget. We continue to encourage the Selectboard to convert to a modified accrual system for budgeting so as to align their financial accounting method with that used by the Town Treasurer.

Dedications to Grace Korzun, Nancy Spencer, and Donna Smith were written by Jonathan Gibson based on audio interviews by Sarah Gibson. The audio recordings are available at the Shrewsbury Historical Society. Their photographs were provided by Joel and Sandy Korzun, Deedee Erb, and Marilyn Dalick respectively. Cover photograph of the Northam culvert and others on pages 11, 25, 41, and 82 were taken by Jonathan Gibson; while those in the Table of Contents and page 38 were taken by Sandy Bragg. The picture on page three was provided by the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House Trustees and the picture on the inside of the back cover was taken by Marge Congdon.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports this year as we make a transition to a larger-format Report. We also thank Mark Goodwin, Linda McGuire, the Board of Listers and the Selectboard for their assistance during the year.

The Board of Auditors wishes to thank Chryl Martin for her four years of service (2009 – 2013) as Auditor. Chryl brought a business-based background to our efforts and provided both keen insight and an alternate perspective to our duties. It was a great pleasure to work with her.

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

Jonathan Gibson

Town of Shrewsbury
HISTORICAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Property Tax Receipts | 2,455,623 | 2,374,609 | 2,361,573 | 2,204,054 | 2,413,789 |
| Other Tax Receipts | 77,273 | 82,552 | 75,412 | 78,819 | 80,530 |
| Road Commission Receipts | 130,622 | 133,681 | 160,028 | 219,543 | 136,636 |
| FEMA | | | 360,092 | 2,752,118 | 320,235 |
| Other Receipts | 15,769 | 29,248 | 36,262 | 52,951 | 23,497 |
| Total Receipts | 2,679,287 | 2,620,090 | 2,993,368 | 5,307,485 | 2,974,687 |
| Disbursements | | | | | |
| School Account | 1,746,036 | 1,741,369 | 1,724,231 | 1,510,548 | 1,738,571 |
| Selectboard's Orders (Net) | 216,945 | 236,857 | 226,059 | 207,592 | 214,418 |
| Road Commissioner's Orders (Net) | 710,490 | 602,084 | 875,400 | 1,774,055 | 1,034,012 |
| Depreciation | 115,952 | 96,836 | 128,703 | 201,826 | 216,878 |
| Capitalized Improvements & Liability | (349,240) | (278,928) | (490,284) | (1,365,443) | (677,029) |
| Warned Items | 150,907 | 141,300 | 139,435 | 139,727 | 139,727 |
| Total Disbursements | 2,591,090 | 2,539,518 | 2,603,545 | 2,468,305 | 2,666,578 |
| Change in Net Assets | 88,197 | 80,572 | 389,824 | 2,839,180 | 308,109 |

This report has been prepared by the Board of Auditors from the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenses as published in past Annual Reports.

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 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 Homestead Declaration to be filed annually with the State of Vermont. 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 professional audit was completed by Jeffrey R. Bradley CPA, P.C. Copies are available at the town office upon request.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire



CCC Road in Northam

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2013

| | General Fund | Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾ | Total Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash | 108,637 | 249,863 | 358,500 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 12,143 | | 12,143 |
| Receivables ⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Delinquent Tax Receivable | 38,356 | | 38,356 |
| Other Receivables | 1,853 | | 1,853 |
| Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾ | | | |
| Land and Buildings | 907,035 | | 907,035 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 232,715 | | 232,715 |
| Infrastructure | 3,036,670 | | 3,036,670 |
| | | | |
| Total Assets | 4,337,410 | 249,863 | 4,587,273 |
| | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾ | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾ | 35,181 | | 35,181 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 799 | | 799 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond | 260,000 | | 260,000 |
| Equity | | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 249,863 | 249,863 |
| Unrestricted Equity | 3,713,321 | | 3,713,321 |
| Excess Revenue | 308,109 | | 308,109 |
| | | | |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | 4,337,410 | 249,863 | 4,587,273 |
| | | | |

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2013

| | General Fund | Restricted and Designated Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$108,637 | \$249,863 | \$358,500 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$12,143 | | \$12,143 |
| Receivables | | | |
| Delinquent Tax Receivable | 38,356 | | 38,356 |
| Other Receivables | 1,853 | | 1,853 |
| Capital Assets Net of Depreciation | 4,176,421 | | 4,176,421 |
| Total Assets | \$4,337,410 | \$249,863 | \$4,587,273 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Accounts Payable | 35,181 | | 35,181 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 799 | | 799 |
| | \$55,980 | | \$55,980 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond | 260,000 | | 260,000 |
| Total Liabilities | \$315,980 | \$0 | \$315,980 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets | 3,896,421 | | 3,896,421 |
| Capital Projects | | 213,589 | 213,589 |
| Community Development Projects | | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| Other Purposes | | 35,174 | 35,174 |
| Unrestricted | 125,010 | | 125,010 |
| Total Net Assets | \$4,337,410 | \$249,863 | \$4,587,273 |

STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

| | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 108,637.12 |
| Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund | 25,182.44 |
| Cemetery Reserve Fund | 1,291.08 |
| Brown Bridge Grant | 3,000.31 |
| Energy Grant | 1,100.00 |
| Road Equipment Fund | 133,822.68 |
| SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund | 54,172.66 |
| Garage Reserve Fund | 9,027.14 |
| Records Restoration Fund | 7,296.67 |
| Smith Brook Culvert Fund | 4,313.89 |
| Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund | 1,403.58 |
| Town Office Reserve Fund | 9,252.76 |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 358,500.33 |

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2013

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Taxes: Education Current | \$ 1,725,810.98 | |
| Taxes: Town Current | 607,820.46 | |
| School Reconciliation Taxes | 20,271.40 | |
| Delinquent Tax | 59,885.90 | |
| Total Property Tax Receipts | | \$ 2,413,788.74 |

Other Tax Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Land Use | 55,603.00 | |
| Leased Land | 30.00 | |
| State in Lieu of Tax | 18,636.50 | |
| Federal in Lieu of Tax | 5,373.00 | |
| Railroad Tax | 887.96 | |
| Total Other Tax Receipts | | 80,530.46 |

Road Commission Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| State Aid | 132,355.34 | |
| Services Rendered | 4,126.10 | |
| Weight Permits | 155.00 | |
| Total Road Commission Receipts | | 136,636.44 |

Other Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Act 60 Funds | 6,831.00 | |
| DRB Hearing Fee | 500.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 696.00 | |
| FEMA | 320,234.83 | |
| Fines Received | 159.50 | |
| Grant - Energy | 1,100.00 | |
| Grant - Repeater | 10,200.00 | |
| Interest | 47.18 | |
| Liquor License | 150.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 106.00 | |
| Recycling | 1,656.20 | |
| Restoration Fees | 935.60 | |
| Workers Compensation Reimbursement | 291.00 | |
| Zoning Permits | 824.05 | |
| Total Other Receipts | | 343,731.36 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 2,974,687.00**

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2013

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| School Account | \$ 1,738,571.06 |
| Selectboard's Orders (Net) | 214,418.39 |
| Road Commissioners Orders (Net) | 1,034,011.83 |
| Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾ | 216,878.41 |
| Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾ | (677,029.14) |

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 | \$ <u>2,666,577.55</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | \$ <u><u>308,109.45</u></u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2013

GRAND LIST

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Real Estate | \$ 161,221,324 |
| Less Exemptions | <u>13,745,624</u> |

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 147,475,700

TAXES BILLED

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Municipal Grand List | 1,474,757 | |
| Tax Rate | <u>0.454</u> | |
| Municipal Taxes Billed | | 669,541.09 |
| Education Grand List-Non-Resident | 591,688 | |
| Tax Rate-Statewide Share | <u>1.318</u> | |
| Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed | | 779,845.10 |
| Education Grand List-Homestead | 888,711 | |
| Tax Rate-Local Share | <u>1.2801</u> | |
| Education Resident Taxes Billed | | 1,137,638.95 |
| Municipal Grand List | \$ 1,474,757 | |
| Local Agreement Tax Share | <u>0.001</u> | |
| Local Agreement Taxes Billed | | 1,475.10 |
| Late Homestead Penalty | | 222.66 |

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

2,588,722.90

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Taxes Collected | 2,542,611.94 |
| Delinquent Taxes | 59,177.85 |
| Abatement | (531.63) |
| Errors & Omissions | 98.56 |
| Refunds/Overpayments | (13,056.85) |
| Land Use Changes | <u>423.03</u> |

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

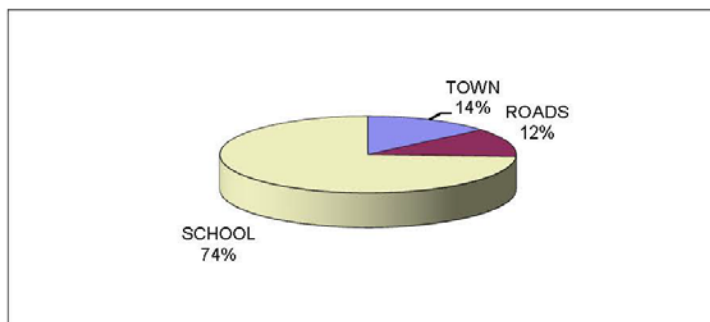
2,588,722.90

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2013 Tax Rate as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| General Town | 0.454 | 669,541.09 |
| Local Agreement Rate | 0.001 | 1,475.10 |
| Schools Residential | 1.2801 | 1,137,638.95 |
| Schools Non-Residential | 1.318 | <u>779,845.10</u> |
| | | 2,588,500.24 |

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Resident | 1.7351 |
| Non-Resident | 1.7730 |



Town of Shrewsbury
2013 TAX COMPARISON

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>GRAND LIST</u> | | <u>TAX RATE</u> | <u>TAXES BILLED</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2013 | 1,612,213.24 | Residential | 1.7351 | 2,588,722.90 |
| | | Non-Residential | 1.773 | |
| 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 | |

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

| Town of Shrewsbury 2013 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Fund Name | Beginning Balance | Transferred from General | Disbursed | Interest | Ending Balance |
| Brown Bridge Grant | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,000 |
| Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund | 18,350 | 6,831 | 0 | 2 | 25,182 |
| Cemetery Reserve Fund | 1,291 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,291 |
| Energy Grant | 0 | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | 1,100 |
| Garage Reserve Fund | 7,526 | 1,500 | 0 | 1 | 9,027 |
| Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund | 11,967 | 0 | 11,968 | 1 | 0 |
| Road Equipment Reserve Fund | 83,813 | 50,000 | 0 | 10 | 133,823 |
| Records Restoration Fund | 6,408 | 1,936 | 1,048 | 1 | 7,297 |
| SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund | 28,169 | 26,000 | 0 | 4 | 54,173 |
| Smith Brook Culvert Fund | 4,313 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4,314 |
| Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund | 1,340 | 1,000 | 937 | 0 | 1,404 |
| Town Office Reserve Fund | 7,752 | 1,500 | 0 | 1 | 9,253 |
| TOTALS | 173,930 | 89,867 | 13,953 | 20 | 249,863 |

Town of Shrewsbury

2013 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Bert Potter | Selectperson/Transfer Station | \$ | 2,527.00 |
| John Wood | Selectperson/FEMA Administrator | | 5,000.00 |
| Mark Goodwin | Town Clerk Salary | 22,976.25 | |
| | Selectboard Clerk Salary | 1,150.00 | |
| | Town Clerk Fees** | 10,965.09 | |
| | Total | | 35,091.34 |
| Linda McGuire | Town & School Treasurer | | 26,467.64 |
| Joyce Wilson | Payroll Administration | | 187.50 |
| Randy Page | Delinquent Tax Collector** | | 3,920.15 |
| Richard Biziak | Auditor | | 997.75 |
| Sanford Bragg | Auditor | | 685.75 |
| Jonathan Gibson | Auditor | | 965.25 |
| Adrienne Raymond | Building Inspector/DRB Clerk | | 1,700.00 |
| Robert Perry | Transfer Station Attendent | | 7,778.00 |
| Christina Clarke | Lister | | 1,087.50 |
| Betsy Jesser | Lister/Assistant Town Clerk | | 2,715.00 |
| Sharon Winnicki | Lister | | 4,548.75 |
| | | | <u>93,671.63</u> |
| Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds | | | <u>7,165.88</u> |
| Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year | | \$ | <u><u>100,837.51</u></u> |

** Based only on fees collected

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 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 \$358,500.33, 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 | \$ 38,355.83 |
| Other Receivables (FEMA Reimbursements) | <u>1,853.00</u> |
| Total Receivables | \$ 40,208.83 |

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

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Accrued Payroll | \$ 17,331.52 |
| Miscellaneous Vendors | <u>17,849.15</u> |
| Total Payables | \$ 35,180.67 |

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
2013 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2013 was as follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Increases</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Capital Assets not being depreciated: | | | |
| Land | 271,223.00 | 0.00 | 271,223.00 |
| Capital Assets not being depreciated: | <u>271,223.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>271,223.00</u> |
| Capital Assets being depreciated: | | | |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | 1,069,733.64 | 0.00 | 1,069,733.64 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | 718,008.66 | 14,000.00 | 732,008.66 |
| Roads, Bridges & Culverts | <u>2,874,064.79</u> | <u>643,029.14</u> | <u>3,517,093.93</u> |
| Totals | 4,661,807.09 | 657,029.14 | 5,318,836.23 |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | 404,344.00 | 29,577.25 | 433,921.25 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | 456,766.23 | 42,527.28 | 499,293.51 |
| Roads, Bridges and Culverts | <u>335,649.56</u> | <u>144,773.88</u> | <u>480,423.44</u> |
| Totals | <u>1,196,759.79</u> | <u>216,878.41</u> | <u>1,413,638.20</u> |
| Total Capital Assets being depreciated | <u>3,465,047.30</u> | <u>440,150.73</u> | <u>3,905,198.03</u> |
| Government Activity Capital Assets, Net | <u><u>3,736,270.30</u></u> | <u><u>440,150.73</u></u> | <u><u>4,176,421.03</u></u> |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Buildings | \$ 29,577.25 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | 42,527.28 |
| Roads, Bridges & Culverts | <u>144,773.88</u> |
| Total Depreciation | \$216,878.41 |

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
2013 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. |
| Energy Grant | Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013 for specific use. |
| 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 |
| 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 100 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$1,694 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The anticipation note was invested and used to pay costs for the garage before the bond was issued for \$410,000. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent. Total interest paid will be \$196,386, total amount paid in 2027 will be \$606,386.

| | Principal | Interest | Debt Service |
|------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 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>\$280,000</u> | <u>\$ 96,431</u> | <u>\$376,431</u> |

13. Line of Credit. The town applied for and received a Line of Credit from Mascoma Savings Bank in the amount of \$250,000 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.

14. Pension Funds. Regular Town employees working 26 hours per week are required to be included in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System. The town has chosen Group A and the plan requires employee contributions of 2.5% of wages and employer contributions of 4% for this defined benefit plan.

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for the year ending December 31, 2013

Delinquent Taxes

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance outstanding as of December 31, 2012 | \$ 29,745.92 |
| Warrant to Collect, October 27, 2013 | 58,919.74 |
| Warrant to Collect, October 28, 2013 | 812.31 |
| Amended Warrant, November 17, 2013 | -357.00 |
| Amended Warrant, November 20, 2013 | -351.05 |
| Amended Warrant, December 10, 2012 | <u>153.85</u> |
| Total taxes delinquent | \$88,923.77 |
| Less taxes abated October 24, 2013 (4 accounts) | <u>-2,400.87</u> |
| Total taxes delinquent after abatement | \$86,522.90 |
| Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2013 | <u>-48,167.07</u> |
| Balance outstanding as of December 31, 2013 | \$38,355.83 |

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2013 for collections - \$3,920.15 and \$11.30 for 2013 mailing expenses.

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Delinquent taxes collected January 1–31, 2014 | \$12,965.59 | |
| Delinquent taxes still outstanding (17 accounts): | | |
| 2009, 2010 Cheney, Michele | 278.48 | |
| 2012, 2013 Paul, Hillary | 6,551.03 | |
| 2013 Carruth, Conrad & Debra | 833.31 | |
| 2013 Chapin, Gary | 3,042.07 | |
| 2013 Gregory, John | 118.80 | |
| 2013 Hammond, Robert F | 3,289.75 | |
| 2013 Jones, Joyce | 1,337.30 | |
| 2013 Kelley Jr, Lawrence | 70.92 | |
| 2013 Korzun, Steven | 2,975.09 | |
| 2013 McGuire, George F & Linda | 931.82 | |
| 2013 Peer, Christopher | 703.89 | |
| 2013 Pressley, George | 505.31 | |
| 2013 Webster Robert & McGinnis, Angela | 682.61 | |
| 2013 Westbay, Todd | 2,038.95 | |
| 2013 Young, Lawrence D Jr & Aimee | <u>2,030.91</u> | |
| | \$25,390.24 | |
| Balance outstanding as of December 31, 2013 | | \$38,355.83 |

Randy A. Page
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SELECTBOARD REPORT

The close of 2013 saw the replacement of the Eastham Road Culverts damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. The Town has received approximately \$500,000 in Federal reimbursement funds this year. The Brown Bridge landslide restoration project has been approved! Construction is slated for the 2014 season. This is going to be a big project with projected costs over \$500,000.

The Sargent Bridge project has been taken over by the Federal Highway Administration, with construction to start in July 2014. There is another bridge beyond it which must be replaced as soon as we can get to the structure; hopefully in 2014, but more likely in the following year.

The Town has requested alternate project funds from the Stoudt Bridge project that was “given up” (i.e. The bridge, and a miniscule portion of road adjacent to the bridge, have both been removed from Town and State lists. The Town is no longer responsible for their maintenance; including grading and plowing.). If approved, we intend to utilize these funds to: reimburse costs to upgrade the Freeman Brook Road Bridge (\$45,000), assist with the purchase of a new Town dump truck (\$122,000) and perform some work on the Town office (\$5,000).

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Potter
Steven Nicholson
John Wood



Shrewsbury Selectboard
L to R: John Wood, Bert Potter, Steven Nicholson and Town Clerk, Mark Goodwin

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2013

| | ACTUAL 2012 | BUDGET 2013 | ACTUAL 2013 | BUDGET 2014 |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| TAXES: | | | | |
| Current Property Taxes | \$ 601,013 | \$ 601,217 | \$ 607,820 | \$ - |
| Delinquent Tax | 63,991 | | 59,886 | - |
| Less: Warned Items | <u>(139,727)</u> | | <u>(139,727)</u> | - |
| Current Property Taxes for General & Roads | 525,277 | | 527,979 | 604,636 |
| Federal in Lieu of Taxes | 5,506 | 5,500 | 5,373 | 5,400 |
| State In Lieu of Taxes | 18,755 | 18,700 | 18,636 | 18,650 |
| Land Use Taxes | 53,641 | 53,600 | 55,603 | 55,700 |
| Railroad Tax | 888 | 710 | 888 | 888 |
| ROADS: | | | | |
| FEMA Reimbursement | 2,752,118 | 1,226,307 | 320,235 | 900,000 |
| 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 | | - | 8,000 |
| State Aid To Roads | 98,103 | 132,495 | 132,355 | 132,355 |
| Services Rendered - Roads | - | | 4,126 | 5,000 |
| Weight Permits | 180 | 150 | 155 | 150 |
| Act 60 Funds | 6,821 | | 6,831 | |
| Dog Licenses | 526 | 500 | 696 | 500 |
| Fines | 572 | | 160 | |
| Fire Pond Matching Contribution | 1,175 | | - | - |
| Grant - Energy Conservation | | | 1,100 | - |
| Grant - Repeater | | | 10,200 | - |
| Hurricane Recovery Fund | 5,188 | | - | - |
| Insurance Reimbursement - Workmens Compensation | 1,567 | | 291 | - |
| Interest Income | 181 | 200 | 47 | 50 |
| Leased Land | 30 | 300 | 30 | 30 |
| Liquor Licenses | 50 | 100 | 150 | 100 |
| Lister Education Funds | 390 | | - | |
| NCRS Grant | 16,444 | | - | - |
| Other Income | 55 | | 106 | - |
| Recycling | 866 | 1,000 | 1,656 | 1,000 |
| Restoration Fees | 1,581 | 1,000 | 936 | |
| School Tax Reconciliation | 46,976 | | 20,271 | - |
| Zoning Permits | 2,413 | 500 | 1,324 | 500 |
| Total Revenue | 3,675,683 | 2,042,279 | 1,109,149 | 1,732,959 |
| Cash Beginning Balance | 42,894 | 234,436 | 234,436 | 108,637 |
| Cash Available for Expenses | 3,718,577 | 2,276,715 | 1,343,585 | 1,841,596 |

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2013

| | ACTUAL 2012 | BUDGET 2013 | ACTUAL 2013 | BUDGET 2014 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| TRANSFER STATION⁽¹⁰⁾ | | | | |
| Tipping Fees | 21,028 | 23,000 | 20,955 | 23,000 |
| Hauling | 6,125 | 6,300 | 6,000 | 6,300 |
| Salary | 8,940 | 9,200 | 8,925 | 9,800 |
| Maintenance | 3,620 | 2,000 | 400 | 2,000 |
| Solid Waste Dues | 2,384 | 2,500 | 2,278 | 2,500 |
| Equipment/Facilities*** | 7 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Household Hazardous Waste Disp. | 968 | 1,000 | 920 | 1,000 |
| Supplies | 63 | 500 | 78 | 500 |
| Workers Compensation | 572 | 660 | | 898 |
| Payroll Expenses | 689 | 800 | 683 | 850 |
| Electric | 722 | 700 | 627 | 700 |
| Total Transfer Station | 45,117 | 47,660 | 40,866 | 48,548 |
| TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE | | | | |
| Planning Commission Expense | - | 500 | 70 | 500 |
| Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense | - | 500 | 10,300 | - |
| Payroll Expenses | 7,589 | 7,772 | 9,635 | 7,000 |
| Building/Property Insurance | 4,376 | 5,011 | 5,010 | 3,677 |
| Public Officials Liability Insurance | 1,832 | 1,606 | 1,606 | 1,525 |
| Emp. Practices Liability Insurance | 836 | 823 | 822 | 662 |
| Workers Compensation | 316 | 980 | 980 | 291 |
| Office Heat/Electric | 3,959 | 4,500 | 5,036 | 5,500 |
| Training/Education | 760 | 500 | 714 | 800 |
| Postage | 1,241 | 1,500 | 551 | 800 |
| Supplies & Equipment | 3,602 | 4,000 | 3,556 | 4,000 |
| Software | 198 | 400 | 490 | 1,000 |
| Selectboard Salary | 1,800 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Other Town Officers Salary | 54,715 | 55,000 | 60,188 | 55,000 |
| Office Communications | 2,301 | 2,300 | 2,132 | 2,295 |
| Mileage Reimbursement | | | 237 | 300 |
| Building Maintenance/Repair | 2,073 | 1,500 | 2,739 | 3,000 |
| Warnings | 431 | 600 | 813 | 800 |
| Town Report | 1,702 | 1,800 | 1,678 | 2,429 |
| Total Town Officers Expense | 87,730 | 92,292 | 109,558 | 92,579 |
| LISTERS | | | | |
| Listers Salaries/Supplies | 5,566 | 14,000 | 8,837 | 14,000 |
| Payroll Expense | 369 | 1,071 | 639 | 1,071 |
| Reappraisal Supplies/Printing | - | 700 | - | - |
| Upgrade Parcel Mapping | 2,195 | 1,000 | 1,820 | 1,500 |
| Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees | 1,350 | 1,500 | - | 1,500 |
| Training & Training Mileage | 863 | 1,000 | 958 | 1,800 |
| Total Listers Expense | 10,343 | 19,271 | 12,253 | 19,871 |
| OTHER DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Animal Damage and Control | 110 | 250 | 239 | 500 |
| Independent Audit Expense | | 8,000 | 6,523 | 6,523 |
| County Court Tax | 8,033 | 8,417 | 8,750 | 9,144 |
| Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment | 34,330 | 33,503 | 33,503 | 32,666 |
| Grant- CCC Road Work | 15,644 | - | - | - |
| Interest Expense - Line of Credit | 1,773 | 2,500 | - | 2,500 |
| Law Enforcement | | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| Legal Fees | 1,778 | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues | 875 | 875 | 875 | 875 |
| Town Events | | 1,500 | | 500 |
| Vermont Leauge of Cities & Towns Dues | 1,860 | 1,852 | 1,852 | 2,037 |
| Total Other Disbursements | 64,403 | 59,897 | 51,741 | 57,745 |
| TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES | 207,592 | 219,120 | 214,418 | 218,743 |

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2013

| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 |
| ROADS | | | | |
| Chloride | - | - | - | 4,000 |
| Gilman Road Bridge | - | - | 4,053 | - |
| Flood Expenses** | 1,195,245 | 1,210,000 | 285,410 | 1,000,000 |
| Gravel | 38,997 | 40,000 | 37,857 | 40,000 |
| VLCT Unemployment | 438 | 1,560 | 250 | 1,000 |
| BC/BS Health Insurance | 41,253 | 42,500 | 43,283 | 42,500 |
| Salt | 12,995 | 22,000 | 14,954 | 22,000 |
| Winter Sand | 53,197 | 65,000 | 36,196 | 65,000 |
| Bridge #37 | - | - | 16,683 | 50,000 |
| Culverts & Bridges** | 7,837 | 8,500 | 6,818 | 7,500 |
| Other | 60 | - | - | - |
| VLCT Workmen's Compensation | 6,452 | 7,523 | 7,522 | 9,269 |
| Salaries | 114,257 | 130,000 | 123,965 | 135,000 |
| Equipment Rental | 3,540 | 4,000 | 2,650 | 4,000 |
| Paving** | 128,027 | 160,000 | 196,357 | 110,000 |
| Paving Carryover | | 133,708 | 133,708 | - |
| Payroll Expenses | 9,064 | 11,475 | 8,822 | 11,475 |
| VT State Retirement | 4,613 | 6,000 | 4,794 | 6,000 |
| Total Roads | 1,615,974 | 1,842,266 | 923,322 | 1,503,744 |
| TOWN EQUIPMENT | | | | |
| Parts & Repairs | 25,307 | 22,000 | 22,421 | 22,000 |
| Tires & Repairs | 4,202 | 7,000 | 7,019 | 7,000 |
| Fuels & Lubricants | 41,682 | 50,000 | 56,634 | 55,000 |
| New Equipment** | 8,708 | 1,000 | 3,906 | 1,500 |
| Misc. Supplies | 1,362 | 1,000 | 1,091 | 1,000 |
| Signs | 148 | 1,500 | 233 | 500 |
| Total Town Equipment | 81,409 | 82,500 | 91,304 | 87,000 |
| TOWN GARAGES | | | | |
| Equipment | - | 500 | - | 500 |
| Heating Fuel | 6,625 | 3,000 | 3,163 | 3,000 |
| Maintenance & Supplies | 1,608 | 1,000 | 272 | 500 |
| Utilities | 2,049 | 3,500 | 2,090 | 2,500 |
| Buildings & Repair** | 3,113 | 1,500 | 136 | 1,500 |
| Property & Casualty Insurance | 13,276 | 13,726 | 13,726 | 14,071 |
| Total Town Garages | 26,672 | 23,226 | 19,386 | 22,071 |
| TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES | 1,724,055 | 1,947,992 | 1,034,012 | 1,612,815 |
| GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES & ROADS | \$ 1,931,648 | \$ 2,167,112 | \$ 1,248,430 | \$ 1,831,558 |

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2013 was a fairly quiet year without any major storms to impact Shrewsbury. The road crew kept busy with regular maintenance and equipment maintenance.

Two concrete box culverts were installed on Eastham Road to replace old metal culverts that were damaged during Tropical Storm Irene.

2.4 miles of paving scheduled for 2012 on the Cold River Road were completed in May of 2013 along with the Transfer Station yard. In October, two miles of the Eastham Road and Mt Holly Road were shimmed and leveled with hot mix, and 0.6 miles of the CCC Road was shimmed and leveled with hot mix.

5,670 tons of gravel were used on various roads while 4,341 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use. Ten new culverts were installed. A new wooden plank bridge was built to replace an old wooden bridge on the Gilman Road.

James Carrara
Road Commissioner

2013 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

| | |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| 2010 International 7600 with Plow and Sander | \$ 120,000 |
| 2009 International 7600 with Plow and Sander | \$ 125,000 |
| 2005 Caterpillar 307C excavator with Trailer | \$ 45,000 |
| 2004 Ford F-350 4X4 | \$ 8,000 |
| 2002 International 2574 with Plow and Sander | \$ 18,000 |
| 2000 Caterpillar 928G Loader | \$ 43,000 |
| 1998 International 2554 with Plow and Sander | \$ 7,000 |
| 1996 416B Caterpillar Backhoe | \$ 16,000 |
| 1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper | \$ 6,000 |
| 1992 120G Caterpillar Grader | \$ 40,000 |
| 1968 Tractor and Mower and Broom | \$ 1,000 |
| York Rake | \$ 500 |
| 6 Two-Way Radios | \$ 1,000 |
| Miscellaneous Tools | \$ 5,000 |
| Total | \$ 435,500 |

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 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.

In 2013 we had three elections: an Annual Town Meeting Election, a Shrewsbury School District Bond Vote, and upon successful petition a re-vote of the Shrewsbury School District Bond Vote.

2013 was an "odd year" in the election cycle and it is when the Board of Civil Authority examines the Voter Checklist in order to determine and challenge the residency requirement of voters.

The Board of Civil Authority met to rule on one Lister Grievance in 2013 and the Board of Abatement ruled on two Abatement requests in 2013.

This year the major records restoration project that was undertaken was the restoration of the Vital Records from 1982 – 1992. Even though these records were relatively young by Shrewsbury standards, most were created at the advent of the photocopier age, and the paper quality at the time led to unusually rapid deterioration so they needed attention before any further degradation occurred. During the next year it is my hope to continue and bring up to date the microfilming of Land Records.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 VITAL STATISTICS

| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BIRTHS | 13 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 |
| DEATHS | 14 | 20 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| MARRIAGES | | | | | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| CIVIL MARRIAGES | 8 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 5 | | | |
| CIVIL UNIONS | | | | | 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 of Shrewsbury
2013 ANIMAL LICENSES

| QUANTITY | TYPE | FEE* | TOTAL COLLECTED |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 96 | SPAYED FEMALE | \$8.00 EACH | \$768.00 |
| 89 | NEUTERED MALE | \$8.00 EACH | \$712.00 |
| 2 | FEMALE | \$12.00 EACH | \$24.00 |
| 9 | MALE | \$12.00 EACH | \$108.00 |
| 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 |
| 28 | LATE FEES | \$4.00 EACH | \$112.00 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL : | 199 | LICENSES AND PERMITS | \$1,774.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury | \$598.00 |
| 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 | \$588.00 |
| | \$1,774.00 |

Pursuant to V.S.A. 20 § 3581 and Shrewsbury ordinance, anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1st obtain a license and shall pay **\$8.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$12.00** for each un-neutered or un-spayed dog. If the license fee is not paid by April 1, a **50%** penalty is added. The basic license fees are \$4.00 for neutered or spayed and \$8.00 for unneutered or unsprayed, plus \$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 2014, 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

VERMONT 2-1-1

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

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

Vermont 2-1-1 is the entry point for the Fuel and Food Partnerships, Flu and other health clinics, plus all other local, state, and federal services.

2-1-1 serves as the Public Inquiry Line for the Vermont Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security during a disaster or emergency incident. Vermont 2-1-1 staff will assist callers with evacuation routes, shelters, commodity points of distribution locations, federal reimbursement procedures and more.

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

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

Town of Shrewsbury 2013 HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT



Appointed March 1, 2013, I joined the Shrewsbury Selectboard in serving as the local Board of Health for Shrewsbury. Our mission is to prevent, remove, or destroy public health hazards and mitigate health risks. This often involves investigating reports of questionable air and water quality, communicable diseases, rental housing conditions, pest control, and animal bites/cruelty.

The majority of calls involved animal bites and pest control; equine encephalitis in mosquitos was researched. Owners have the responsibility to maintain a healthy & safe environment, which includes removal of mold (a concern two years after the flooding), standing water, and refuse or clutter that invite vermin or accident. I offered information and referred to the State Veterinarian, the Tenant Association, and the Housing Authority this year - no formal investigations were done.

Please know that a concern regarding the health/safety of the public warrants a full investigative report; matters of a personal or legal nature generally do not. Animal bites and rental code violations are reportable, as are gunshot wounds and certain diseases.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our town in this capacity,
Daphne LeaHemmer: 773-7157
vthemmer@comcast.net

www.healthyvermont.org

www.rentalcodes.org

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 TOWN CONSTABLE REPORT

As Constable for the Town of Shrewsbury, I serve as the enforcement officer for Town ordinances and State laws. Activities included: 12 suspicious vehicle calls, one possible domestic stalking call, two property disputes, two burglary calls and two missing dog calls.

Thanks to information called in regarding suspicious vehicles, we were able to get one conviction for shooting deer from the road and one conviction for deer-jacking. Again, many thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Program and all the citizens of Shrewsbury who called in with valuable information regarding any suspicious activity.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew E. Danaher, Constable

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 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.

I would like to note the passing of Sally Jones who had served the Town for many years as a member of the Board. Her wisdom and compassion will be missed by those of us who knew her and the Town is a better place for her work as a Justice.

John Berryhill
Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Chairman of the Selectboard is the de facto Emergency Management director in the absence of other interested parties. 2013 was similar to 2012 as the Town continues with repair projects post Tropical Storm Irene. The 2013 construction season saw the replacement of the two Eastham Road Culverts to pre-cast concrete box culverts. This brings both culverts up to current AOT codes and standards. The work is not 100% complete and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2014.

The radio repeater system is up and running and has dramatically improved radio coverage throughout Town for the Road Crew and Volunteer Fire Department.

The 2014 construction season is scheduled to see work commence on the Brown Bridge land slide. The Federal Highway Administration has taken over the Sargent Bridge project, which is scheduled for completion by October 2014. There is another bridge past the Sargent Bridge that requires replacement as soon as we gain access. Hopefully this will occur in 2014, but most likely the following construction season.

The Town is required to update, and submit, the Local Emergency Operations Plan in 2014.

It continues to be a long road. The efforts of the Road Crew, Linda McGuire, Otter Creek Engineering, Tiffanie Fortier at VTRans, and all Town Officials, during this process are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wood

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 HURRICANE IRENE RECOVERY FUND COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The committee had \$11,967 to disburse to Town residents that sustained damage due to Hurricane Irene. We advertised in the Shrewsbury Times with an application process and a deadline. We received three applications. Each applicant had over \$10,000 worth of damage. The committee voted to disburse the funds equally. The fund balance is \$0, and the committee is dissolved.

Committee members for 2013 were: Louise Duda, Adrienne Raymond, and John Wood with Linda McGuire in a bookkeeping/advisory capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wood

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The year began with a bang when the SCC was able to award two grants received from Neighborworks of Western Vermont for our Town's successful efforts in completing energy efficiency audits the previous year. \$5000 was awarded to the Town Meeting House used towards insulation upgrades and \$5000 was awarded to the Shrewsbury Library to upgrade windows for better insulation and to provide insulation to the stone foundation.

In addition to Green Up day activities, several projects were undertaken this year, including the Solar Informational Night and series of TIMES articles on this topic. The SCC investigated and supported a proposal by the Trust of Public Lands to purchase and conserve 971 acres in Shrewsbury and Mendon that would become a part of the Coolidge State Forest. This project is currently on hold due to funding issues. In concert with the Meeting House Committee, several dying sugar maples were replaced with younger versions to maintain the tree line around the Town Meeting House. Lastly, members have been investigating the changes and impact of managing the VELCO power lines from their previous practice of manual cutting to prevent undesirable growth to the spraying of herbicides

We are pleased to add two more members to the Commission, Jessie Shapiro and Lucas Jackson. The SCC members feel honored to serve this active and caring community.

Respectfully submitted,
Louie Duda, Chairperson

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance January 1, 2013 | \$10,695.34 |
| Cash Receipts: | \$0 |
| Disbursements | <u>10,428.01</u> |
| Ending Balance December 31, 2013 | \$ 267.33 |

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Calotta, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

During 2013 the Cemetery Commission was inactive in terms of physical work on the small Town cemeteries. However, research was done on early Town families from the lists of the burials in these early cemeteries, and marriage patterns of neighbors become clear. The cemeteries also reflect the changing residential patterns in Shrewsbury, for several of them are now surrounded by woods that once were cleared for farms and pastures. During 2014 the Commission plans to inspect all the cemeteries and clear out brush and broken tree limbs. The Commission expresses its appreciation to Leonard Page, Bill Tabor, and Red Landon for the care they take of the cemeteries on their land.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Carrara, George Richards, and David Rice

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

This has been my second year working full time at the Transfer Station. Following proper disposal guidelines saves all of us money, and I appreciate your efforts to keep items sorted in their proper place. The major disposal areas at the Transfer Station are:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Glass | Batteries | Metal |
| Aluminum | Tin Cans | Plastics |
| Cardboard | Electronics | The Reading Room |
| 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. We continue to have free electronic waste disposal 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, September 13, 2014, from 1:00-3:30pm.

This past year the parking area was paved which was a great improvement. I would especially like to thank the Town Road Crew for plowing and sanding the parking lot and to thank those people who have helped with straightening and organizing in the Reading Room. I enjoy talking with many people who come to the Transfer Station each Wednesday and Sunday.

Submitted by
Bob Perry, Transfer Station Attendant

2013 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury
John Garrison, Vice Chair – West Haven
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Clapp, Administrator
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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 2013, 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 town's interests on issues such as legislation, rule changes, Solid Waste Implementation Plan requirements, and Product Stewardship.
- ❖ Worked cooperatively with the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Districts, Alliances, and other municipalities on Act 148, the Universal Recycling Law. Act 148 was passed by the Vermont

- ❖ Legislature in June of 2012. The law bans mandatory recyclables from the landfill and requires the phased-in ban on food, leaf, and yard residuals and clean wood from the landfill and mandates unit-based pricing for trash (pay as you throw). The goal of this law is to provide convenient and consistent recycling and disposal options to Vermont residents and businesses. Detailed information on timeline of the law and how it will impact Vermonters can be found on the SWAC website.
- ❖ 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 architectural paint legislation taking effect in 2014. Manufacturers now pay for the collection of televisions, laptops, computers, monitors, and peripherals, compact fluorescent bulbs, mercury lamps, and soon, architectural paint.
- ❖ Sponsored eight 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 the SWAC website for 2014 HHW collection events schedule. Residents can attend any of the collection events, not just the ones scheduled in their town. All events are free of charge to SWAC residents. SWAC also promoted Unused or Unwanted Medication Collection programs sponsored by DEA and scheduled throughout the year.

In 2013, 7,776 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs; 1,343 compact fluorescent bulbs; 342 gallons of motor oil; 75 gallons of antifreeze/glycols; 102 pounds and 35 gallons of pesticides; 2 pounds of batteries; 80.25 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals; 630 aerosols; 22 gallons of paint; 666 gallons of paint related materials; 172.25 gallons of small paints, and one pound of mercury were collected. 291 households participated in collection events. In addition, over 13,000 pounds of clothing/textiles were collected.

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. 89,155 pounds of electronics were collected from residents in 2013.

- ❖ Maintained a website providing information on SWAC transfer stations, hazardous waste, 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.**

Your town was represented by: Bert Potter and Mike Stewart

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

2013 was a fairly quiet year for the Town. We had three grievances; one appealed to the Board of Civil Authority, one appealed to the State Appraiser who upheld the Town's value and one value was clarified by the Listers and accepted by the property owner.

It is important for taxpayers to note that the Homestead Declaration (called the HS122) will be in the tax book, but due to limited distribution, go on-line to fill out your HS122, Renter's Rebate, or request an income tax book, or all other forms. If you have an accountant, or if you do your own taxes, please make sure to have your form filled out and filed on time.

We have requested reconsideration from the State on our COD, (Coefficient of Dispersion) and the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal). We believe that there was an error in the sales data which involved invalid sales that should be corrected.

Please note that we will be contacting all of our non-taxable property owners to gather insurance value on the buildings under ACT 73 32VSA: 4152 (4), (6).

Please feel free to contact us at 492-2009 or email us at shrewsburylist@vermontel.net.

Sincerely,
Sharon Winnicki and Betsy Jesser



Winter Scene in Eastham

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 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 Shrewsbury Planning Commission focused on final drafts of the Town Plan. We held a public informational meeting and a formal public hearing and we participated at the Selectboard's public hearing. The Town Plan was adopted by the Selectboard on November 20th and was approved by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on December 10th. We want to thank those townspeople who diligently reviewed the drafts, attended hearings and provided comment and input. We are sure that the praise this Town Plan received from a long-time RRPC member, as "the best Town Plan I have ever reviewed" was due to everyone's hard work!

The 2013 Town Plan now contains an Economics section; the Energy section was significantly expanded to include renewable energy systems both for residential and commercial; and we added information on educational opportunities in and near Shrewsbury. The Combined Results from the 'Community Forum on the Future of the Town of Shrewsbury,' held in 2012, guided many additions and updates throughout the Plan.

The Town Plan and Town Maps are posted on the Town's website (www.shrewsburyvt.org) and are available for viewing at the Town Office.

Notably, Shrewsbury is mentioned in Vermont Natural Resources Council's recently published, "Community Strategies for Vermont's Forests and Wildlife" as one of five Vermont towns that has adopted a wildlife protection overlay district.

The next order of our business is to draw up a final draft of the unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, which we had been working on back in 2012. Public hearings and informational meetings will be held in upcoming months.

The Planning Commission 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
2013 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 2013, the Board held only four hearings; two for conditional uses, one for a subdivision and one for a variance.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

It was a relatively busy year. Eighteen building permits were issued and notifications were received and reviewed for three planned agricultural buildings. There were two new home starts and then the usual variety of decks, additions, sheds, garages and three cabins. One of the cabin permits was for the relocation of the cabin that went up off the Tin Shanty in the 2,300 ft High Elevation Zone. Many of you noticed this building - it was visible from multiple locations in Town - and wondered how they received a permit for it. Long story short they didn't through a mix-up with their builder. When the owners were notified that the cabin couldn't stay in that location - there is no building allowed other than agricultural in that area, they graciously arranged to have it taken down. They've received a permit to relocate the cabin down near their house. I've also had countless conversations and questions from prospective buyers, builders, and people just wondering what they can do with their property.

The Planning Commission is again working on a combined zoning and subdivision ordinance after finishing the update of the Town Plan. I look forward to reading through it. I'm still hoping for the ability to enforce the zoning regulations through the Judicial Bureau and to do simple boundary adjustments; we will see if these abilities are included. As always, I am interested in hearing your opinions on this and 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 before they start.

As in the past, I thank you all for your politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please, especially when it interferes with your plans. Remember I welcome all calls to check on what is and what is not allowed for your property.

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE 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. It is truly an important building to the Town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center.

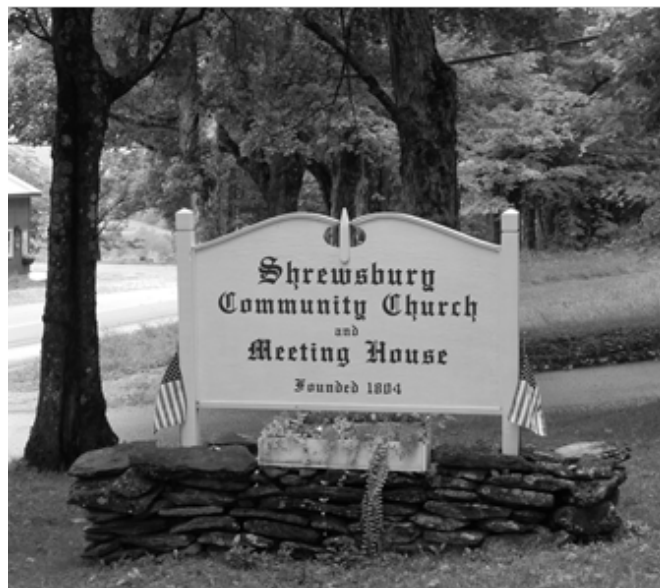
The Meeting House Committee, Inc. is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the Selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church and one member appointed by the Committee itself. The building is available for any Town or Church function, general community gathering or civic group, and can be rented for private functions by Town residents only. Use of the downstairs hall can be arranged by contacting the Committee and appropriate use of the sanctuary can be arranged through the Shrewsbury Committee Church and the Committee. Our policy is to only allow use of the building to Shrewsbury residents.

With much gratitude to the late Russell Smith, the building is in very good repair and the insulation work completed last year is showing its effectiveness in less heating costs and no ice problems. A few interior improvements will be made this coming year to make the building more attractive and useable.

This year we received \$5,000 donation from the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission as half of an energy conservation grant it received from NeighborWorks. The other half was donated to the Shrewsbury Library. Both buildings recently invested significantly in insulation and energy efficiency improvements. We very much appreciate that donation which helped offset the costs of those improvements. In addition, the Meeting House received a rebate of \$2,078 from Efficiency Vermont for that work. We are already seeing significantly less propane consumption to heat the building.

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

The Meeting House Committee: 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, 2013

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2013 **\$52,288.62**

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$12,000.00 | |
| Shrewsbury Community Church | \$4,250.00 | |
| Hall Rental | \$800.00 | |
| Interest | \$52.48 | |
| Donations | \$5,000.00 | |
| Other | \$2,117.19 | |
| Total Receipts | | \$24,219.67 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Electricity | \$1,133.96 | |
| Propane | \$4,761.86 | |
| Telephone | \$453.49 | |
| Custodial | \$2,500.00 | |
| Maintenance | \$3,444.73 | |
| Insurance | \$3,995.97 | |
| Supplies | \$71.94 | |
| Furnishings | \$3,633.82 | |
| Capital Improvements | \$181.47 | |
| Total Disbursements | | \$20,177.24 |

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2013 **\$56,331.05**

CAPITAL FUND

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expended</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Russell Smith Capital Fund | \$28,037.89 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$28,037.89 |

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

| | <u>2012 ACTUAL</u> | <u>2013 BUDGET</u> | <u>2013 ACTUAL</u> | <u>2014 BUDGET</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Shrewsbury Community Church | \$4,250.00 | \$4,250.00 | \$4,250.00 | \$4,250.00 |
| Hall Rental | \$350.00 | \$500.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Interest | \$113.48 | \$50.00 | \$52.48 | \$50.00 |
| Donations | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$250.00 |
| From Russell Smith Capital Fund | \$0.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other | \$39.17 | \$0.00 | \$2,117.19 | \$0.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$16,752.65 | \$19,950.00 | \$24,219.67 | \$17,350.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Electricity | \$939.22 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,133.96 | \$1,200.00 |
| Propane | \$5,183.51 | \$4,500.00 | \$4,761.86 | \$4,500.00 |
| Telephone | \$455.49 | \$500.00 | \$453.49 | \$500.00 |
| Custodial | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Maintenance | \$2,074.45 | \$2,500.00 | \$3,444.73 | \$2,500.00 |
| Insurance | \$4,137.40 | \$4,200.00 | \$3,995.97 | \$5,800.00 |
| Supplies | \$102.71 | \$150.00 | \$71.94 | \$150.00 |
| Furnishings | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,633.82 | \$200.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$88,356.83 | \$4,500.00 | \$181.47 | \$0.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$103,749.61 | \$19,950.00 | \$20,177.24 | \$17,350.00 |

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

Shrewsbury Library is again requesting \$7,500 in Town tax support to help cover operating expenses -- heat, electricity, telephone/internet service, septic pumping, maintenance, and insurance. Although our actual operating expenses in 2013 were \$16, 171 (an increase of \$1,000 over 2012) we were particularly successful in fund-raising -- with the Holiday Cookie Swap & Silent Auction, the Quilt Raffle, the Street Dance & Dinner, the Book & Bake Sale, and the annual appeal -- and will continue these efforts to meet the remaining operating expenses, add new materials, and provide programming in the public interest.

Shrewsbury Library had a fine 38th year of service, registering an increase in circulation and patrons' visits, and meeting the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries for the 13th straight year. A record 5,032 books, DVDs, audio books, and music CDs circulated to patrons. 4,345 adults and children visited the Library to borrow materials, attend programs and fund- raising events, use our public computers, and access our wireless internet. The number of volunteers willing to serve as Library Trustees, staff during Library hours, offer presentations and workshops, and make contributions of all kinds increased as well.

Free Library programs included the on-going "Famous Books" Book Club, the new Science Book Club, the Quilters' Group, the Writers' Group, and Computer Office Hours. We hosted presentations by Shrewsbury historian Leonard Korzun; Habitat for Humanity volunteers Stan and Louise Duda; poet Ben Aleshire reading his "Typewriter Poems"; archaeologist Charlie Paquin; geologist-photographer Jonathon Wells; and astronomer Al Boudreau. Dino Rice again offered her Summer and Autumn Songs to infants, toddlers and their caregivers; Licia Gambino- Hamilton began a Family Music Class; and retired teachers Linda Olney, Doris Perry and Jan Tofferi initiated a Story Hour.

Thanks to a grant from the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission, we hired Vermont Energy Works to strategically insulate our historic building, and install energy-efficient lighting in the Meeting Room. As part of our Five-Year Plan, we continue to replace VHS tapes with DVDs, add magazine subscriptions, and create a comfortable reading corner.

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 Certified Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2013 | | \$ 80,816 |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Operating | 24,306 | |
| Capital Fund | - | |
| Restricted | 5,325 | |
| Total Receipts | | 29,631 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Operating | 16,171 | |
| Capital Fund | 1,485 | |
| Restricted | 2,040 | |
| Total Expenditures | | (19,696) |
| ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2013 | | <u><u>\$ 90,751</u></u> |
| <u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2013 | | \$ 25,000 |
| Receipts | | - |
| Board designation of funds | | 1,485 |
| Expenditures | | (1,485) |
| <u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2013 | | <u><u>\$ 25,000</u></u> |

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

| | Beginning Balances | Receipts | Expended | Ending Balances |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ben Perry Fund | \$ 270 | \$ 25 | \$ 19 | \$ 276 |
| E. Jeffords Permanent Fund | 3,500 | - | - | 3,500 |
| Freeman Grant | 40 | - | - | 40 |
| Conservation Commission | - | 5,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| Claire Hooper | 745 | - | - | 745 |
| Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund | - | 250 | - | 250 |
| Allan YA Book Fund | 26 | - | - | 26 |
| Gerty Current Fiction Fund | 466 | - | 21 | 445 |
| Large Print Book Fund | 100 | - | - | 100 |
| Viola Parker Fund | 357 | - | - | 357 |
| Speakers Fund | 17 | - | - | 17 |
| Mitch Spencer Fund | 111 | 50 | - | 161 |
| | <u><u>\$ 5,632</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 5,325</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 2,040</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 8,917</u></u> |

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

| | 2012 | 2013 | | 2014 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| Operating Revenue: | | | | |
| Town | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 |
| Donations & Unrestricted Grants | 9,135 | 6,500 | 6,634 | 6,300 |
| Fundraising | 4,716 | 5,645 | 9,328 | 5,700 |
| Interest Earned | 107 | 75 | 123 | 80 |
| Other income | 518 | 500 | 721 | 600 |
| Total Operating Revenue | <u>21,976</u> | <u>20,220</u> | <u>24,306</u> | <u>20,180</u> |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Advertising | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Materials: Adults | 3,108 | 4,350 | 2,656 | 3,950 |
| Materials: Children & YA | 605 | 1,700 | 959 | 1,700 |
| Children's Program Expense | 620 | 1,000 | 434 | 1,000 |
| Equipment & Repairs | 250 | 300 | 96 | 300 |
| Electricity | 1,526 | 1,600 | 1,680 | 1,765 |
| Five year plan costs | 75 | 200 | 714 | 150 |
| Fuel | 1,810 | 2,000 | 1,897 | 2,000 |
| Fundraising & events expense | 1,244 | 1,500 | 951 | 1,500 |
| Insurance | 1,743 | 1,815 | 1,793 | 1,885 |
| Librarian Expense | - | 100 | 170 | 200 |
| Maintenance | 1,412 | 2,665 | 1,507 | 2,315 |
| Miscellaneous | 85 | 150 | 15 | 150 |
| Septic Pumping | 613 | 1,225 | 613 | 1,225 |
| Postage | 45 | 70 | 54 | 70 |
| Postage-Interlibrary loan | 103 | 150 | 210 | 250 |
| Program Expense | 200 | 650 | 400 | 1,000 |
| Supplies | 418 | 850 | 685 | 850 |
| Telephone | 1,015 | 1,045 | 1,037 | 1,070 |
| Total Operating Expense | <u>15,172</u> | <u>21,670</u> | <u>16,171</u> | <u>21,680</u> |
| Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses | <u>\$ 6,804</u> | <u>\$ (1,450)</u> | <u>\$ 8,135</u> | <u>\$ (1,500)</u> |

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Shrewsbury Historical Society spent many hours cataloguing the articles of interest that the museum committee was able to remove from the Pierce's home with the approval of Paul Bruhn of the Vermont Preservation Trust in the spring of 2013. Over 15 archival boxes of artifacts were studied, catalogued and chosen for this summer's exhibit entitled "The Pierce Family Collection".

On October 13th, local journalist and author Karen Lorentz spoke about her book *Good Vermonters: The Pierces of North Shrewsbury*. Gertrude and Willie and their children Marion, Marjorie, Gordon, Glendon and Gilford lived what Karen considers the Vermont way of life: plenty of resourcefulness, independence, perseverance, diligence, ambition, with generous doses of graciousness and humor. Karen's book is a treasure to savor for those of us lucky enough to have known the Pierces, and a resource and introduction to a century gone by for all of us. It was fun hearing how the book took shape.

At each meeting this year, member Leonard Korzun shared his ongoing study of Shrewsbury's agricultural history. And the Society looks forward to folks catching and saving more stories from our interesting Shrewsberries, as Sarah Gibson did last summer.

Co-President Grace Brigham

Thank you's go to all of our volunteer members who staffed on Sundays, to Ann Ridlon and Kim Ridlon for the 2014 Memories calendar, to John Elwert for shoveling of snow and caring for the copper decoration that was blown down off the bell tower, and to Al Ridlon Sr. for summer mowing of lawns. For this and all the dedicated work of many of our members, thank you.

Co-President Con Winkler

This year's visitors who signed the museum's guest book came from different areas of Vermont, and from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Nevada, New York (Brooklyn, Cohoes, S. Glens Falls), Connecticut, Wisconsin, and MA.

The Historical Society was saddened by the passing of several of its former Life Members this year: Edna Klein, Jane Pratt Fitzpatrick and Anthony B. Adams.

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 expense of the historical museum building. We appreciate your support and invite you to join the Society. The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7 pm in the museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Presidents, Grace Brigham and Con Winkler

Treasurer John Elwert; Secretary, Ruth Winkler

Trustees: Ann Ridlon, Richard Bettelli, Catherine Carrara, Fran Patten, Nancy Spencer, and Leonard Korzun.

Honorary Trustee: Bud Clark

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Account Balance | \$ 2,679.55 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | |
| Plus Outstanding Deposits | |
| Money Market Acct | 11,459.47 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 24,012.56 |

CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2013 38,151.58

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Receipts | 3,244.91 |
| Town of Shrewsbury | 2,000.00 |
| Interest Received | 98.56 |

Total Income for 2013 5,343.47

Total Operating Expenses for 2013 (3,675.05)

ENDING CASH BALANCE

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Checking Account Balance | 2,249.41 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | |
| Plus Outstanding Deposits | |
| Money Market Acct | 13,467.62 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 24,102.97 |

ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2013 \$ 39,820.00

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

| | Actual 2012 | Budget 2013 | Actual | Budget |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Membership dues | \$ 425.00 | \$ 450.00 | \$ 880.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| Fund Raising | \$ 3,410.70 | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 1,819.91 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Contributions | \$ 1,616.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 545.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Interest on CD's and MM | \$ 223.63 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 98.56 | \$ 100.00 |
| Other | \$ 107.77 | | | |
| Total Receipts | <u>\$ 7,783.10</u> | <u>\$ 6,550.00</u> | <u>\$ 5,343.47</u> | <u>\$ 5,700.00</u> |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Building Repairs & Maintenance | | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 14.10 | \$ 500.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 933.00 | \$ 950.00 | \$ 954.00 | \$ 975.00 |
| Electricity | \$ 280.75 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 308.82 | \$ 325.00 |
| Heating Fuel | | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 395.33 | \$ 700.00 |
| Archival Supplies | \$ 466.25 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 137.81 | \$ 200.00 |
| Supplies and misc | \$ 769.63 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 1,641.76 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Postage | \$ 349.35 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 223.23 | \$ 300.00 |
| Telephone | | | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>2,798.98</u> | <u>5,650.00</u> | <u>3,675.05</u> | <u>4,200.00</u> |
| Excess Receipts over Expenditures | <u><u>\$ 4,984.12</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 900.00</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,668.42</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,500.00</u></u> |

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Your Fire Department responded to 42 emergency calls in 2013. A structure fire at Vermont Industries on Route 103 was extinguished with a prompt response and lot of help from neighboring departments -- a good save. About a third of our calls these days are for motor vehicle accidents -- please drive carefully!

Our ranks expanded to 22 members in 2013. Veteran Phil Severy has returned to town and the SVFD. Former Rutland Town Fire Department member Seth Creed came aboard. Tanner Stewart has also joined us -- another third generation SVFD member! The abilities of our members were on full display in Bennington in August, at the annual State Firefighters convention. SVFD again dominated the muster competition testing firefighting skills. Two members received awards for being the best in the state -- Captain Paul Stewart as Line Officer of the Year, and Secretary/Treasurer Barry Griffith as Support Specialist of the Year. Shrewsbury is blessed to have so many dedicated and experienced volunteers.

The Department has now fully paid for its four fire trucks, and hopes to get by for another few years before having to replace another vehicle. This will allow funds to accumulate for a substantial down payment when that time comes -- new fire engines now cost more than \$300,000. Fire trucks are also bigger. The bay doors at the Cuttingsville Station (built in the 1950s) only allow about 9' of clearance -- not enough for most modern fire engines. We have spent much time researching and pondering what we can do about this, and will continue to do so. Much time was also spent preparing and submitting a grant request for \$46,688 to replace our 20-year-old breathing apparatus (SCBAs), without having to seek funds from the Town. Special thanks to Bob Snarski and Barry Griffith for their work on this.

SVFD's Trustees are again pleased to present a "level funded" budget request to the Town. The same amount has been requested and provided since 1994 -- when everything cost a lot less! This has been made possible by the fundraising efforts of our members and Auxiliary, and generous donations from our friends and neighbors. Your continuing support is deeply appreciated.

Jack Perry
President

Barry Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Carrara
Fire Chief

Town of Shrewsbury
2013 FOREST FIRE WARDENS' REPORT

We are pleased to report that there were no forest fires during the past year. Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be safe!!

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
| 775-6194 (H) | | Kevin Brown 775-5518 (W) | 345-8668 (C) | Al Ridlon, Jr. 492-3722 (H) 492-2055 (W) | |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|--|

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

| | Actual 2012 | Budget 2013 | Actual 2013 | Budget 2014 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Raised by SVFD | 20,175.88 | 12,500.00 | 16,996.35 | 15,000.00 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 45,175.88 | \$ 37,500.00 | \$ 41,996.35 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| New Equipment | 8,179.26 | 7,000.00 | 15,600.22 | 10,000.00 |
| Operating | 4,241.23 | 4,000.00 | 4,163.82 | 4,000.00 |
| Maintenance | 3,413.37 | 5,800.00 | 3,622.39 | 4,000.00 |
| Stations | 2,541.63 | 4,000.00 | 2,065.63 | 4,500.00 |
| Insurance | 7,747.00 | 9,000.00 | 7,812.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Communications | 1,689.67 | 2,000.00 | 1,762.09 | 2,000.00 |
| Heating | 3,590.15 | 4,000.00 | 3,610.92 | 3,500.00 |
| Electric | 1,625.02 | 1,800.00 | 1,748.97 | 1,800.00 |
| Dues/Training | 587.00 | 1,500.00 | 765.00 | 900.00 |
| Fundraising | 813.90 | 700.00 | 621.92 | 600.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 150.00 | 100.00 | 75.00 | 100.00 |
| Bank Charges | 79.04 | 100.00 | 81.70 | 100.00 |
| To Replacement Fund | 10,000.00 | | | |
| Total Operating Expense | \$ 44,657.27 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 41,929.66 | \$ 40,000.00 |

GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2013 **\$34,540.97**

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$25,000.00 | |
| Race Pool Income | 12,000.00 | |
| Fuel Raffle Proceeds | 1,230.00 | |
| Coin Drop Proceeds | 2,527.00 | |
| Donations | 1,178.37 | |
| Interest Income | 60.98 | |
| Total General Fund Receipts | \$41,996.35 | |

General Fund Expenditures **(\$41,929.66)**

GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2013 **\$34,607.66**

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

Replacement Fund*

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance 1/1/13 | \$38,344.60 | |
| From State for Irene Hydrant Repairs | 8,766.00 | |
| Mailer Donations -- early 2013 | 3,505.00 | |
| Mailer Donations -- late 2013 | 4,375.00 | |
| Vermont Country Store Donation | 250.00 | |
| Deceased Firefighter Markers & Flags | (438.50) | |
| Interest Income | 95.56 | |
| Ending Balance 12/31/13 | | \$54,897.66 |

* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Opening Balance 1/1/13 | \$217,104.49 | |
| Change in Investment Value | 21,313.11 | |
| Paid Investment Advisor Fees | (2,216.71) | |
| Ending Balance 12/31/13 | | \$236,200.89 |

Race Pool Account

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Opening Balance 1/1/13 | \$3,918.63 | |
| Transfer to General Fund | (12,000.00) | |
| Net change in Account | \$13,557.31 | |
| Ending Balance 12/31/13 | | \$5,475.94 |
| | | <u>\$296,574.49</u> |

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 2013 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- **Technical assistance** on land use, 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 and subdivision regulations.
- **Update of the Rutland Regional Plan**, including research on Child Care, Housing, Energy, Utilities and Facilities, Transportation, Recreation, and Libraries elements.
- **Review of Act 250 and Section 248 projects**, with comments to the Public Service Board and District Environmental Commission.
- **Continued assistance to towns on resiliency planning and disaster recovery**, including the development of hazard mitigation projects, a Public Assistance community briefing, updated lists of critical facilities and the update of local hazard mitigation plans. 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. Emergency management planning including helping towns updating their Emergency Operations Plans.
- Operate the **Brownfields Reuse Program**, conducting environmental site assessments, remediation planning and redevelopment assistance.
- **Education, training, and information programs** for municipal officials, reimbursement for program fees as well as quarterly Newsletters, a website and Facebook page. **Meetings** on pertinent subjects included Conducting Effective Meetings, Economic Development Strategies for Municipal Governments, Act 250, and Health and Planning in the Rutland Region.
- 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. Regular **roundtables of local road commissioners** to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Supported **agricultural viability** through assistance to the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link.
- **Natural resource planning**, including work with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District and various green infrastructure projects.

In Shrewsbury the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- **Coordinated High Risk Rural Road study for Cold River Road.**
- **Provided Regional Approval of the Town Plan.**
- **Updated Town Plan maps.**
- **Act 250 Section 248 review.**
- **Provided Brownfields information to property owners regarding various sites.**
- **Sent survey to Fire Department regarding firefighters’ training on liquefied natural gas.**
- **Provided information to Town regarding Hazard Mitigation Grant Program opportunities.**
- **Provide various maps for specific Town projects and/or town issues.**
- **Contacted Town and encouraged an update its Emergency Operations Plan.**

2013 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT



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

*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

To the Honorable Citizens of Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 30th 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 167,501 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2013, the service responded to a total of 8,332 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 Dennis Kitchen 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 29 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year three new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles of service on each. We also purchased Lucas, automated chest compression systems for each ambulance. These devices are used to help increase the survivability of Cardiac Arrest patients.

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, Pre-hospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborne 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, 1,707 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 and 121 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact 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”

2013 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2012/2013:

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 2013 statewide competition.

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 FY2013 were: Lessons from Irene, Green Lawns Not Lakes, etc.

Outreach:

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. 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.
3. Work with homeowners on disconnecting their roof gutters from the cities stormwater drainage system as a way to reduce the volume of water flowing into the Moon Brook, thereby limiting erosion and biological contamination. Four rain barrels and two rain gardens have been installed with this funding so far.
4. Implement an illicit discharge and detection elimination project in seven Rutland County towns: Proctor, Wallingford, Benson, Castleton, Fairhaven, Poultney and West Rutland.
5. Hire a contractor to design and install a gravel wetland in the Southern Boulevard development in the City of Rutland. This gravel wetland will serve to reduce the total volume and peak flow rates of stormwater into the Moon Brook and will serve the dual purpose of protecting the State's water quality and supporting the RNRCD's goal to conserve and protect water resources.
6. Raise public awareness about stormwater management practices that will reduce future flooding impacts, and installed five Low Impact Development (LID) Practices throughout the East Creek Watershed.
7. Provide outreach to small and beginning farmers regarding Accepted Agricultural Practices (AAP's), Best Management Practices (BMP's), and other sustainable agricultural practices.

Other:

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) - The District has been active in coordinating volunteers and providing trees, shrubs and planting supplies for 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 (AAP'S), Nutrient Management Planning (NMP) and Land Treatment Planning (LTP).

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list please contact Nanci McGuire at 775-8034 ext. 117 or see us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.

2013 RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE REPORT

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHREWSBURY:

In 2013, 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 81,041 visits to 2,432 patients. **In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 510 visits to 37 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

2013 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

Information and Referral

802-747-7696

Toll Free: 877-430-2273

TTY/TDD: 802-253-0191

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 2013, 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 2013, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,042 hours of services to 36 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



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greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

The weather warmed up just in time for Green Up Day 2013! Many towns reported an increase in volunteers, with some towns setting all-time records. Coordinators overall reported seeing and collecting less trash. We are beginning to track illegal dumpsites by town as well, with the help of our coordinators.

Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. 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. Our coordinators tell us that most of their volunteer force is families with young children. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. 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 because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, 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!

2013 RETIRED and SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) REPORT



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 881 volunteers. From April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 141,081 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,964,111.

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, 2013

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Shrewsbury in 2013:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 529 meals that were delivered to the homes of eight elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing “shelf-stable” meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather related emergency. **In addition eight Shrewsbury elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 269 meals were provided.**

Case Management Assistance:

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

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the “60Plus” column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer a volunteer bill payer or representative.

2013 RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK & SHELTER REPORT

PO BOX 313 Rutland, VT 05702 802 – 775 – 6788

The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter (RCWNS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault through efforts at prevention, protection, and education in the communities of Rutland County. We work on protection through providing emergency shelter, crisis and advocacy services and on prevention through education and referrals to other community resources. For 34 years we have helped families in Rutland County with services that range from emergency shelter to legal advocacy. We partner with many in our community to help break the cycle of abuse.

Over the past year we provided more than 3,700 shelter bed nights to families in our community. We also offer counseling, support groups, help with finding safe and permanent housing, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We advocate to help address instances of domestic violence and sexual assault, assist with family court matters, work closely with local police to provide innovative training for more effective law enforcement response, and provide individual services to clients both in-shelter and in the community.

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

The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter is requesting the sum of \$150.00 which will be voted on in March at the 2014 Town Meeting for support of the shelter and services for those of your community who may need our assistance in the coming year. **We responded to four requests for services from residents of Shrewsbury this past year.**

Sincerely,

Marianne Kennedy, Esq. Executive Director

mariannekennedy@gmail.com

2013 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

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Fax 802-775-5473

caprice.hover@rcpcc.org

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 to become independent, parent education classes and referral services. And 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

2013 BROCC - COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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 26 individuals in the Town of Shrewsbury, including one homeless family to secure housing. BROCC's Economic & Workforce Development Program worked with two Shrewsbury residents interested in starting or expanding a small business and our Energy Conservation & Weatherization program weatherized the home of one individual 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 802-775-0878

2013 NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT REPORT

The mission of NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services.

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 significant money on heating fuel each year while making homes more comfortable.

2013 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont.

- ❖ 109 families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ❖ 42 families purchased their first home with help from the HomeOwnership Center.
- ❖ 57 families repaired their homes with loans totaling \$404,734 through our Home Rehab Program.
- ❖ 170 people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ❖ 33 people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ❖ 10 residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ❖ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad helped: 748 households have affordable Home Energy Audits, 211 families make energy improvements, and 64 families were loaned \$712,143 to complete improvements
- ❖ **In Shrewsbury 14 households had Home Energy Audits with the help of the NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad, and 13 families went on to do the recommended energy improvements. Six additional families made health and safety repairs to their homes through our Home Rehab program. One family attended Homebuyer Education, and another family purchased their first home after working with NWWVT.**

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.

Respectfully, Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

2013 VERMONT ADULT LEARNING REPORT

16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617 / Fax 773-0323
Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), a member of Learning Works, is a non-profit seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math, technology and Career Readiness. We also offer Citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen. Any Rutland County resident can access our services and earn a high school diploma or a GED.

Through the creation of a personalized graduation education plan (July 1, 2013 – Act 77 – Flexible Pathways Legislation), older students (22 and older) may now obtain a diploma with many more options and available resources including dual enrollment at CCV, classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning has provided professional development for our teachers in the area of Common Core College and Career Readiness Standards. The new computerized GED test is based on these standards which will allow teachers to use the same standards that public education is required to provide. In addition, VAL is connected statewide and nationally by a technology called, Learning Network of Vermont (LNV). We are able to have live, interactive meetings and classes along with the ability to offer distance learning from across the country.

Vermont Adult Learning served 2,367 students statewide in fiscal year 2013. 17% or 394 were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 13,110 hours of education. We are very pleased to have increased our student enrollment by 9% which was an additional 38 students this year. **We provided 341 hours of instructional service to nine students from Shrewsbury. four were between the ages of 16 and 21 and the other five were over 22 years of age. One has earned their high school diploma.**

Providing high quality, respectful education and employment and career advisement continues to be our focus. This can't be done in isolation without all the support we get from the local Rutland agency's that we partner with us.

Please call for additional information or stop by for a tour. We appreciate the support of the voters of Shrewsbury.

Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager
Email: mfolger@vtadultlearning.org
Or call 775-0617

2013 THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING 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.

Data for our FY'13 (Oct. 2012-Sept.2013) show VCIL responded to over **2,218** 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 **310** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **10** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **11** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **173** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 47 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **164** individuals with information on assistive technology; 40 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **428** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '13, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services: Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A), Home Access Program (HAP), Meals on Wheels (MOW), Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC), and Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)

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

2013 AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT

Vermont & the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region

The American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper 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 been a vital part of the local community.

Disaster Services in Rutland County FY2013:

The American Red Cross was called upon to assist one family of four after a residential fire. The Red Cross provided financial assistance to replace food and clothing lost in the fire, and worked with the family to ensure their immediate needs were met.

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| Disaster Incidents in Shrewsbury: 1 | Individual Shrewsbury Residents Assisted: 4 |
| Disaster Incidents in Rutland County: 22 | Individuals Assisted: 86 |
| Active volunteers based in Rutland County: 24 | Rutland Disaster Action Team members: 10 |
| Rutland County Communities Participating in the Local Disaster Shelter Initiative: 5 | |

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

**Green Mountain National Forest
2013 -- 2014 Town Meeting Report (Excerpted)**

It goes without saying that the State of Vermont, our towns and the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) have come a long way since Tropical Storm Irene. Federal funding was made available for many infrastructure and natural resource repairs and improvements throughout the National Forest – we thank the community of volunteers, partners and local contractors that supported us as we all faced what will be remembered for many years to come as a very challenging time for us all. U.S. Forest Service employees have been working hard and have repaired nearly all of the roads and trails that were impacted by the storm and we now stand ready to move forward with major Integrated Resource Projects and a more traditional program of work. As we reflect on 2013, we would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in the management of the 400,000 plus acre GMNF which serves several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts and is critical to your local economy.

We are proud that the Green Mountain National Forest is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. We take great pride in achieving quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to enjoy the National Forest. Below are excerpts from the GMNF report for fiscal year 2013:

Land Acquisition

The Forest grew by 371 acres through the acquisition of lands in the Towns of Arlington, Dorset, and Woodford.

Recreation Programs

The U.S. Forest Service Recreation staff thanks our many partners for helping us accomplish so many projects over the past year. While our partners and volunteers continue to help us repair trails and maintain recreation sites, such as campgrounds, they also spend countless hours assessing trail conditions, attending meetings, maintaining chainsaw certifications, and keeping the U.S. Forest Service informed of on-the-ground situations. Thank you to our partners and the hard-working volunteers for helping us to provide a quality recreation experience in alignment with an environmental stewardship ethic. Some of our key partners include: the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) and multiple local VAST clubs, Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC), Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA), Green Mountain Club (GMC), the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), the Moosalamoo Association, Counseling Service of Addison County, the Middlebury High School Diversified Occupations Program, and many south zone partners. In recognition of their outstanding work in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, GMNF partners were awarded with the Eastern Region Volunteer Program Award by the U.S. Forest Service.

The following highlights capture a few of the recreation successes achieved in the past year:

Shrewsbury, VT: The Green Mountain Club finalized the 0.5 mile reconstruction of the Appalachian / Long Trail between Upper Cold River Road and Cold River Road. This project relocated the official route off of the road and back in to the forest.

Wallingford, VT: For many years now the U.S. Forest Service has partnered with General Electric (GE) to celebrate Earth Day by doing a spring clean-up at the White Rocks Day Use Area. This year was no exception and GE volunteers showed up in force and did a great job getting the area ready for the season. In addition to the usual clean up and maintenance work, two handicap accessible grills were installed.

**Green Mountain National Forest
2013 -- 2014 Town Meeting Report (Excerpted)**

Special Uses

73 Land special Use Permits were administered to standard along with 10 proposals being processed to a decision. The latter included important public infrastructure such as replacing a culvert on a key Town Highway and providing access to airport safety beacons for the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport for their conversion to solar power.

Botany Program

Staff and volunteers monitored over 105 populations of 56 species of rare plants Forest-wide, including some populations just off National Forest lands. Of these 105 populations monitored, 48 were new records. This year's monitoring efforts included 7 out of 13 high elevation ponds, all on the south half of the Forest (Fifield Pond in Wallingford, Big Mud Pond in Mt. Tabor, Moses pond in Weston, Beebe and Branch Ponds in Sunderland, Little Mud Pond in Winhall, and Mud Pond in Peru). We are pleased to report that no aquatic non-native invasive plants were found at any of these ponds.

Forest Ecosystem Monitoring & Research Coordination

The following is a list of research initiated and / or ongoing research projects on the Green Mountain National Forest.

- Martin Dovciak, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry - Research on the effects of global change on mountain forests of the northeastern states, with sites at three locations on the GMNF: (1) along the west slope of Mount Abraham in the town of Lincoln; (2) along the east slope of Breadloaf Mountain in the towns of Ripton and Granville; and (3) along the southwest slopes of Killington Peak in the towns of Mendon and Shrewsbury.

Fire Activities

In the spring of 2013, GMNF fire management used prescribed fire as a tool to enhance about 375 acres of wildlife habitat in certain areas on the National Forest. Prior to each ignition, crews worked to prepare the burn area by constructing control lines on the ground. On the first day of ignition, crews secured the burn perimeter by "blacklining," (a method of applying fire to a swath of vegetation immediately inside the control lines) to create a wide barrier in order to contain the fire within the designated area. Fire was then applied by firefighters on the ground to the interior of the burn area by drip-torch. Prescribed fire restores declining wildlife habitat and improves watershed conditions. The areas that were burned were overgrown with thick brush and had been identified by the U.S. Forest Service as being critical wildlife habitat. Plants in the area used as forage by wildlife had become coarse, dense and overcrowded. The post-fire landscape now supports a more diverse variety of grasses and forbs, which will be more palatable and nutritious for wildlife species. Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure.

U.S. Forest Service Offices in Vermont: Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

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| Rutland -- Supervisor's Office Phone: 802-747-6700 | Middlebury -- Ranger Station Phone: 802-388-4362 |
| Bill Jackson , District Ranger, South Zone - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307 | Chris Mattrick , District Ranger, North Zone - Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802- 767-4261 |
| Colleen Pelles Madrid , Forest Supervisor 802-747-6700 | |

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)**

I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2013-2014)

A. School Board

Adrienne Raymond, Chairperson..... 2015
Ed Hemmer..... 2014
Sarah Bolster 2016

Mill River Board:

Adrienne Raymond 2016
Sally Snarski 2015

B. Administration and RSSU Programs

Dana Cole-LevesqueSuperintendent of Schools
Deb FishwickPrincipal - Shrewsbury Mountain School
Bernard Peatman.....Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator
Justin Walker School Psychologist
Carol Geery RSSU Director of Student Services
Stan Pawlaczyk RSSU Business Manager

C. Faculty and Staff

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Elizabeth Bailey | Speech & Language Pathologist | RSSU | 2 – Days/week |
| Kristin Billings | Guidance | SMS | 1 - Day/week |
| 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 |
| Molly Clark | Elementary Teacher | SMS | 5 – Full 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 |
| Cheryl Jackson | French Teacher | SMS | 1 – Day/week |
| Christine Johnson | Elementary 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 |
| Theodore Panasci | Physical Education/Health | SMS | 1.5 – Days/Week |
| Julie Redington | Primary Teaching Assistant | SMS | 4.5 – Days/Week |
| Katherine Rogstad | Teacher | SMS | 5 - Half Days/Week |
| Erin Rice | Teacher | SMS | 5 - Full Days/Week |
| Cynthia Thornton | Learning Specialist/Assistant | SMS | 5 - Full Days/Week |

2013-2014 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 73 students as of our January count.

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Actual 2011-2012</u> | <u>Actual 2012-2013</u> | <u>Actual 2013-2014</u> | <u>Projected 2014-2015</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Preschool | 13 | 13 | 14 | 12 |
| K | 11 | 7 | 8 | 14 |
| 1 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 8 |
| 2 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 7 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| 4 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 5 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 6 |
| Total Elementary | 61 | 68 | 73 | 75 |
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| 7 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| 8 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| 9 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| 10 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 8 |
| 11 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 9 |
| 12 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 12 |
| Total Mill River | 60 | 47 | 43 | 46 |
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| Total | 121 | 115 | 116 | 121 |

Presently there are 43 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

As always, my fellow board members and I thank you for your support of the Mountain School budget every year. It shows your trust that the administration and we are trying our very best to provide a quality education to Shrewsbury's youngsters at a cost that is acceptable to you, the taxpayer. That is our primary goal, that balance between cost and benefit.

To that end, we are continuing our support of increased technology in the schools - not as an end point, but as learning tools for both teachers and students. In addition, the tests that the State mandates are web-based. At a minimum, we need modern tools (computers) that can handle these web based assessments and enough of them to test whole classes at the same time. Our teachers are constantly learning how to use technology better to present more individualized programs for all kids. We as a board and administration are trying to find learning opportunities for staff that address all their different needs and wants. To do this we are changing the way we provide for our technology support. Currently we contract with a single company which provides staffing for both our infrastructure and professional development (teacher training) needs. The decision was reached at a Supervisory Union level that these functions might be better provided by splitting these needs out. Rather than trying to find one company that can do one well and one not-so-well, we will open up our search for each separately in the coming months.

There have been some staff changes this year. Dan Morrison (4/5/6) completed his administrative licensure in 2013 and took a principalship at Stowe Middle School this school year. He is ably replaced by Molly Clark who was a part-time staff member last year. For the coming year, the increasing demands on administration in our school have required moving away from a teaching principal to having a full-time principal. I know Deb Fishwick will miss her regular teaching duties very much, but this will leave her with far more flexibility to be even more of the "everywhere at once" principal that she is now.

Our building is generally in very good shape. We needed to install a new boiler this past summer and next on our need-updates list are the heating units in each classroom. When the school was designed the up-to-date design had fresh air enter the building through direct vents in these units. Unfortunately this meant cold air was entering the room next to the heated air. This resulted in an uncomfortable space and wasted money due to increased fuel use. As part of our energy efficiency work, our updated ventilation/heat recovery system allowed us to close off the cold air coming directly into the building, but the units' fans and controls were not touched. This is next on the upkeep agenda. We will update these units one or two per year until all have been modernized. Our roof was certainly a topic of conversation this past year. We were excited when the vote in June went in our favor, not so thrilled when the vote was overturned in July, and our feelings were mixed in September when the bond vote passed by an almost 2:1 margin, but timing meant the project had to be delayed until this coming summer. We have done our best to prevent further leaking this winter by installing heat tape in all the valleys and along the roof edge. This doesn't allow us to remove the snow from the roof so we are hoping it will allow water to drain without entering the building.

My last topic is the budget. First please allow me to say, this is the toughest part of being on a school board. The way our State funds education is difficult to comprehend. It is by far the fairest way that I have read about to fund education while still leaving it up to local communities to decide how and what to

spend, but it is difficult. A number of factors influence the Homestead Tax Rate, but they all come down to the Equalized per Pupil Cost (EPC) at both the high school and elementary school. Our elementary EPC is down significantly from \$13,200 for 2014 to \$12,012 for the coming school year. This is due mainly to the increasing number of elementary aged students and is especially helpful because the Mill River EPC went up due to their dropping student numbers. Luckily the ratio of elementary-aged students to high school students is also going up. The resulting Homestead Rate (including CLA adjustment) for 2015 is \$1.32 up from last year's rate of \$1.28. While any rise in your tax rate is unwelcome, this increase does include the State base rate rising a full 7 cents this year. I won't call us lucky, but we have a much lower increase than any of the surrounding towns this year.

In closing, I hope we still hold your confidence in making the right decision for the school and that you vote to support our budget. Please come to our regular meetings and especially to the Informational Meeting on March 3rd at 5:30. The 4/5/6 class will be providing dinner to purchase as well as coffee and snack items. See you there.

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond, Chair

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Shrewsbury Mountain School continues its progress towards improving learning outcomes for all students in 2013-14. You can see that progress as students engage in their learning, teachers focus on individual student outcomes, and the community as a whole participates actively in school programs. Faculty and staff at your school work hard to improve instructional opportunities for every child and the support the community provides is greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure to work with a board, staff, and community that is committed to doing what is right for children. That commitment to student success is on display in each town in Rutland South Supervisory Union which has made my working here such a pleasure over the last four years. As I prepare to retire at the end of the 2013-14 school year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff and community of Shrewsbury for making my tenure here so positive. You have a great school, a wonderful community and so much to be thankful for, making this capstone experience for me truly memorable. Thank you!

ROOFING PROJECT: Doxsee Roofing of Bennington, Vermont is scheduled to begin work on the replacement of the roof in late spring of 2014, and plans to complete the project prior to the opening of school in the fall. After the favorable re-vote on the bond in September 2013, the board negotiated with Doxsee to extend contract pricing through the upcoming summer, allowing the board to continue with the project to install a new standing seam roof with insulation on with the same terms and conditions place as initially accepted last summer.

MOVING TO THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (Common Core): In the spring of 2015, students in grades 3-8 and 11 will be assessed using a new tool constructed by the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)** which is a state-led consortium working to develop next-generation assessments that accurately measure student progress toward college and careers. Please visit the **Smarter Balanced** website, www.smarterbalanced.org/about/ which provides comprehensive background information about the assessment and the rationale for moving to these new standards.

The skills and knowledge that are required to be college and career-ready in reading, writing, speaking, language arts and mathematics and which will be assessed by the **SBAC** are derived from the **Common Core**. **SBAC** will replace the **New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)** which has been administered each fall since 2005 in math and English Language Arts, and each spring in science. Results on **NECAPs** have been in used in Vermont, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire for the last 10 years as one of the accountability measures that show school progress toward achieving 100% proficiency for all students by 2014 – the goal of the Federal law, **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2002. **NCLB** has been one of the driving forces behind many school improvement efforts in Vermont and all across the US. At schools in RSSU those efforts have led to changes in instruction, school leadership practices, and measurements of student success. By replacing the **NECAPs** with the **SBACs** next year, the

goal of the 25 states participating in the program will be to shift the testing focus away from the overall success or failure of a school and more towards the individual student achievement of more rigorous and appropriate college and career-ready skills identified in the **Common Core**.

FY15 BUDGET: The expenses for FY15 totaling **\$1,136,289** 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 **\$45,765**, or **4.20%** more than the approved budget for FY14. The increase is due in part to the following:

- an increase in the Supervisory Union’s assessment for administrative, fiscal, SPED, and transportation services, which is driven by the increased percentage of Shrewsbury pupils attending Shrewsbury and Mill River;
- a commitment by the board to continuing support for technology and to begin bond payments on the new roof;
- an increase in the percentage of the principal’s administrative time, reflecting the increased administrative responsibilities she has assumed; and
- staff 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 \$12,012 well below the Department of Education’s penalty threshold of \$16,168. The budget for FY15 does not propose spending in excess of the Maximum Inflation Amount. The two-vote provisions of Act 82 no longer apply to local budgets.

FY15 TAX RATES: The following are estimates only, 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, 52.4% of the equalized pupils attend Shrewsbury Mountain School and 47.6% of the equalized pupils attend Mill River. The elementary tax rate is estimated to be **\$1.2931** and the Mill River tax rate is **\$1.5266**.

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| Shrewsbury Elementary School component | 52.4% of \$1.2931 is \$0.6776 |
| Mill River Union #40 School component | 47.6% of \$1.5266 is \$0.7267 |
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| Town of Shrewsbury (average) Homestead Tax rate (before CLA) = | \$1.4043 |

The average rate is then adjusted by the CLA which in Shrewsbury is 106.37% for 2013, producing an Estimated Homestead Tax rate of **\$1.3202**.

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 also deserves the community’s recognition and appreciation for her diligence and perseverance as the recording secretary for the board.

Ed Hemmer has served the Shrewsbury School Community for more than 10 years as a member of the school board. For the last two years, Ed has also been the Chair of the Rutland South Supervisory Union Board. Ed has decided it is time to step away from his school board responsibilities and devote more time to one of his other passions, sailing his boat on Lake Champlain. He has served your community exceptionally well and he will be missed by his fellow board members in Shrewsbury and on the Rutland South board.

Congratulations to the residents of Shrewsbury for your continued support of your school. It has been my pleasure to serve your community.

Dana J. Cole-Levesque

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Shrewsbury Mountain School has watched our student population fluctuate over the years, but we have seen a 25% increase in our population this school year. Last year we ended the school year with 60 students. We started this school year with 75 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 moving to our town and becoming part of our school community.

With the school year well underway, I wanted to take a moment to report on some of the exciting activities and events that are happening at Shrewsbury Mountain School. The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education visited the students and provided them with an opportunity to sample dishes made with local ingredients. The students were given recipes and had an opportunity to "shop for the ingredients on the bus". A special thanks to all of the folks that made this opportunity possible - Scott and Lindsay Courcelle; Julia Bonafine and Jessie Shapiro; Maeve Mangine and Lucas Jackson; Greg and Galen Miller; the Sirjane Family, Ryan Wood-Beauchamp and Kara Fitzgerald.

We continue to offer Camp SMS, our afterschool program. With a 21st Century grant of \$29,892, this program provides students a variety of opportunities including yoga, walking, running, gardening, arts and crafts along with time to complete homework or receive extra academic support. Students also have the opportunity to travel to the Paramount Theatre and the Castleton Performing Art Center for a variety of plays, dance and musical performances. All of these experiences enrich and enhance the learning of our students by providing them the opportunity to connect prior knowledge to new settings.

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

The Shrewsbury School community continues to transform over time. Our school which once was structured with individual grade classroom is now structured with all multi-grade or combined classrooms. Multi-grade classroom differs 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. Our Preschool program continues to thrive. Our staff builds classroom routines through guided discovery in a variety of centers throughout the classroom. One might see students working on a letter sound or number concept, while other students build with blocks or listen to a story. In our Multi-age Primary class, we combine kindergarten and first grade. The students in this classroom work on reading and mathematical skills in the morning and in the afternoon the students are actively engaged in a science experiment or working independently during time exploration time. In second and third grade, students begin to shift from concept of learning to read to the concept of reading to learn. The teachers begin to incorporate more informational/non-fiction reading. Students in second and third grade also continue to build their mathematical knowledge and skills and many will begin to master their multiplication facts. Our upper elementary grades are combined including grades 4, 5 and 6. Students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade continue to improve their writing skills and many of the students in this group have their writing published through the Young Writer's Project in the Rutland Herald.

Shrewsbury Mountain School also offers all students Physical Education and Health class. French class includes a wide variety of activities including song, dance, and other activities that immerse students in a rich language experience. Art instruction is provided. Students produce the most amazing artwork, which is displayed throughout the school building and is also showcased at the art show at the end of each school year. You would find it difficult to find any open wall space during this time. The school also offers music class weekly. Performances are usually held in the winter and the spring. We also offer choral music, instrumental lessons and band for students in grades 4-6. Our students have performed at the High Notes Festival in Glens Falls, NY. Both our band and chorus received honors for excellence.

We continue to move forward with 1:1 technology for students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Each student in those grades has been assigned a personal laptop for use throughout the school day. We also have a set of 10 iPads for the students to use in grades K-3. As the State of Vermont continues to move forward with the implementation the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), the State assessment will become electronic – students will be completing their assessment on a computer.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is utilized throughout the State and the New England Region to assess how well our students are meeting the 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. 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.

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are the new academic standards and assessments. Vermont has played an active role in the development of these new national standards. The goal of the standards is to prepare all students to graduate from high school "College" or "Career" ready. The hope is that with the new standards and assessment model will better reflect the progress and strengths of students, teachers and schools. The Shrewsbury Mountain School 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 it should be in place by the 2014-2015 school year.

As a school we have built in 30 minutes each day for "Brain Power". Initially in the fall and the winter, "Brain Power" focuses on reading and math instruction based on the students' need for remediation or enrichment. In the spring, we move into our thematic unit of study with provides enrichment for all students. Students are asked make selections based on their interests, units are planned and students work in multi-age groups (K-6) learning about the topic that they have selecting. Past themes have included chocolate, animals, and countries and culture. It will be interesting to see what the students will want to learn more about this year.

I appreciate the continued support of the Shrewsbury community. The statement, "It takes a village", really holds true at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. This is only possible with the help of the dedicated staff, volunteers, community support and other community volunteers from the Mentor Connector and The Foster Grandparent Program that we are able to continue to provide an outstanding small-school learning environment to the students of our community. I would also like to extend our appreciation to these volunteers and our local PTO; with their support, we are able to continue to offer the 4 Winds Program (formally ELF), other programs and special assembly programs including presentation by the Shrewsbury Historic Society and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. We could not be a community school without all of your support. We are truly grateful to be part of such a great community. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Debra L. Fishwick, Principal

Shrewsbury Town School District
Combined Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2013

Table III

| | General | Lunch | Fixed Assets | Long Term Debt | Total |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 31,765 | 185 | | | 31,950 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,425 | | | | 3,425 |
| Fixed Assets (Depreciated) | | | 164,359 | | 164,359 |
| Retire Long Term Debt | | | | | 0 |
| Total Assets | 35,190 | 185 | 164,359 | 0 | 199,734 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 5,373 | | | | 5,373 |
| Due to Other Funds | 7,923 | | | | 7,923 |
| Bonds Payable | | | | | 0 |
| Total Liabilities | 13,296 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,296 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | |
| Fund Balance | 21,894 | 185 | | | 22,079 |
| Capital Assets | | | 164,359 | | 164,359 |
| Total Fund Equity | 21,894 | 185 | 164,359 | 0 | 186,438 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity | 35,190 | 185 | 164,359 | 0 | 199,734 |

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 2012 | 37,600 | 1,360 | 38,960 |
| Expenditures | (1,003,083) | (39,205) | (1,042,288) |
| Revenues | 993,029 | 28,030 | 1,021,059 |
| Transfers In (Out) | (5,652) | 10,000 | 4,348 |
| Prior Period Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balance June 2013 | 21,894 | 185 | 22,079 |

Sinking Funds

Table V

| | Bus Fund | Building Fund | Preschool Fund | Total Sinking Funds |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance July 2012 | 53,134 | 66,536 | 6,745 | 126,415 |
| Expenditures-Operations | 0 | (100,258) | 0 | (100,258) |
| Expenditures-Transfers out | (53,140) | 0 | 0 | (53,140) |
| Revenues-Approved Transfers in | 0 | 48,792 | 0 | 48,792 |
| Revenue-Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue-Interest | 6 | 27 | 34 | 67 |
| Prior Period Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balance June 2013 | 0 | 15,097 | 6,779 | 21,876 |

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 FY2015

| Description | Budget Approved 2012-2013 | Audited Actuals 2012-2013 | Budget Approved 2013-2014 | Estimated 2013-2014 | Budget Proposed 2014-2015 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Revenue | 993,787 | 1,007,366 | 1,086,332 | 1,131,499 | 1,099,903 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,004,392 | 1,023,074 | 1,090,524 | 1,117,006 | 1,136,289 |
| Excess (Rebate) of Revenue | (10,605) | (15,708) | (4,192) | 14,493 | (36,386) |
| Beginning Bal July 1 | 10,605 | 37,601 | 4,192 | 21,893 | 36,386 |
| Audit Adjustments - Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Bal June 30 | 0 | 21,893 | 0 | 36,386 | 0 |

Revenue
Table 1

| Code | Account | Budget Approved 2012-2013 | Audited Actuals 2012-2013 | Budget Approved 2013-2014 | Estimated 2013-2014 | Proposed Budget 2014-2015 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Local Revenue | | | | | | |
| 1312 | Tuition | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,340 | 0 |
| 1314 | Tuition school choice | 8,618 | 8,723 | 8,724 | 26,172 | 8,724 |
| 1422 | Transport | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1500 | Investments | 7,000 | 5,259 | 7,400 | 4,800 | 6,050 |
| 1940 | Excess Cost Reimb.-Transfer Prog. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,000 | 0 |
| 1990 | Other Local | 0 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Local Revenue | | 15,618 | 14,098 | 16,124 | 44,312 | 14,774 |
| | | | | | | |
| 2000 | Sub Grants | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 28,500 |
| | | | | | | |
| State Revenue | | | | | | |
| 3110 | ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support | 757,094 | 767,094 | 848,630 | 858,630 | 852,548 |
| 3145 | ACT 60 Small School Aid | 83,248 | 78,356 | 81,677 | 85,680 | 88,760 |
| 3150 | ACT 60 Transport Aid | 16,002 | 16,189 | 15,921 | 15,900 | 11,247 |
| 3201 | Spec Ed Block Grant | 15,923 | 15,923 | 18,997 | 18,997 | 20,312 |
| 3202 | Spec Ed Expenditures Reim | 69,116 | 63,873 | 68,995 | 71,833 | 73,580 |
| 3204 | Spec Ed EEE | 6,786 | 6,786 | 5,988 | 5,988 | 8,299 |
| 3205 | Spec Ed State Placed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3790 | State EPA / Equipment Grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total State Revenue | | 948,169 | 948,221 | 1,040,208 | 1,057,028 | 1,054,746 |
| | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | | | | | |
| 5232 | Transfer from Bus Fund | 0 | 14,348 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5400 | Prior year adj | 0 | 699 | 0 | 159 | 1,883 |
| Total Other Revenue | | 0 | 15,047 | 0 | 159 | 1,883 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue - All Sources | | 993,787 | 1,007,366 | 1,086,332 | 1,131,499 | 1,099,903 |
| | | | | | | |
| 5350 | Transfers - Pending Approval | 10,000 | inc in # 3110 | 10,000 | inc in # 3110 | 10,000 |

Shrewsbury Town School District

Expenses

Table II

| Code | Account | 2012-2013 Approved Budget | 2012-2013 Audited Actuals | 2013-2014 Approved Budget | 2013-2014 Anticipated | 2014-2015 Proposed Budget |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1100 | General Instruction | | | | | |
| | Salaries | 283,848 | 302,169 | 315,895 | 307,404 | 299,435 |
| | Benefits | 103,856 | 105,919 | 122,599 | 106,207 | 101,709 |
| | Purchased Services | 3,451 | 3,618 | 2,420 | 3,571 | 2,420 |
| | Tuition - School Choice | 8,618 | 13,060 | 8,724 | 26,172 | 21,810 |
| | Supplies/Snacks/Travel | 7,400 | 5,679 | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,400 |
| | Books / Periodicals | 1,500 | 1,449 | 1,500 | 1,861 | 1,500 |
| | Equipment | 300 | 0 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| 1100 | Total Instruction | 408,973 | 431,894 | 458,838 | 452,915 | 434,574 |
| 1150 | Preschool | | | | | |
| | Salaries | 26,309 | 26,233 | 26,847 | 26,847 | 27,061 |
| | Benefits | 6,395 | 5,318 | 7,025 | 7,070 | 7,218 |
| | Supplies & Snacks | 1,400 | 524 | 1,400 | 1,407 | 1,400 |
| | Dues/Fees | 275 | 0 | 275 | 275 | 275 |
| 1150 | Total Preschool | 34,379 | 32,075 | 35,547 | 35,599 | 35,954 |
| 1400 | Activities | 1,464 | 1,186 | 1,464 | 1,464 | 1,600 |
| 1500 | Title I / SWP | 35,378 | 35,081 | 37,488 | 37,428 | 30,304 |
| 2120 | Guidance | 11,737 | 11,983 | 12,709 | 9,206 | 9,219 |
| 2130 | Health Services | 11,180 | 11,182 | 11,817 | 11,802 | 11,903 |
| 2210 | Improvement of Instruction | 5,250 | 3,094 | 5,525 | 5,525 | 5,525 |
| 2220 | Total Library / Media | 11,916 | 8,163 | 11,039 | 12,085 | 12,235 |
| 2230 | Technology | | | | | |
| | Salary - Stipend | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | FICA | 0 | 76 | 0 | 77 | 77 |
| | S.U. Assessment | 10,929 | 10,929 | 11,871 | 11,871 | 13,764 |
| | Tech Infrastructure | 4,500 | 2,671 | 0 | 0 | 2,700 |
| | Repair / Maint | 1,500 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 250 |
| | Equipment Leasing | 0 | 6,816 | 6,816 | 13,744 | 13,744 |
| | Communications | 3,588 | 689 | 2,942 | 2,942 | 2,942 |
| | Supplies | 100 | 953 | 600 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | AV and Software | 2,900 | 3,525 | 3,686 | 3,686 | 3,922 |
| | Equipment | 4,000 | 181 | 8,014 | 1,612 | 4,300 |
| 2230 | Technology | 27,517 | 26,840 | 34,929 | 36,932 | 43,699 |
| 2310 | Board of Education | 6,714 | 5,292 | 6,714 | 6,574 | 6,589 |
| 2320 | Administration-RSSU | 14,983 | 14,983 | 17,885 | 17,885 | 21,906 |
| 2400 | Administration | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 101,653 | 101,898 | 106,182 | 109,579 | 138,543 |
| | Contracted Services | 710 | 685 | 710 | 710 | 710 |
| | Telephone / Postage | 2,600 | 791 | 2,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | Travel/Supplies/Books | 450 | 330 | 450 | 450 | 450 |

| Code | Account | 2012-2013 Approved Budget | 2012-2013 Audited Actuals | 2013-2014 Approved Budget | 2013-2014 Anticipated | 2014-2015 Proposed Budget |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Dues / Fees | 500 | 350 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| 2400 | Total Administration | 105,913 | 104,054 | 109,842 | 112,239 | 141,203 |
| 2520 | Fiscal Services | | | | | |
| | Salary & Benefits | 1,077 | 1,077 | 1,077 | 1,077 | 1,077 |
| | S.U. Assessment | 16,762 | 16,762 | 20,413 | 20,413 | 24,679 |
| | Audit/Fees/Supplies | 3,200 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,750 |
| | Interest/ note anticipation | 5,200 | 4,058 | 5,400 | 3,604 | 4,050 |
| 2520 | Total Fiscal Services | 26,239 | 25,397 | 30,390 | 28,594 | 33,556 |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2600 | Buildings / Grounds | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 43,349 | 43,355 | 45,709 | 45,861 | 47,320 |
| | Repair / Maintenance | 12,200 | 10,787 | 12,200 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| | Equipment Rental - Copier | 5,200 | 4,710 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| | Insurance | 6,625 | 5,397 | 5,667 | 5,932 | 6,229 |
| | Travel/Supplies | 3,400 | 7,046 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | Electricity | 8,950 | 11,523 | 12,150 | 12,150 | 12,150 |
| | Fuel Oil | 15,050 | 12,906 | 14,800 | 16,133 | 16,800 |
| | Gasoline | 100 | 92 | 100 | 100 | 250 |
| | Equipment / Furniture | 2,500 | 638 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| | Dues / Fees | 0 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2600 | Total Buildings / Grounds | 97,374 | 96,534 | 102,926 | 104,476 | 107,049 |

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|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2711 | Total Transportation | 23,528 | 37,876 | 27,598 | 27,598 | 37,240 |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2720 | Transportation -Activities | 1,810 | 806 | 1,810 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

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|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2790 | Transportation -Field Trips | 2,050 | 3,746 | 2,050 | 3,850 | 3,850 |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

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|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 5100 | Debt Service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|

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|-------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 5200 | Prior Yr. Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

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|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 5300 | Food Svc. Subsidy/Transfers | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Operating Expenses-General | | 836,405 | 860,186 | 918,571 | 915,177 | 952,406 |
|-----------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1200 | Special Education | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 129,280 | 115,400 | 126,410 | 136,270 | 0 |
| | Purchased Educ. Svc. | 1,000 | 1,075 | 1,000 | 1,105 | 0 |
| | RSSU - Sped Assessment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 138,951 |
| | RSSU - EEE Assessment | 6,268 | 6,268 | 7,802 | 7,802 | 5,987 |
| | Travel/Supplies/Equipment | 1,550 | 1,403 | 1,550 | 1,866 | 0 |
| | OT Services & Assessment | 3,414 | 3,730 | 3,312 | 3,312 | 3,392 |
| | PT Services & Assessment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 749 |
| | Psych Services & Assessment | 7,497 | 6,372 | 9,662 | 19,257 | 9,526 |
| | Speech Services & Assessment | 4,766 | 4,428 | 5,933 | 5,933 | 6,761 |
| | Spec Ed. Admin. Assessment | 14,212 | 14,212 | 16,284 | 16,284 | 18,517 |
| 1200 | Total Special Education | 167,987 | 152,888 | 171,953 | 191,829 | 183,883 |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total General & Special Ed. Expenses | | 1,004,392 | 1,013,074 | 1,090,524 | 1,107,006 | 1,136,289 |
|-------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

Pending Approval

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 5350 | Transfers-to Sinking Funds | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grand Total -Expenses | | 1,014,392 | 1,023,074 | 1,100,524 | 1,117,006 | 1,146,289 |
|------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2015 Report **16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)**

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

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

FY2013 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, FY2013 enrollment < 100
 (43 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
 24 out of 43

| School level data | | Grades Offered | Enrollment | Total Teachers | Total Administrators | Stu / Tchr Ratio | Stu / Admin Ratio | Tchr / Admin Ratio |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Smaller → | Stockbridge Central School | PK - 6 | 58 | 5.84 | 1.00 | 9.93 | 58.00 | 5.84 |
| | Pomfret School | PK - 6 | 58 | 6.53 | 0.50 | 8.88 | 116.00 | 13.06 |
| | Wardsboro Central School | PK - 6 | 64 | 5.15 | 1.00 | 12.43 | 64.00 | 5.15 |
| | Shrewsbury Mountain School | PK - 6 | 66 | 7.90 | 0.70 | 8.35 | 94.29 | 11.29 |
| ← Larger | Leicester Central School | PK - 6 | 67 | 5.70 | 0.80 | 11.75 | 83.75 | 7.13 |
| | Holland Elementary School | PK - 6 | 68 | 7.80 | 0.80 | 8.72 | 85.00 | 9.75 |
| | Sunderland Elementary School | PK - 6 | 70 | 7.70 | 1.60 | 9.09 | 43.75 | 4.81 |
| Averaged SCHOOL cohort data | | | 62.79 | 6.54 | 0.80 | 9.60 | 78.15 | 8.14 |

School District: Shrewsbury
LEA ID: T190

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

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

FY2012 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2012 FTE < 100
 (51 school districts in cohort)

| School district data (local, union, or joint district) | | Grades offered in School District | Student FTE enrolled in school district | Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs | Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 32 out of 51 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Smaller → | Tinmouth | PK-6 | 50.04 | \$15,479 | Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service. |
| | Weybridge | K-6 | 50.80 | \$18,114 | |
| | North Hero | PK-6 | 53.28 | \$15,085 | |
| | Shrewsbury | PK-6 | 57.46 | \$15,379 | |
| ← Larger | Leicester | K-6 | 57.84 | \$14,427 | |
| | Sunderland | K-6 | 63.51 | \$12,582 | |
| | Pomfret | PK-6 | 63.80 | \$14,833 | |
| Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data | | | 62.61 | \$14,206 | |

FY2014 School District Data

| | | | | School district tax rate | | | of prorated member district rates | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | SchlDist | SchlDist | SchlDist | MUN | MUN | MUN |
| | | | | Equalized | Education | Equalized | Equalized | Common | Actual |
| Grades offered in School District | | | | Pupils | Spending per | Homestead | Homestead | Level | Homestead |
| | | | | | Equalized Pupil | Ed tax rate | Ed tax rate | of Appraisal | Ed tax rate |
| LEA ID | School District | | | Use these tax rates to compare towns rates. | | | These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's. | | |
| Smaller -> | T022 | Bolton | PK-4 | 62.65 | 18,170.06 | 1.9780 | 1.5538 | 100.24% | 1.5501 |
| | T110 | Leicester | PK-6 | 63.33 | 13,657.54 | 1.4029 | 1.4280 | 103.15% | 1.3844 |
| | T104 | Jamaica | K-6 | 63.82 | 13,619.52 | 1.3990 | 1.4910 | 109.42% | 1.3626 |
| < Larger | T190 | Shrewsbury | PK-6 | 65.05 | 13,199.54 | 1.3559 | 1.3986 | 109.26% | 1.2801 |
| | T097 | Holland | PK-6 | 65.38 | 11,190.23 | 1.1495 | 1.2350 | 101.46% | 1.2172 |
| | U043 | Lakeview USD #43 | K-6 | 68.69 | 15,458.25 | 1.5881 | - | - | - |
| | T254 | Worcester | PK-6 | 68.97 | 13,529.71 | 1.3898 | 1.4458 | 100.10% | 1.4444 |

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.

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

T190
Rutland South

Statutory calculation.
See note at bottom of
page.

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

9,382

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Expenditures

| | | FY2012 | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----|
| 1. | Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures) | \$957,483 | \$1,014,392 | \$1,100,524 | \$1,146,289 | 1. |
| 2. | <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting | - | - | - | - | 2. |
| 3. | <i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending | - | - | - | - | 3. |
| 4. | Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget | \$957,483 | \$1,014,392 | \$1,100,524 | \$1,146,289 | 4. |
| 5. | <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any | - | - | - | - | 5. |
| 6. | <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit | - | - | - | - | 6. |
| 7. | Gross Act 68 Budget | \$957,483 | \$1,014,392 | \$1,100,524 | \$1,146,289 | 7. |
| 8. | S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 8. |
| 9. | Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 9. |

Revenues

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| 10. | Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues) | \$207,123 | \$247,298 | \$241,894 | \$283,741 | 10. |
| 11. | <i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60 | - | - | - | - | 11. |
| 12. | <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures) | - | not allowed | not allowed | not allowed | 12. |
| 13. | <i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues | - | - | - | - | 13. |
| 14. | Total local revenues | \$207,123 | \$247,298 | \$241,894 | \$283,741 | 14. |
| 15. | Education Spending | \$750,360 | \$767,094 | \$858,630 | \$862,548 | 15. |
| 16. | Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district) | 63.12 | 60.93 | 65.05 | 71.81 | 16. |

| | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|
| 17. | Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$11,887.83 | \$12,589.76 | \$13,199.54 | \$12,012 | 17. |
| 18. | <i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil | - | - | - | - | 18. |
| 19. | <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual | - | - | - | - | 19. |
| 20. | <i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed | - | - | - | - | 20. |
| 21. | <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils | - | - | - | - | 21. |
| 22. | <i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period | - | - | - | - | 22. |
| 23. | <i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition | NA | NA | - | - | 23. |
| 24. | <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools | - | - | - | - | 24. |
| 25. | <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) | threshold = \$14,733 - | threshold = \$14,841 - | threshold = \$15,456 - | threshold = \$16,168 - | 25. |
| 26. | Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment | \$11,888 | \$12,590 | \$13,200 | \$12,012 | 26. |
| 27. | District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$12,012 / \$9,382) | 139.137% based on \$8,544 | 144.328% based on \$8,723 | 144.242% based on \$9,151 | 128.027% based on \$9,382 | 27. |

Prorating the local tax rate

| | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| 28. | Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (128.027% x \$1.010) | \$1.2105 based on \$0.87 | \$1.2845 based on \$0.89 | \$1.3559 based on \$0.94 | \$1.2931 based on \$1.010 | 28. |
| 29. | Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district | 41.390% | 41.400% | 45.800% | 52.40% | 29. |
| 30. | Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (52.400% x \$1.29) | \$0.5010 | \$0.5318 | \$0.6210 | \$0.6776 | 30. |
| 31. | Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 96.78% | 114.10% | 109.26% | 106.37% | 31. |
| 32. | Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.678 / 106.37%) | \$0.5177 based on \$0.860 | \$0.4661 based on \$0.87 | \$0.5684 based on \$0.94 | \$0.6370 based on \$1.01 | 32. |

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

| | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 33. | Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (128.027% x 1.84%) | 2.50% based on 1.80% | 2.60% based on 1.80% | 2.60% based on 1.80% | 2.36% based on 1.84% | 33. |
| 34. | Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (52.400% x 2.36%) | 1.03% based on 1.80% | 1.08% based on 1.80% | 1.19% based on 1.80% | 1.24% based on 1.84% | 34. |
| 35. | Percent of equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD | 58.61% | 58.60% | 54.20% | 47.60% | 35. |
| 36. | | - | - | - | - | 36. |

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,382. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.01 and \$1.51. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.84%.

Rutland South Supervsory Union
FY 2014-2015 Budget
Operating Fund Revenue

| | Budget Approved 2012-2013 | Audited Actuals 2012-2013 | Budget Approved 2013-2014 | Estimated 2013-2014 | Budget Approved 2014-2015 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Assessments to Schools 1931 - Regular Education | | | | | |
| Clarendon | 224,774 | 224,774 | 223,220 | 223,220 | 246,918 |
| Shrewsbury | 67,353 | 67,353 | 77,767 | 77,767 | 97,766 |
| Wallingford | 146,090 | 146,090 | 160,685 | 160,685 | 177,307 |
| Mill River UHS | 580,629 | 580,629 | 608,728 | 608,728 | 661,491 |
| Total Assessments | 1,018,846 | 1,018,846 | 1,070,400 | 1,070,400 | 1,183,482 |
| 1412 - Transportation | 10,500 | 21,782 | 10,500 | 22,000 | 11,700 |
| 1422 - H.S. Transportation | 58,000 | 71,851 | 57,640 | 72,000 | 37,000 |
| 1490 - Misc. Transportation Fees | 0 | 59,687 | 26,877 | 26,877 | 0 |
| 1500 - Interest | 2,500 | 1,590 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 1940 - Summer Camp Income | 0 | 27,658 | 0 | 20,460 | 0 |
| 1941 - Service to Other LEA's | 0 | 1,860 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1990 - Other | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3400 - State Lunch Program Reimb. | 0 | 6,747 | 0 | 6,800 | 0 |
| 3790 - State DCF Fees | 0 | 11,525 | 0 | 22,015 | 0 |
| 4400 - Federal Lunch Program Reimb. | 0 | 224,617 | 0 | 225,000 | 0 |
| 4792 - Bus Replacement Grant | 0 | 38,793 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5300 - Sale of Fixed Asset | 0 | 18,046 | 6,000 | 15,000 | 10,000 |
| 5300 - Insurance Claims | 0 | 2,884 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5400 - Refund of a Prior Yr Expense | 0 | 469 | 0 | 1,504 | 0 |
| 5810 - Prof Development Courses | 0 | 4,800 | 0 | 21,914 | 0 |
| Total Revenue-Regular Education | 1,089,846 | 1,511,355 | 1,172,917 | 1,505,470 | 1,243,682 |
| Assessments to Schools 1932 - Special Education Services | | | | | |
| Clarendon | 111,834 | 111,834 | 115,514 | 115,514 | 427,270 |
| Shrewsbury | 32,807 | 32,807 | 39,643 | 39,643 | 183,883 |
| Wallingford | 82,136 | 82,136 | 82,951 | 82,951 | 253,294 |
| Mill River UHS | 207,986 | 207,986 | 223,616 | 223,616 | 1,794,702 |
| Total Assessments-Special Educ. | 434,763 | 434,763 | 461,724 | 461,724 | 2,659,149 |
| Total Revenue-Special Education | 434,763 | 434,763 | 461,724 | 461,724 | 2,659,149 |
| Total All Revenues | 1,524,609 | 1,946,118 | 1,634,641 | 1,967,194 | 3,902,831 |
| Regular Education Expenses | 1,192,748 | 1,601,078 | 1,249,348 | 1,586,957 | 1,286,833 |
| Special Education Expenses | 496,861 | 473,739 | 510,293 | 505,143 | 2,685,998 |
| Total Expenses | 1,689,609 | 2,074,817 | 1,759,641 | 2,092,100 | 3,972,831 |
| Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance | | | | | |
| | Budget Approved 2012-2013 | Audited Actuals 2012-2013 | Budget Approved 2013-2014 | Estimated 2013-2014 | Budget Approved 2014-2015 |
| Total Revenue | 1,524,609 | 1,946,118 | 1,634,641 | 1,967,194 | 3,902,831 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,689,609 | 2,074,817 | 1,759,641 | 2,092,100 | 3,972,831 |
| Excess Of Revenue | -165,000 | -128,699 | -125,000 | -124,906 | -70,000 |
| Beg Bal July 1 | 365,273 | 376,865 | 213,783 | 248,166 | 123,260 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Bal June 30 | 200,273 | 248,166 | 88,783 | 123,260 | 53,260 |

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY2015 Assessments**

| | Clarendon | Shrewsbury | Wallingford | Mill River | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| "A" ADM (20 day FY14 Total) | 188.69 | 73.00 | 137.10 | 524.58 | 923.37 |
| Percent FY 2014 | 20.4030% | 6.9718% | 14.7650% | 57.8603% | 100% |
| Percent FY 2015 | 20.4349% | 7.9058% | 14.8478% | 56.8115% | 100% |
| "B" ADM (20 day FY13 In District) | 186.69 | 74.00 | 137.10 | 379.14 | 776.93 |
| Percent FY 2014 | 24.4543% | 8.4006% | 17.5306% | 49.6145% | 100% |
| Percent FY 2015 | 24.0292% | 9.5247% | 17.6464% | 48.7998% | 100% |
| "C" ADM (20 day Elem in District) | | | | | |
| EEE ADM - Elementary Only | 186.69 | 74.00 | 137.10 | 0.00 | 397.79 |
| Percent FY 2014 | 48.5344% | 16.6727% | 34.7929% | 0.0000% | 100% |
| Percent FY 2015 | 46.9318% | 18.6028% | 34.4654% | 0.0000% | 100% |
| RSSU Assessments | | | | | |
| Central Office Administration - General ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 120,412 | 46,585 | 87,490 | 334,761 | 589,248 |
| FY 2014 | 112,079 | 38,298 | 81,108 | 317,843 | 549,328 |
| Computer Services - ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 35,578 | 13,764 | 25,851 | 98,913 | 174,106 |
| FY 2014 | 34,741 | 11,871 | 25,141 | 98,520 | 170,273 |
| Transportation | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 91,262 | 37,240 | 63,935 | 227,691 | 420,128 |
| FY 2014 | 76,400 | 27,598 | 54,436 | 192,365 | 350,799 |
| Total Regular Education Assessments | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 247,252 | 97,589 | 177,276 | 661,365 | 1,183,482 |
| FY 2014 | 223,220 | 77,767 | 160,685 | 608,728 | 1,070,400 |
| Special Education Assessments | | | | | |
| Speech Services - ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 17,058 | 6,761 | 12,527 | 34,642 | 70,988 |
| FY 2014 | 16,253 | 5,583 | 11,651 | 32,976 | 66,463 |
| Speech Services - Local Budgets | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33,375 | 33,375 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Speech Services - Total FY2015 | 17,058 | 6,761 | 12,527 | 68,017 | 104,363 |
| Speech Services - Total FY2014 | 16,253 | 5,583 | 11,651 | 32,976 | 66,463 |
| EEE - ("C" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 15,104 | 5,987 | 11,091 | 0 | 32,182 |
| FY 2014 | 22,712 | 7,802 | 16,282 | 0 | 46,796 |
| Special Ed Admin - ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 46,716 | 18,517 | 34,307 | 94,873 | 194,413 |
| FY 2014 | 47,402 | 16,284 | 33,981 | 96,173 | 193,840 |
| Special Ed - Direct Instr - ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 6,182 | 2,450 | 4,540 | 12,555 | 25,727 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Ed - Direct Instr - ("C" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 9,797 | 3,884 | 7,195 | 0 | 20,876 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY2015 Assessments**

| | Clarendon | Shrewsbury | Wallingford | Mill River | Total |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Special Ed - Direct Instr - (Local Budgets) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 266,473 | 132,617 | 124,475 | 1,325,732 | 1,849,297 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spec Ed - Direct Instr - Total FY2015 | | | | | |
| | 282,452 | 138,951 | 136,210 | 1,338,287 | 1,895,900 |
| Spec Ed - Direct Instr - Total FY2014 | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Psych/Beh Services - ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 24,622 | 9,526 | 17,890 | 68,450 | 120,488 |
| FY 2014 | 20,961 | 7,162 | 15,169 | 59,442 | 102,734 |
| Psych/Beh Services - (Local Budgets) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 30,871 | 0 | 33,598 | 144,786 | 209,255 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Psych/Beh Services - Total FY2015 | | | | | |
| | 55,493 | 9,526 | 51,488 | 213,236 | 329,743 |
| Psych/Beh Services - Total FY2014 | | | | | |
| | 20,961 | 7,162 | 15,169 | 59,442 | 102,734 |
| Transportation - (Local Budgets) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21,929 | 21,929 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18,418 | 18,418 |
| Student Placement Svcs - (Local Budgets) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37,146 | 37,146 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services - OT ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 8,558 | 3,392 | 6,284 | 17,379 | 35,613 |
| FY 2014 | 8,186 | 2,812 | 5,868 | 16,607 | 33,473 |
| Health Services - PT ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 1,889 | 749 | 1,387 | 3,835 | 7,860 |
| FY 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Special Education Assessments | | | | | |
| FY 2015 | 427,270 | 183,883 | 253,294 | 1,794,702 | 2,659,149 |
| FY 2014 | 115,514 | 39,643 | 82,951 | 223,616 | 461,724 |
| Total RSSU Assessments FY 2015 | | | | | |
| | 674,522 | 281,472 | 430,570 | 2,456,067 | 3,842,631 |
| Total RSSU Assessments FY 2014 | | | | | |
| | 338,734 | 117,410 | 243,636 | 832,344 | 1,532,124 |

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2015 Assessments**

| General Fund | Budget 2014-2015 | Carry Over /Revenue Applied | To Be Assessed |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Improvement of Instr | 12,969 | 724 | 12,245 |
| Treasurer | 646 | 36 | 610 |
| Central Office | 246,933 | 13,797 | 233,136 |
| Fiscal Service | 330,636 | 18,473 | 312,163 |
| Bldg/Grounds | 23,580 | 1,318 | 22,262 |
| After School Program | 8,832 | 0 | 8,832 |
| | | | |
| Sub Total | 623,596 | 34,348 | 589,248 |
| Transportation | 478,828 | 58,700 | 420,128 |
| Technology | 184,409 | 10,303 | 174,106 |
| | | | |
| C.O. Admin Subtotal | 1,286,833 | 103,351 | 1,183,482 |

| Special Ed Fund | Budget 2014-2015 | Carry Over /Revenue Applied | To Be Assessed |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Special Ed | 1,895,900 | 0 | 1,895,900 |
| EEE | 34,087 | 1,905 | 32,182 |
| Student Placement | 37,146 | 0 | 37,146 |
| Health Services - OT | 37,721 | 2,108 | 35,613 |
| Health Services - PT | 7,860 | 0 | 7,860 |
| Psych Services | 336,874 | 7,131 | 329,743 |
| Speech Services | 108,562 | 4,199 | 104,363 |
| Transportation | 21,929 | 0 | 21,929 |
| Special Ed Admin | 205,919 | 11,506 | 194,413 |
| | | | |
| Special Ed. Subtotal | 2,685,998 | 26,849 | 2,659,149 |
| | | | |
| Grand Total Budget | 3,972,831 | 130,200 | 3,842,631 |
| Carryover/ Revenue Applied | 130,200 | | |
| Total To Be Assessed | 3,842,631 | | |

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 5, 2013

Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order at 5:35 pm on Monday, March 4, 2013.

Present were School Board members Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster, and Ed Hemmer. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, RSSU Superintendent Dana Cole-Levesque, and RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk. Also present at the commencement of the meeting were approximately 10 voters. All warned articles were discussed with a focus on budget increases.

Budget specifics discussed were the fact that this was the last year of a three-year contract, which included the largest of the three-year salary percentage increases. A number of teachers had moved up on the salary scale this past year based on their respective education standings. Also impacting the budget was a health insurance premium increase. Support assessments by the Supervisory Union were maintained because enrollment did not drop for the Mountain School. A policy decision was maintained to continue the current technology momentum, the consequence of which is up to date laptops and other devices such as iPads. The State has mandated that schools embrace technology including assessment testing which SMS has received a grant to pilot.

Interest was paid because of borrowing due to cash flow associated with tax receipts and timing of the school fiscal year. SMS per pupil cost is still the lowest of the three RSSU schools and is low among the statewide average. Increased population is increasing enrollment numbers which is driving a raise in the Per Pupil spending in relation to the statewide average of Per Pupil spending. Superintendent Dana-Levesque spoke to the probable impact of the Federal sequester in regards to reduced spending on Title I and special education funding up to a possibility of 5%.

Superintendent Dana-Levesque thanked Andy Richards-Peelle for his nine years of service on the RSSU School Board.

This meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013, beginning at 10 am.

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|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Article 1 | To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year. | Eldred French |
| Article 2 | To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years. | Sarah Bolster |
| Article 3 | To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for a three year term. | Adrienne Raymond |
| 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? | Yes – 210 No - 88 |
| 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? | Yes – 191 No – 109 |
| Article 6 | Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District discontinue the use of Australian ballot for its annual budget vote? | Yes – 108 No - 192 |

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 5, 2013

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|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Article 7 | Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all public questions? | Yes – 124 No - 179 |
| 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? | Yes – 203 No - 94 |
| 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? | Yes – 211 No 92 |

Results of Mill River Union School District #40 Annual Meeting Ballot
March 5, 2013

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Article 7 | Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,771,993 for school year 2013-2014? (by Australian Ballot) | Yes – 561 No - 415 |
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Pierce's Store promotes voter and shopper participation on September 10, 2013

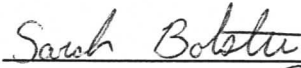
Shrewsbury Town School District
WARNING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Meeting House on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian ballot on the following matters:

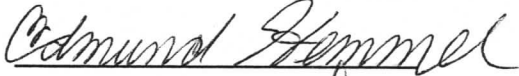
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- Article 2 To elect a town school director for a term of three years.
- Article 3 To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for a three-year term.
- Article 4 Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate 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 \$1,136,289 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?
- Article 6 Shall the town school district vote to authorize the board of school directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may be required to pay orders?

Dated: January 13, 2014

Sarah Bolster



Edmund Hemmer



Adrienne Raymond



Shrewsbury School Directors

The annual Town School District informational meeting will take place on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.



SVFD VISITS THE SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Fire Fighters – Bob Snarski, Jesse Dambrackas

Back – Malorie, Owen, Dennis, Liam, Riley, Cassidy

Middle – Noah, Sadie, Miguel, Micah, Philip, Nick

Front – Grace, Sheyla, Maeve, Abigail, Cole, Claire

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

Information Meetings

Monday, March 3, 2014
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
Meetings begin at 5:30 PM
School District Followed by Town

Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Current Resident
Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

