

*Town of
Shrewsbury, Vermont*



*2011
Annual Report*

Town of Shrewsbury

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| Town Clerk - 492-3511 Monday—Thursday: 9:00am - 3pm; Closed Friday | |
| Town Treasurer - 492-3558 Wednesday 5pm - 7pm, and by Appt. | Historical Society Open July - October; Sundays 1pm - 3pm |
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Contact Information

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| Selectboard | Bert Potter | 773-2272 |
| | Mike Stewart | 775-9612 |
| | John Wood | 492-3207 |
| Shrewsbury Mountain School | Main Office | 492-3435 |
| Mill River High School | Main Office | 775-3451 |
| Shrewsbury School Board | Adrienne Raymond | 492-3578 |
| Animal Control Officer | Matt Danaher | 492-3442 |
| Constables | Matt Danaher Peter Lajoie | 492-3442 492-3671 |
| Fire Wardens [Burning Permits] | Kevin Brown Al Ridlon, Jr. | 775-6194(h); 775-5518(w) 492-3722(h); 492-2055(w) |
| Board of Listers | Betsy Jesser | 492-2009 |
| Health Officer | Irene Gordon | 492-8282 |
| Emergency Management Director | Irene Gordon | 492-8282 |
| Town Garage | Jamie Carrara | 492-3656 |
| Zoning Administrator | Adrienne Raymond | 492-3578 |
| Town Hall reservations | Contact a Meeting House Trustee for Information | |

Town Meetings

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Board of Selectmen | 7pm | 1st & 3rd Wednesday - Town Office |
| Shrewsbury School Board | 6:30pm | 2nd & 4th Monday – Shrewsbury Mountain School |
| Mill River School Board | 7pm | 1st & 3rd Wed. - Mill River High School |
| Volunteer Fire Department | 7pm | Every Thursday - Cuttingsville Station |
| Planning Commission | 7:30pm | 1st & 3rd Monday - Town Office |
| Conservation Commission | | Contact Cynthia Thornton (492-2255) for schedule |

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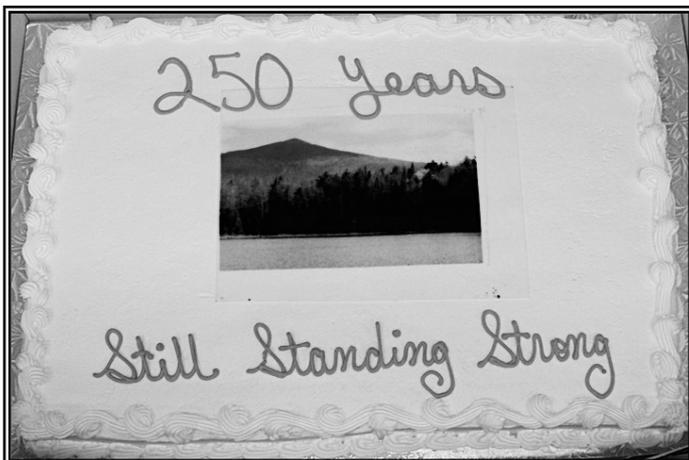
2011 - A HISTORIC YEAR

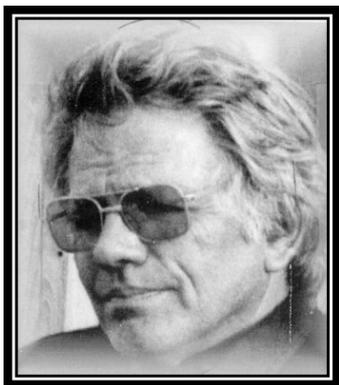
Two thousand and eleven was a historic year for the Town of Shrewsbury. It marked the 250th anniversary of establishment of the Town in September, 1761 by a charter from Benning Wentworth, King George III's appointed Governor of the Province of New Hampshire which then included much of what is now Vermont. An area of some six square miles was incorporated into a Township and conveyed to 63 Grantees, a few of whom resided here and, with other settlers, began the life and governance and started to create the traditions and character of our Town.

Last August 28, just a week before the scheduled Sesquicentennial observance, Hurricane Irene hit Vermont with devastating force. Heavy rain turned rivers to torrents, destroying roads, bridges, homes, and farmland. Shrewsbury town officials, the road crew, and residents responded quickly and effectively to help neighbors, repair damage, and restore services. Long-term reconstruction will continue into 2012, with Federal and State financial assistance, but the storm will be as much remembered in years to come for what it told us about ourselves as for its physical effects on our surroundings.

In responding to the storm, the citizens of Shrewsbury, like others in towns up and down the Green Mountains, acted with what Calvin Coolidge referred to as the indomitable and generous spirit of the people of "this brave little state of Vermont." We came together to reach out a hand and a shovel to aid those affected and to rebuild our community. In so doing, townspeople called upon and displayed those same qualities of resilience, selflessness, and dedication to the common good that enabled our predecessors, the early settlers of Shrewsbury and the generations that followed them, to found a town and to make it into a community that has persisted and prevailed through local hardships and national crises for 250 years.

In 2011, we followed in the footsteps of those in Shrewsbury who have gone before. We celebrated our history, and we made history. We have much to be thankful for and much to be proud of. From this historic and momentous year, we go forward stronger and more connected to one another. 2011 was a year we will not forget.





Richard "Dick" Adams
Nov 15, 1934 – Oct 13, 2011

The Board of Auditors dedicates this Annual Report to Dick Adams. We decided in the summer of 2011 to honor Dick for his service to the Town and for what his presence meant to all who knew him. This dedication offers us a chance to remember and appreciate his life. Other tributes appear in the pages that follow.

A native Shrewsbury resident, Dick grew up on his family dairy farm along what is now Adams Road. He attended local one-room schoolhouses and Rutland High and graduated from the University of Vermont. Enlisting in the Marines in 1956, he served in Okinawa, Japan and other overseas bases, before returning to work first on the farm and later at Wright Construction Co. and Rutland Plywood.

During this time, Dick was a leader in the Rutland County Maple Producers, helped start the Rutland County Maplerama in 1966, and was a strong voice for fair pricing for the state's small sugarmakers.

Always very involved in Town affairs, Dick was chief of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department from 1963 to 1965 and was a member of the Planning Commission from 1974 to 1993. He and his wife Sally were active in the Shrewsbury Community Church and always had opinions to offer from the floor at the old-style Town Meetings. Dick loved being outdoors: working in the woods, raising vegetables, and growing the beautiful flowers that he delivered to the Church sanctuary every Sunday from spring until fall.

Dick was a man of many talents: a devoted husband and father, an innovator, and a builder (he built the sugarhouse at Rutland Fairgrounds and restored the Kingsley covered bridge over Mill River). He was a terrific dancer, swinging the ladies at many a Grange Hall square dance, and he boiled some of the best syrup around. Dick was a storehouse of local lore and community memory: he knew where the best springs were and the best apples for making cider, and his recollections and anecdotes of the Shrewsbury of older days enriched all who heard them.

It is for his service as Dumpmaster from 2004 to 2011 that Dick is perhaps most widely remembered. He was a tireless advocate of "reduce, reuse, recycle". His *Notes from the Dump* handouts with the slogan *Where Good Friends Meet* expressed Dick's belief that making the transfer station a welcoming place would encourage the interaction and communication that brings a community together. Dick himself was a big-hearted and generous man; he loved to greet everyone at the Dump, and his smile, his laughter, his hugs will be missed.

Dick was a person who dreamed big dreams and who put his energy into realizing them. Whatever the circumstances, he always retained a zest for life and a desire to make his community a better place. Dick Adams had an abiding love for Shrewsbury and a faith in the people of Shrewsbury. He will remain an inspiration to us all.

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Cold River Road after Hurricane Irene

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

| Elected Office | Term | Elected officer(s) | Term Expires |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| MODERATOR | 1 Year | Eldred French | 2012 |
| TOWN CLERK | 3 Years | Mark Goodwin | 2012 |
| TOWN TREASURER | 3 Years | Linda McGuire | 2012 |
| SELECTBOARD | 3 Years | Bert Potter | 2012 |
| | | Michael Stewart | 2013 |
| | | John Woods | 2014 |
| AUDITORS | 3 Years | Jonathan Gibson | 2012 |
| | | Richard Biziak | 2013 |
| | | Chryl Martin | 2014 |
| LISTERS | 3 Years | Steven Nicholson | 2012 |
| | | Betsy Jesser | 2013 |
| | | Sharon Winnicki | 2014 |
| MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS | 3 Years | Adrienne Raymond | 2012 |
| | | Sarah Bolster | 2013 |
| | | Edmund Hemmer | 2014 |
| MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS | 3 Years | Sally Snarski ^(a) | 2012 |
| | | Andrew Richards-Peelle | 2013 |
| TOWN GRAND JUROR | 1 Year | Barry Griffith | 2012 |
| TOWN AGENT | 1 Year | Barry Griffith | 2012 |
| 1 ST CONSTABLE | 1 Year | Matthew Danaher | 2012 |
| 2 ND CONSTABLE | 1 Year | Peter Lajoie | 2012 |
| COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES | 3 Years | Randy A. Page | 2012 |
| CEMETERY COMMISSION | 3 Years | George Richards | 2012 |
| | | David Rice | 2013 |
| | | Larry Carrara | 2014 |

^(a) Appointment valid until next election March 6, 2012.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

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|---|-----------------------|------|
| Justices of the Peace are elected for two year terms every other year. Current Justices were elected November 2, 2010 to serve from February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2013. The next General Election will occur November 6, 2012. | John Berryhill | 2013 |
| | Larry Carrara | 2013 |
| | Barry Griffith | 2013 |
| | Marilyn (Sally) Jones | 2013 |
| | Hull Maynard | 2013 |
| | Trish Norton | 2013 |
| | Julanne Sharrow | 2013 |

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾

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|---|---------|-------------------|------|
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | | Matthew Danaher | 2012 |
| TRUSTEES of the SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE ⁽²⁾ | 3 Years | John Berryhill | 2012 |
| | | Jonathan Gibson | 2013 |
| | | Paul Sgalia | 2014 |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 4 Years | Richard Biziak | 2012 |
| | | Grace Brigham | 2012 |
| | | Cynthia Mitchell | 2013 |
| | | Louise Duda | 2014 |
| | | Carol Calotta | 2015 |
| | | Debra Weaver | 2015 |
| | | Connie Youngstrom | 2015 |

Town of Shrewsbury

2011 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD ⁽¹⁾

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|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD | 3 Years ⁽³⁾ | Mark Youngstrom | 2012 |
| | | Bruce Bullard | 2012 |
| | | Bert Stewart | 2012 |
| | | Alan Shelvey | 2013 |
| | | Steven Spatz (Alternate) | 2013 |
| | | Scott Darling | 2014 |
| | | Vacant | 2014 |
| | | Vacant (Alternate) | 2014 |
| | | Irene Gordon | 2012 |
| | | EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR | |
| HURRICANE RECOVERY FUND COORDINATORS | | John Wood | |
| | | Irene Gordon | |
| | | Louise Duda | |
| ENERGY COORDINATOR | | Steven Spatz | 2012 |
| FENCE VIEWERS | | Randy Page | 2012 |
| | | Bert Potter | 2012 |
| | | Mike Stewart | 2012 |
| | | Cynthia Mitchell | 5/08/12 |
| GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR | | Irene Gordon | 7/31/14 |
| HEALTH OFFICER | | Eldred French | 2012 |
| INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD | | | |
| | | | |
| LIBRARY BOARD | | Debbie Blecich | 2012 |
| PLANNING COMMISSION | 3 Years ⁽³⁾ | Marilyn Dalick | 2012 |
| | | Melissa Reichert | 2012 |
| | | Laura Black | 2013 |
| | | Mark Goodwin | 2013 |
| | | Jason Smith | 2014 |
| | | David Rice | 2014 |
| | | Francis Wyatt | 2014 |
| | | Hull Maynard | 6/30/12 |
| | | Gerry Martin | 2013 |
| | | Jamie Carrara | 2012 |
| REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL | | Mark Goodwin | 6/30/12 |
| REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE | | David Rice (Alternate) | 6/30/12 |
| ROAD COMMISSIONER | | Mark Goodwin | 4/14/12 |
| RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION | | Bert Potter | 4/15/12 |
| | | Kevin Brown | 6/30/13 |
| SERVICES OFFICER | | Al Ridlon, Jr. | 6/30/13 |
| SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES | | Eldred French | 2012 |
| FOREST FIRE WARDEN | | Adrienne Raymond | 2012 |
| TREE WARDEN | | George Richards | 2012 |
| ZONING ADMINISTRATOR | 3 Years | | |
| WEIGHER OF COAL | | | |

⁽¹⁾ All appointments expire in March of the year shown unless otherwise indicated.

⁽²⁾ Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.

⁽³⁾ Term of office determined by Selectboard.

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT | Bob Perry | |
| TOWN ROAD CREW | Gilbert Pitts, Stephen Bruce | |
| (Appointed by Road Commissioner) | | |
| ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK | Linda McGuire, Betsy Jesser | 2012 |
| (Appointed by Town Clerk) | | |
| ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER | Vacant | 2012 |
| (Appointed by Treasurer) | | |
| SELECTBOARD CLERK | Mark Goodwin | 2012 |
| (Chosen by Selectboard) | | |

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

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 6, 2012 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

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

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| One Moderator | 1-year term |
| One Selectboard Member | 3-year term |
| One Town Clerk | 3-year term |
| One Town Treasurer | 3-year term |
| One Auditor | 3-year term |
| One Lister | 3-year term |
| One Collector of Delinquent Taxes | 3-year term |
| One Grand Juror | 1-year term |
| One Town Agent | 1-year term |
| One 1st Constable | 1-year term |
| One 2nd Constable | 1-year term |
| One Cemetery Commissioner | 3-year term |

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

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?

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

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)?
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 BROC-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?

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

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 support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to 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 12, 2012?
29. Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties which are located at 9800 Cold River Road and 23 Shunpike Road, and which are owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization?
30. In the light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with political speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Shrewsbury vote on March 6, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not political speech, that corporations are not persons under the United States Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the Town send its resolution to the Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Dated: February 1, 2012

Bert Potter, Chairman
Shrewsbury Selectboard

Michael Stewart

John Wood

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 5, 2012**.

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of 230th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011

The informational meeting for the Town was called at order on February 28, 2011 at 7:15 pm. by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Steven Spatz, Mike Stewart and Bert Potter. Also present were approximately 50 voters. State Representative Eldred French spoke about issues, challenges and proposals currently underway in the State Legislature particularly the budget “hole”, rather than a deficit, and the time spent trying to fill it. Eldred spoke about legislation being worked in the Judiciary Committee of which he is a member.

Bert Potter formally recognized and thanked Steve Spatz for his service as a Selectboard member. The Selectboard outlined their approach to setting the budget and tracking expenses. All warned articles were reviewed and discussed. Mike Stewart thanked the Road Crew for their diligence and hard work. The meeting recessed at 9:50 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, beginning at 10 am.

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

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|---------------------------|---|
| One Moderator | 1-year term – Eldred French |
| One Selectboard Member | 3-year term – John Wood |
| One Selectboard Member | 2-year term* Michael Stewart |
| One Auditor | 3-year term – Chryl Martin (Write-In) |
| One Lister | 3-year term – Sharon Winnicki |
| One Grand Juror | 1-year term – Barry Griffith |
| One Town Agent | 1-year term – Barry Griffith |
| One 1st Constable | 1-year term – Matthew Danaher |
| One 2nd Constable | 1-year term – Peter Lajoie |
| One Cemetery Commissioner | 3-year term – Larry Carrara (Write-In) |

*Second & third year of a 3-year term

2. Shall the Town approve a budget of **\$797,706**, and appropriate and expend **\$500,218**, to be raised by taxes or other revenues, to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways?

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| YES 222 | NO 35 |
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3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

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| YES 200 | NO 61 |
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4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

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| YES 205 | NO 57 |
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5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

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|----------------|--------------|
| YES 202 | NO 57 |
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Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS of 230th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011

6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund? **YES 212** **NO 49**
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund? **YES 193** **NO 66**
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$26,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund? **YES 200** **NO 62**
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House? **YES 95** **NO 61**
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department? **YES 210** **NO 52**
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library? **YES 193** **NO 67**
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,000** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society? **YES 187** **NO 72**
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,432** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service? **YES 216** **NO 45**
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$100** to help support the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council? **YES 172** **NO 84**
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? **YES 157** **NO 96**
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice. **YES 223** **NO 35**
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization? **YES 189** **NO 65**
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)? **YES 201** **NO 57**
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging? **YES 190** **NO 68**

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RESULTS of 230th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011

20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services? **YES 184** **NO 73**
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter? **YES 204** **NO 84**
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont? **YES 160** **NO 93**
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center? **YES 175** **NO 80**
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education? **YES 160** **NO 93**
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont? **YES 156** **NO 95**
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living? **YES 177** **NO 77**
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35** to support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council? **YES 164** **NO 88**
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Friday, October 7, 2011? **YES 235** **NO 22**

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of Auditors is charged by law with preparing an Annual Report on the Town's financial condition. During 2011 we examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis, ascertaining by random check review that all expenditures were supported by invoices, approved on Selectboard and Road Commissioner Orders, and documented on bank statements.

We have reviewed the Town's year-end financial statements as well as the financial statements of Town organizations which appear in this Report. We believe these statements reasonably reflect the financial status of the Town of Shrewsbury for the 2011 with the following clarifications. In the Selectboard Statement of General Expenses – Budgeted and Actual on page 28, "Reappraisal Salaries – Actual 2011" covers \$12,998 in legal fees and reappraisal firm services for reappraisal appeals during 2011. An additional \$2,025 for reappraisal firm consulting fees for appeals was covered by a transfer from the reappraisal sinking fund. In the Treasurer's Note 6 on page 20 the value of land has been excluded from depreciable assets, causing some 2011 Beginning Balance totals to differ from 2010 Ending Balances.

We support the Selectboard funding in the 2012 budget for a professional audit. This will satisfy a mandatory requirement for Federal assistance due to Tropical Storm Irene, as well as the VLCT recommendation for an independent audit every three to five years. We continue to encourage the Selectboard to convert to the modified accrual system. We also encourage further consideration of a transition to a June 30 year-end fiscal year for the Town. This will allow adequate time to prepare and review financial documents and budget for the Town.

Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 were audited by Angolano and Co., CPA, Shelburne, VT. We have reviewed the professional audit and find no reason to differ from its conclusion that the financial statements of the School District accurately present the financial position of the District.

This year's report also commemorates two important events in our Town's history: the 250th Celebration of the Town Charter and Tropical Storm Irene. The piece on a historic year and the dedication to Dick Adams were written by Jonathan Gibson. The photograph of Dick was provided by Hillary Adams. Additional photos were provided by Catherine Carrara, Matthew Danaher, Louise Duda, Fran Patten, and Ruth Winkler. We appreciate the help of Linda McGuire and Mark Goodwin in preparing this Report, as well as the information submitted to us by Town officials and organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Biziak

Jonathan Gibson

Chryl Martin

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 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 on time, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

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

The Homestead Declaration is no longer required to be filed each year. The declaration filed in 2010 remains on record until the homestead is sold or there is a change in the use of the homestead. Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the new Property Tax Adjustment Claim and other forms that must be filed each year in order to receive an adjustment.

This year our Town again showed amazing community spirit and resilience in response to, and recovery from Hurricane Irene. There is still much work to be done in 2012, but with the continued teamwork and perseverance of our townspeople the recovery is progressing nicely, and watching the recovery has been heartening. Thanks to all who helped in every way.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | General Fund | Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾ | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash | 42,894 | 149,289 | 192,183 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 2,808 | | 2,808 |
| Receivables ⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Delinquent Tax Receivable | 19,929 | | 19,929 |
| Other Receivables | 360,092 | | 360,092 |
| Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾ | | | |
| Land and Buildings | 966,190 | | 966,190 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 245,596 | | 245,596 |
| Infrastructure | 1,380,867 | | 1,380,867 |
| Total Assets | 3,018,375 | 149,289 | 3,167,664 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾ | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Mascoma Bank Line of Credit ⁽¹³⁾ | 100 | | 100 |
| Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾ | 176,990 | | 176,990 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 793 | | 793 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond | 300,000 | | 300,000 |
| Equity | | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 149,289 | 149,289 |
| Unrestricted Equity | 2,049,668 | | 2,049,668 |
| Excess Revenue | 470,824 | | 470,824 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | 3,018,375 | 149,289 | 3,167,664 |

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | General Fund | Restricted and Designated Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$42,894 | \$149,289 | \$192,183 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$2,808 | | \$2,808 |
| Receivables | | | |
| Delinquent Tax Receivable | 19,929 | | 19,929 |
| Other Receivables | 360,092 | | 360,092 |
| Capital Assets | | | |
| Land and Buildings | 966,190 | | 966,190 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 245,596 | | 245,596 |
| Infrastructure | 1,380,867 | | 1,380,867 |
| Total Assets | \$3,018,375 | \$149,289 | \$3,167,664 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Mascoma Bank Line of Credit | 100 | | 100 |
| Accounts Payable | 176,990 | | 176,990 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 793 | | 793 |
| | \$197,883 | | \$197,883 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | | |
| VMBB Garage Bond | 300,000 | | 300,000 |
| Total Liabilities | \$497,883 | \$0 | \$497,883 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets | 2,272,653 | | 2,272,653 |
| Capital Projects | | 118,306 | 118,306 |
| Community Development Projects | | 6,974 | 6,974 |
| Other Purposes | | 24,009 | 24,009 |
| Unrestricted | 247,839 | | 247,839 |
| Total Net Assets | \$3,018,375 | \$149,289 | \$3,167,664 |

STATEMENT OF CASH ON HAND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

| | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$ | 42,894.00 |
| Town-wide Reappraisal Sinking Fund | | 11,522.96 |
| Cemetery Reserve Fund | | 1,290.34 |
| Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund | | 6,974.00 |
| NRCS Grant | | 6,281.25 |
| Road Equipment Fund | | 71,794.19 |
| SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund | | 28,165.14 |
| Garage Reserve Fund | | 6,023.35 |
| Records Restoration Fund | | 3,825.48 |
| Smith Brook Culvert Fund | | 4,311.37 |
| Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund | | 1,089.10 |
| Town Office Reserve Fund | | 8,011.71 |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ | 192,182.89 |

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2011

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Taxes: Education Current | \$ 1,685,822.45 | |
| Taxes: Town Current | 547,054.24 | |
| School Reconciliation Taxes | 37,243.23 | |
| Delinquent Tax | <u>91,453.29</u> | |
| Total Property Tax Receipts | | \$ 2,361,573.21 |

Other Tax Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Land Use | 50,554.00 | |
| Leased Land | 30.00 | |
| State in Lieu of Tax | 18,725.00 | |
| Federal in Lieu of Tax | 5,393.00 | |
| Railroad Tax | <u>710.37</u> | |
| Total Other Tax Receipts | | 75,412.37 |

Road Commission Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| State Aid 2012 | 31,855.50 | |
| State Aid | 127,442.95 | |
| Services Rendered | 600.00 | |
| Weight Permits | <u>130.00</u> | |
| Total Road Commission Receipts | | 160,028.45 |

Other Receipts

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Act 60 Funds | 6,792.50 | |
| Computer Disposal | 7.80 | |
| Dog Licenses | 478.00 | |
| FEMA Reimbursement | 360,091.72 | |
| Fines Received | 74.00 | |
| Grant - NCRS | 6,281.25 | |
| Grant - Structures | 9,000.00 | |
| Generator Income | 162.00 | |
| Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund | 6,974.00 | |
| Interest | 234.74 | |
| Liquor License | 250.00 | |
| Lister Education Grant | 390.15 | |
| Marriage License Fee | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 16.00 | |
| Recycling | 2,488.41 | |
| Restoration Fees | 1,003.00 | |
| Subdivision Permits | 250.00 | |
| Town Event - Fireworks | 1,350.00 | |
| Zoning Permits | <u>510.50</u> | |
| Total Other Receipts | | <u>396,354.07</u> |

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 2,993,368.10

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2011

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| School Account | \$ | 1,724,231.23 |
| Selectboard's Orders (Net) | | 226,059.23 |
| Road Commissioners Orders (Net) | | 875,400.01 |
| Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾ | | 128,703.28 |
| Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾ | | (490,284.25) |

Warned Items

| | | |
|--|----|------------|
| 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 | | 4,432.00 |
| 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 | | 139,435.00 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 2,603,544.50**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$ 389,823.60**

Interfund Transfers **\$ 81,000.00**

Excess Revenue **\$ 470,823.60**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2011

GRAND LIST

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Real Estate | \$ 159,191,984 |
| Less Exemptions | <u>13,022,684</u> |

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 146,169,300

TAXES BILLED

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Municipal Grand List | 1,461,693 | |
| Tax Rate | <u>0.4377</u> | |
| Municipal Taxes Billed | | 639,783.11 |
| Education Grand List-Non-Resident | 913,045 | |
| Tax Rate-Statewide Share | <u>1.2998</u> | |
| Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed | | 1,186,775.95 |
| Education Grand List-Homestead | 554,527 | |
| Tax Rate-Local Share | <u>1.4052</u> | |
| Education Resident Taxes Billed | | 779,221.12 |
| Municipal Grand List | \$ 1,461,693 | |
| Local Agreement Tax Share | <u>0.0011</u> | |
| Local Agreement Taxes Billed | | 1,607.82 |

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

2,607,387.99

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Taxes Collected | 2,535,814.53 |
| Delinquent Taxes | 91,435.84 |
| Tax Appeals (2010) | 1,089.36 |
| Errors & Omissions | 754.19 |
| Refunds/Overpayments | (21,988.60) |
| HS-122 Adjustments | <u>282.67</u> |

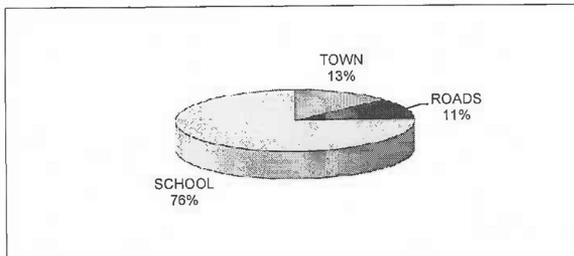
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

2,607,387.99

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2011 Tax Rate as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| General Town | 0.4377 | 639,783.11 |
| Local Agreement Rate | 0.0011 | 1,607.82 |
| Schools Residential | 1.4052 | 779,221.12 |
| Schools Non-Residential | 1.2998 | <u>1,186,775.95</u> |
| | | <u>2,607,387.99</u> |
| Resident | 1.8440 | |
| Non-Resident | 1.7386 | |



2011 TAX COMPARISON

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>GRAND LIST</u> | | <u>TAX RATE</u> | <u>TAXES BILLED</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2011 | 1,461,693.00 | Residential | 1.84 | 2,607,387.99 |
| | | Non-Residential | 1.74 | |
| 2010 | 1,464,580.00 | Residential | 1.78 | 2,706,405.15 |
| | | Non-Residential | 1.94 | |
| 2009 | 1,059,698.96 | Residential | 2.48 | 2,742,426.80 |
| | | Non-Residential | 2.73 | |
| 2008 | 1,041,578.23 | Residential | 2.28 | 2,484,895.12 |
| | | Non-Residential | 2.53 | |
| 2007 | 1,012,820.13 | Residential | 2.07 | 2,221,289.02 |
| | | Non-Residential | 2.42 | |
| 2006 | 1,002,046.89 | Residential | 2.17 | 2,241,258.16 |
| | | Non-Residential | 2.36 | |
| 2005 | 989,599.37 | Residential | 2.12 | 2,128,056.83 |
| | | Non-Residential | 2.21 | |
| 2004 | 982,689.40 | Residential | 1.87 | 1,882,335.27 |
| | | Non-Residential | 1.99 | |
| 2003 | 848,249.00 | | 2.59 | 2,190,946.00 |
| 2002 | 849,073.00 | | 2.42 | 2,052,053.44 |

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS

| Fund Name | Beginning Balance | Transferred from General | Disbursed | Interest | Ending Balance |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund | \$6,748 | \$6,793 | \$2,025 | \$8 | \$11,523 |
| Cemetery Reserve Fund | 1,289 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,290 |
| Garage Reserve Fund | 4,520 | 1,500 | 0 | 3 | 6,023 |
| Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund | | 6,974 | 0 | 0 | 6,974 |
| NRCS Grant | 0 | 6,281 | 0 | 0 | 6,281 |
| Road Equipment Reserve Fund | 22,077 | 50,000 | 300 | 18 | 71,795 |
| Records Restoration Fund | 1,821 | 2,003 | 0 | 1 | 3,825 |
| SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund | 28,158 | 26,000 | 26,000 | 8 | 28,165 |
| Smith Brook Culvert Fund | 4,308 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4,311 |
| Special Highway Needs Fund | 30,242 | 0 | 30,259 | 17 | (0) |
| Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund | 2,003 | 1,000 | 1,915 | 1 | 1,089 |
| Town Office Reserve Fund | 9,525 | 1,500 | 3,021 | 7 | 8,012 |
| TOTALS | 110,691 | 102,051 | 63,520 | 68 | 149,289 |

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Bert Potter | Selectperson/Transfer Station | \$ 840.00 |
| Mike Stewart | Selectperson | 600.00 |
| John Wood | Selectperson | 600.00 |
| Mark Goodwin | Town Clerk Salary | 23,296.00 |
| | Selectboard Clerk Salary | 1,250.00 |
| | Town Clerk Fees | <u>10,601.00</u> |
| | Total | 35,147.00 |
| Linda McGuire | Town & School Treasurer | 25,955.94 |
| Kathleen Beauchain | Assistant Town/School Treasurer | 390.00 |
| Joyce Wilson | Payroll Administration | 348.75 |
| Randy Page | Delinquent Tax Collector** | 6,898.86 |
| Chryl Martin | Auditor | 398.25 |
| Jonathan Gibson | Auditor | 850.50 |
| Richard C. Adams. | Dump Master | 3,780.00 |
| Robert Perry | Transfer Station Assistant | 4,080.00 |
| Adrienne Raymond | Zoning Administrator/DRB Clerk | 1,600.00 |
| Irene Gordon | Health Officer | 742.00 |
| Steven Nicholson | Lister | 520.00 |
| Sharon Winnicki | Lister | 4,376.25 |
| Matthew Danaher | Animal Control Officer | 552.00 |
| Jason Smith | Building Maintenance* | <u>487.50</u> |
| | | 88,167.05 |
| | Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds | <u>6,744.78</u> |
| | Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year | \$ <u><u>94,911.83</u></u> |

*Salary and associated expenses are reimbursed from the Meeting House Committee.

** Based only on fees collected

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 the Bank balance was \$42,861.84, 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 | \$ 19,929.07 |
| Other Receivables (FEMA Reimbursements) | <u>360,091.72</u> |
| Total Receivables | \$380,020.79 |

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

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Accrued Payroll | \$ 6,346.24 |
| Miscellaneous Vendors | <u>170,643.86</u> |
| Total Payables | \$176,990.10 |

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.

2011
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2011 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 | 1,057,233.64 | 12,500.00 | 1,069,733.64 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | 660,483.66 | 0.00 | 660,483.66 |
| Roads, Bridges & Culverts | 1,138,362.28 | 447,784.25 | 1,586,146.53 |
| Totals | <u>2,856,079.58</u> | <u>460,284.25</u> | <u>3,316,363.83</u> |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | 345,189.50 | 29,577.25 | 374,766.75 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | 377,777.09 | 37,111.05 | 414,888.14 |
| Roads, Bridges and Culverts | 143,264.24 | 62,014.98 | 205,279.22 |
| Totals | <u>866,230.83</u> | <u>128,703.28</u> | <u>994,934.11</u> |
| Total Capital Assets being depreciated | <u>1,989,848.75</u> | <u>331,580.97</u> | <u>2,321,429.72</u> |
| Government Activity Capital Assets, Net | <u><u>2,261,071.75</u></u> | <u><u>331,580.97</u></u> | <u><u>2,592,652.72</u></u> |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Buildings | \$29,577.25 |
| Vehicles and Equipment | 37,111.05 |
| Roads, Bridges & Culverts | <u>62,014.98</u> |
| Total Depreciation | \$ 128,703.28 |

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.

2011
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Cemetery Reserve Fund | Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance. |
| Garage Reserve Fund | Funds designated for Town Garage |
| Hurricane Irene Recovery Fund | Contributions received to be distributed to residents' recovering from damage incurred during Hurricane Irene |
| NRCS Grant | Funds designated for bridge repair on CCC Road |
| Records Restoration Fund | Fees collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents. |
| Road Equipment Reserve Fund | Funds designed 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. |
| Special Highway Needs Fund | Funds for special highway needs. |
| Town Office Equipment Fund | Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment. |
| Town Office Reserve Fund | Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office |
| Town-wide Reappraisal Fund | Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list. |

10. Transfer Station Costs As an additional cost of operating the transfer station, it is estimated that 200 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$3,194 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

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

2011
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

| | Principal | Interest | Total Debt Service |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2007 | | 6,213 | \$6,213 |
| 2008 | 25,000 | 17,894 | 42,894 |
| 2009 | 25,000 | 16,928 | 41,928 |
| 2010 | 20,000 | 15,944 | 35,944 |
| 2011 | 20,000 | 15,143 | 35,143 |
| 2012 | 20,000 | 14,330 | 34,330 |
| 2013 | 20,000 | 13,503 | 33,503 |
| 2014 | 20,000 | 12,666 | 32,666 |
| 2015 | 20,000 | 11,819 | 31,819 |
| 2016 | 20,000 | 10,962 | 30,962 |
| 2017 | 20,000 | 10,097 | 30,097 |
| 2018 | 20,000 | 9,222 | 29,222 |
| 2019 | 20,000 | 8,325 | 28,325 |
| 2020 | 20,000 | 7,410 | 27,410 |
| 2021 | 20,000 | 6,479 | 26,479 |
| 2022 | 20,000 | 5,536 | 25,536 |
| 2023 | 20,000 | 4,625 | 24,625 |
| 2024 | 20,000 | 3,708 | 23,708 |
| 2025 | 20,000 | 2,787 | 22,787 |
| 2026 | 20,000 | 1,862 | 21,862 |
| 2027 | 20,000 | 933 | 20,933 |
| | 410,000 | 196,386 | 606,386 |

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for the year ending December 31, 2011

Delinquent Taxes

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Balance outstanding December 31, 2010 | \$ 14,736.28 |
| Amended 2010 Warrant, Jan. 7, 2011 | 17.45 |
| Warrant to Collect, October 22, 2011 | 91,382.30 |
| Amended Warrant, December 27, 2011 | <u>53.54</u> |
| Total taxes delinquent | \$106,189.57 |

Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2011 **86,260.50**

Balance outstanding December 31, 2011 **\$19,929.07**

Notes: Town treasurer refunded overpayment on one account for \$34.12.
8% fees paid in 2011 for collections - \$6,898.86 and \$46.34 (for 2010)
and \$36.80 for 2011 mailing expenses.

Delinquent taxes collected January 1–31, 2012 **\$6,538.26**

Delinquent taxes outstanding (15 accounts):

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2007, 2010, 2011 Kenyon, James | \$1,903.45 |
| 2009 & 2010 Cheney, Michele | 278.48 |
| 2009, 2010, 2011 Smith, Gregory A. | 4,144.65 |
| 2010 & 2011 Pressley, George | 1,078.01 |
| 2011 Butler, Harry | 1,184.45 |
| 2011 Kelley Jr, Lawrence | 73.76 |
| 2011 Ross, Brenda | 564.26 |
| 2011 Sweet, Charles C | 2,043.15 |
| 2011 Westbay, Todd | <u>2,120.60</u> |
| | \$13,390.81 |

Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2011 **\$19,929.07**

Randy A. Page
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

2011 SELECTBOARD REPORT

As 2010 was dominated by the town-wide reappraisal, in addition to the day-to-day business, 2011 has been dominated by Tropical Storm Irene and the recovery efforts.

First, I would like to thank all the town employees, elected and appointed officials, and town volunteers for their great efforts in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene. It was truly a community effort: thank you for stepping up when many people were in great need. It is what makes Shrewsbury a great place to live.

Along with the physical damage to the town, the financial impact has been significant. Indeed, all the costs have not been fully calculated. A definitive time table and reimbursement schedule has not been set. We are eagerly awaiting some funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The budget process this year has been challenging. There have been a lot of unanticipated expenses associated with the storm damage. Certain things had to be paid for immediately. For example, the temporary bridge on Frank Lord Road, and the independent contractors, gravel, and stone suppliers. Some of these expenses were able to be paid for with funds on hand. We have set up a \$500,000 line of credit to meet ongoing expenses. The increase of taxes in the wake of this single event is inevitable. We have worked hard to keep the increases as low as possible. The majority of budget items have been level-funded from last year. The rebuilding of the town infrastructure will be a multiple year process and the costs will be spread over that time period.

Bridges and roads will be the priority in the spring. Replacing the Frank Lord bridge with a permanent structure, and assessing the Brown Bridge and approach roads. There is no specific time frame for the reopening of Brown Bridge; we ask for your patience and cooperation during this rebuilding and recovery process.

As always, Selectboard meetings are open to the public and we encourage your attendance and participation. We met the first and third Wednesday of the month. If you have a specific issue you would like the board to address, please call the Town Clerk and arrange to be put on the meeting agenda. So let us continue to support and appreciate our town and the people that live here. Lastly, I would like to thank the auditors for their care and diligence in preparing the town report, and in their capacity as the towns financial watch dogs.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Potter, Michael Stewart, John Wood

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2011 was a very busy year for the road crew with a good old-fashioned winter to keep us busy plowing until mud season.

The late spring and summer were plagued with severe thunderstorms that knocked down trees and plugged culverts resulting in the road crew cleaning up blow downs and opening up culverts a couple times a week taking away from normal maintenance work.

On August 28, Tropical Storm Irene hit causing severe damage to roads and bridges. The road crew and contractors were busy rebuilding roads and making temporary repairs to bridges. 2012 will be a busy year repairing roads, and rebuilding or repairing the bridges that were damaged or washed away.

Due to Tropical Storm Irene, five new culverts were installed while approximately 17,468 tons of gravel was used to rebuild roads damaged by the flood. All the places that were damaged on the paved roads now have a base coat of pavement with the top coat to be put on in 2012.

Normal maintenance consisted of three new culverts installed while 5,312 tons of gravel were used on various roads and 5,767 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use. 2011 paving was suspended because of Tropical Storm Irene but will be added to the 2012 paving season.

The road crew and I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped in so many ways that I can't list them all on one page. THANK YOU!

James Carrara
Road Commissioner

2011 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| 2010 International 7600 with Plow and Sander | \$ 140,000 |
| 2009 International 7600 with Plow and Sander | \$ 135,000 |
| 2004 ford F-350 4X4 | \$ 10,000 |
| 2002 International 2574 with Plow and Sander | \$ 25,000 |
| 2000 928G Caterpillar Loader | \$ 45,000 |
| 1998 International 2554 with Plow and Sander | \$ 1 0,000 |
| 1996 Ford L-8000 with Plow and Sander | \$ 6,000 |
| 1996 416B Caterpillar Backhoe | \$ 18,000 |
| 1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper | \$ 8,000 |
| 1992 120G Caterpillar Grader | \$ 40,000 |
| 1991 Ford L-9000 with Plow and Sander | \$ 6,000 |
| 1968 Tractor and Mower | \$ 1,500 |
| York Rake | \$ 500 |
| 6 Two-Way Radios | \$ 1,000 |
| Miscellaneous Tools | \$ 5,000 |
| Total | \$ 451,000 |

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (a)
Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | ACTUAL 2010 | BUDGET 2011 | ACTUAL 2011 | BUDGET 2012 |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| TAXES: | | | | |
| Current Property Taxes | \$ 553,540 | \$ 500,218 | \$ 547,054 | \$ 537,660 |
| Delinquent Tax | 83,013 | - | 91,453 | |
| Less: Warned Items | <u>(141,300)</u> | | <u>(139,435)</u> | |
| Current Property Taxes for General & Roads (b) | 495,253 | | 499,073 | |
| Federal in Lieu of Taxes | 5,349 | 5,300 | 5,393 | 5,300 |
| State In Lieu of Taxes | 18,725 | 18,700 | 18,725 | 18,700 |
| Land Use Taxes | 57,738 | 55,000 | 50,554 | 57,000 |
| Railroad Tax | 710 | 710 | 710 | 710 |
| ROADS: | | | | |
| Brown Bridge Structures Grant | | | 9,000 | |
| FEMA Reimbursement | - | | 35,205 | 2,693,776 |
| State Aid To Roads 2012 | | | 31,856 | |
| State Aid To Roads | 127,627 | 127,800 | 127,443 | 96,302 |
| Services Rendered-Roads | 5,930 | 5,800 | 600 | 600 |
| Weight Permits | 123 | 100 | 130 | 130 |
| Act 60 Funds | 6,812 | | 6,793 | 6,800 |
| Computer Disposal | 334 | 300 | 8 | |
| Dog Licenses | 537 | 500 | 478 | 500 |
| Fines | 78 | - | 74 | |
| Climate Change Grant | 10,832 | - | | |
| Generator Income | | | 162 | |
| Historical Grant- Bell Tower | 5,148 | | | |
| Hurricane Recovery Fund | - | | 6,974 | |
| Interest Income | 597 | 600 | 235 | 200 |
| Leased Land | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Liquor Licenses | 50 | 50 | 250 | 200 |
| Lister Education Funds | 390 | - | 390 | |
| NCRS Grant | | | 6,281 | |
| Other Income | 125 | - | 16 | |
| Recycling | 2,690 | 2,000 | 2,488 | 2,500 |
| Restoration Fees | 881 | | 1,003 | 1,000 |
| School Tax Reconciliation | 29,225 | - | 37,243 | |
| Subdivision Permits | 125 | - | 250 | |
| Town Events - Fireworks | | | 1,350 | |
| Zoning Permits | 650 | 600 | 511 | 500 |
| Total Revenue | 769,959 | 717,708 | 843,224 | 3,421,908 |
| Cash Beginning Balance | 226,429 | 179,570 | 179,570 | 42,894 |
| Cash Available for Expenses | 996,388 | 897,278 | 1,022,794 | 3,464,802 |

- (a) The Selectboard Financial Statements are prepared on a cash basis for budgeting purposes.
(b) Taxes raised for Warned Items are not part of the Revenues for General and Roads.

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (a)
Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | ACTUAL 2010 | BUDGET 2011 | ACTUAL 2011 | BUDGET 2012 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| TRANSFER STATION (c) | | | | |
| Computer Recycling | 760 | 1,000 | 245 | - |
| Tipping Fees | 22,746 | 23,000 | 21,768 | 23,000 |
| Hauling | 6,125 | 6,200 | 6,475 | 6,300 |
| Salary | 6,993 | 8,500 | 7,857 | 8,000 |
| Maintenance | 333 | 1,500 | 981 | 1,500 |
| Solid Waste Dues | 2,209 | 2,320 | 2,311 | 2,320 |
| Equipment/Facilities (d) | 4,363 | 1,000 | 159 | 1,000 |
| Household Hazardous Waste Disp. | 1,060 | 1,000 | 771 | 1,000 |
| Supplies | 274 | 500 | 27 | 500 |
| Workers Compensation | 660 | 824 | 867 | 575 |
| Payroll Expenses | 505 | 650 | 682 | 700 |
| Electric | 510 | 700 | 303 | 500 |
| Total Transfer Station | 46,537 | 47,194 | 42,446 | 45,395 |
| TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE | | | | |
| Planning Commission Expense | - | 500 | 45 | 200 |
| Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense | 160 | 500 | 160 | 500 |
| Payroll Expenses | 6,736 | 7,988 | 7,214 | 7,772 |
| Building/Property Insurance | 1,961 | 1,212 | 3,526 | 4,374 |
| Public Officials Liability Insurance | 2,036 | 2,836 | 1,940 | 1,833 |
| Emp. Practices Liability Insurance | 544 | 597 | 721 | 836 |
| Workers Compensation | 469 | 305 | 110 | 316 |
| Office Heat/Electric | 2,930 | 3,500 | 4,561 | 4,500 |
| Training/Education | 1,315 | 900 | 379 | 500 |
| Postage | 1,541 | 1,500 | 1,050 | 1,500 |
| Supplies & Equipment | 3,766 | 4,000 | 3,415 | 4,000 |
| Software | 410 | 400 | 1,007 | 500 |
| Salaries | 56,061 | 58,775 | 54,888 | 58,000 |
| Office Expense and Mileage | 2,177 | 2,100 | 2,602 | 2,000 |
| Building Maintenance/Repair | 1,413 | 1,500 | 1,725 | 1,500 |
| Warnings | 302 | 1,000 | 489 | 1,000 |
| Town Report | 1,517 | 1,400 | 1,563 | 1,600 |
| Total Town Officers Expense | 83,337 | 89,013 | 85,394 | 90,931 |

(c) Refer to footnote 10 in Treasurer's Notes to the Financial Statements.

(d) Items include values that have been capitalized increasing the value of Town Assets.

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Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (a)
Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | ACTUAL 2010 | BUDGET 2011 | ACTUAL 2011 | BUDGET 2012 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| LISTERS | | | | |
| Listers Salaries/Supplies | 12,575 | 11,490 | 6,611 | 10,000 |
| Payroll Expense | 2,070 | 1,093 | 340 | 765 |
| Reappraisal Salaries | 17,602 | 6,800 | 12,998 | |
| Reappraisal Supplies/Printing | 989 | 350 | - | 500 |
| Upgrade Parcel Mapping | | | | 2,363 |
| Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees | | | | 4,000 |
| Training | 1,116 | 850 | 502 | 850 |
| Total Listers Expense | 34,353 | 20,583 | 20,449 | 18,478 |
| OTHER DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Animal Damage and Control | 258 | 250 | 109 | 250 |
| Audit Expense | | | | 10,000 |
| Bell Tower Grant (d) | 10,148 | | | |
| County Court Tax | 10,647 | 10,000 | 9,043 | 7,675 |
| Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment | 35,944 | 35,143 | 35,143 | 34,330 |
| Grant - CCC Road Work | | | 6,281 | |
| Interest Expense- Line of Credit | | | | 5,000 |
| Law Enforcement | 148 | 1,000 | 100 | 1,000 |
| Legal Fees | 525 | 3,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 284 | | 130 | |
| Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues | | | 850 | 875 |
| Town Events | 187 | 1,500 | 1,763 | 1,500 |
| VLCT Dues | | | 1,808 | 1,860 |
| Total Other Disbursements | 58,141 | 51,393 | 55,227 | 64,490 |
| TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES | 222,368 | 208,183 | 203,517 | 219,294 |

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES - BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (a)
Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | ACTUAL 2010 | BUDGET 2011 | ACTUAL 2011 | BUDGET 2012 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ROADS | | | | |
| Flood Expenses (d) | | | 445,050 | 2,633,552 |
| Gravel | 34,353 | 35,000 | 27,290 | 40,000 |
| VLCT Unemployment | 1,236 | 1,560 | 1,046 | 1,560 |
| BC/BS Health Insurance | 44,684 | 50,000 | 52,929 | 42,500 |
| Salt | 14,355 | 22,000 | 15,224 | 22,000 |
| Winter Sand | 58,609 | 65,000 | 57,482 | 65,000 |
| Brown Bridge Structure Grant | | | 10,000 | - |
| Culverts & Bridges (d) | 6,438 | 3,500 | 2,735 | 7,000 |
| Chloride | 7,694 | | | |
| Other | - | | | |
| VLCT Workmen's Compensation | 8,913 | 8,346 | 7,559 | 6,454 |
| Salaries | 113,610 | 130,000 | 127,572 | 130,000 |
| Equipment Rental | - | 4,000 | 1,875 | 4,000 |
| Paving (d) | 157,001 | 160,000 | - | 160,000 |
| Payroll Expenses | 8,726 | 11,475 | 9,917 | 11,475 |
| VT State Retirement | 4,229 | 6,000 | 4,859 | 6,000 |
| Total Roads | 459,847 | 496,881 | 763,538 | 3,129,541 |
| TOWN EQUIPMENT | | | | |
| Parts & Repairs | 17,246 | 22,000 | 17,359 | 22,000 |
| Tires & Repairs | 4,145 | 5,000 | 3,563 | 5,000 |
| Fuels & Lubricants | 35,190 | 40,000 | 57,303 | 50,000 |
| New Equipment (d) | 1,893 | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Misc. Supplies | 894 | 1,000 | 554 | 1,000 |
| Signs | 885 | 2,500 | 828 | 1,500 |
| Total Town Equipment | 60,254 | 71,500 | 79,607 | 80,500 |
| TOWN GARAGES | | | | |
| Equipment | - | 500 | - | 500 |
| Heating Fuel | 2,085 | 3,000 | 4,002 | 3,000 |
| Maintenance & Supplies | 1,565 | 1,000 | 429 | 1,000 |
| Utilities | 3,434 | 4,000 | 2,906 | 3,500 |
| Buildings & Repair (d) | 1,186 | 1,000 | 1,607 | 1,000 |
| Property & Casualty Insurance | 10,079 | 11,642 | 13,311 | 13,276 |
| Total Town Garages | 18,348 | 21,142 | 22,256 | 22,276 |
| TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES | 538,449 | 589,523 | 865,400 | 3,232,317 |
| GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES & ROADS | | | | |
| | \$ 760,817 | \$ 797,706 | \$ 1,068,917 | \$ 3,451,611 |

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 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 commissions. The Town Clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the Town: Births, Deaths and Civil Marriages, and issues Civil Marriage licenses. The Clerk issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Often Town Clerks are asked to disseminate information from various State agencies to local constituencies as well as attest to the fact that statutory procedures are being adhered to. In Shrewsbury, the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station permits and has been updating and keeping current the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org. The Selectboard has also been utilizing the Clerk for administrative functions as the Board's legislative and oversight responsibilities continue to have additional compliance and record-keeping mandates.

This past year we had an Annual Town Election. 2011 being an "Odd Year" in the Vermont election cycle, it is a year when the current voter list is scrutinized by the Board of Civil Authority where upon challenges to residency status are made, resulting in mailing certification of residency forms to those challenged by the BCA and logging replies in order to maintain integrity in the Voter Checklist.

This past year, as a result of the 2010 US Census, the Vermont legislature proposed and submitted for individual Town consensus redistricting proposals. The Board of Civil Authority did meet in July 2011 and voted to concur with the Majority Report, which suggested District 8 to be comprised of Shrewsbury, Clarendon and Ira. The redistricting process has not been finalized as of the writing of this report.

This past year there was a significant change in the US State Departments' procedures for Certification of Passport Agents. Passports can no longer be issued in the same physical space that also issues certified Vital Records, particularly Birth Certificates. Because of this change on the part of the Department of State, I had to unfortunately relinquish my certification for issuing Passports.

Because the Town Office became the hub for the response and recovery effort to Tropical Storm Irene, the Town Clerk was intimately involved with a host of issues related to the Town's effort. The Clerk took on the responsibility of daily, sometimes hourly updates to the Town Website for important information on road closures, safety issues and general concerns, along with critical FEMA-related information and links. The Town Clerk fielded, directed and facilitated a myriad of inquiries, concerns, communications, notices and mandates from citizens, Town and State and Federal officials, volunteer and relief organizations, contractors, out-of-

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

state property owners and out-of-state relatives and other constituencies. The Clerk coordinated the collection of damage assessments and documentation and assisted the Director of Emergency Management in a variety of tasks during the initial critical weeks of the disaster. In the four months since Tropical Storm the Town Clerk has continued to assist in a number of administrative tasks associated with the continued recovery effort.

I would like to commend the Townspeople of Shrewsbury for their hard work and dedication in accomplishing so much with their collective efforts in the face of so much adversity caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin
Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 VITAL STATISTICS

| | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BIRTHS | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| DEATHS | 9 | 2* | 7 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| MARRIAGES | | | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| CIVIL MARRIGES | 8 | 8 | 5 | | | | | |
| CIVIL UNIONS | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

*The death of at least one Shrewsbury Resident occurred outside the jurisdiction of Vermont, and was not recorded through the Vermont Department of Health; the Town of Shrewsbury has no official record of the death.

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

Town of Shrewsbury
ANIMAL LICENSES 2011

| QUANTITY | TYPE | FEE* | TOTAL COLLECTED |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 81 | SPAYED FEMALE | \$8.00 EACH | \$648.00 |
| 82 | NEUTERED MALE | \$8.00 EACH | \$656.00 |
| 1 | FEMALE | \$12.00 EACH | \$12.00 |
| 8 | MALE | \$12.00 EACH | \$96.00 |
| 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 |
| 23 | LATE FEES | \$4.00 EACH | \$92.00 |
| 172 LICENSES | | | |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,554.00 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury | \$522.00 |
| Fees retained by Clerk | \$344.00 |
| Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund | \$172.00 |
| Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program | <u>\$516.00</u> |
| | \$1,554.00 |

Anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1st obtain a license and shall pay **\$8.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$12.00** for each un-neutered or unspayed 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 2012, to avoid late charges please license your dog by APRIL 1. To remove the name of a previously licensed animal please call 492-3511. If ordering by mail, please include your new rabies certificate (if needed). Make your check payable to the Town of Shrewsbury for **\$8.00** (Spayed/Neutered) or **\$12.00** (Male/Female) for each animal.

Thank you.
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

As Animal Control Officer (ACO) for the Town of Shrewsbury, I serve as the chief enforcement officer for animal complaints as defined by the Town animal ordinances. Most often this includes attempting to reunite lost pets with their owners and serving as initial investigator for complaints of animal abuse and neglect. During my service as the ACO I have handled fourteen animal related calls for the 2011 year.

The statistics include: five aggressive animal complaints, for one of which the state police were called; two calls for animal abuse, five lost dogs, which were eventually reunited with their owners; and two dogs that were abandoned. The two animal abuse cases were investigated by the County Sheriff.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew E. Danaher



250th Celebration Potluck Dinner at Shrewsbury Mountain School

2011 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

2011 saw the passing of the torch literally and figuratively at the dump. Dick Adams, dumpmaster extraordinaire, passed away this fall. We will all miss his charming quirks, and youthful enthusiasm. He was a champion of reuse and recycle. He took the "reading room" to new heights. And told us more than we ever thought possible about the cost/benefits and tonnage of recycling.

Bob Perry is our new dumpmaster. Bob assisted Dick for a long time and is no stranger to the Transfer Station. There have been a few changes to what is recycled and how it is handled. When in doubt, ask Bob. One of the big changes is the free recycling of electronic waste. There is no cost to the town or the person recycling, provided that the item is on the list of approved devices and that it is recycled properly. For example, all devices must be stripped of batteries. Batteries can then be recycled at the next household hazardous waste day. Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday, June 23, 2012 (see SWAC report on next page).

I know that if Dick were writing this report he would want to thank all the dedicated re-users and recyclers in Town. Diverting tons of material from the dumpster saves on transportation costs, tipping fees, and putting goods back into circulation in the community. He would also thank his loyal volunteers that help out repeatedly at the dump, to help keep things organized and tidy. He was a community oriented man, and he worked hard to make the dump a fun place. A place where people could meet neighbors, exchange gossip, lend a hand, find something useful, talk about town business, and get their household chores taken care of. With Bob's efforts and your continued support we can keep the spirit that Dick infused into the dump going. See you at the Dump.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wood
Selectman

2011 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

Steve Sgorbati, Chair - Sudbury
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SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinnmouth, 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 2011, SWAC:

- ❖Oversaw implementation of the 10 town SWAC Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The SWIP is available for review at www.rutlandcountyswac.org. 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.
- ❖Continued its support of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council (VTPSC). (www.vtpsc.org) The VTPSC was formed to shift Vermont's product waste management system from government funded, taxpayer and ratepayer financed waste diversion to producer responsibility that encourages green product design and more local distribution networks with producers having the primary responsibility to establish, fund, and manage end of life systems. The Council was an integral part in the passage of electronics manufacturer take back legislation that became effective this year requiring manufacturers to pay for the collection of televisions, laptops, computers, monitors, and peripherals. Most SWAC transfer stations and recycling centers have permanent electronics collections. Visit www.vtecycles.org for additional information.
- ❖Sponsored nine 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 on Gleason Road in Rutland. Visit www.rutlandcountyswac.org for 2012 events schedule. No charge for residents. REMINDER: IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION EVENTS, ANY SWAC RESIDENT CAN DROP OFF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT THE DEPOT ON GLEASON ROAD DURING REGULARLY SCHEDULED HOURS. Visit <http://www.rcswd.com> or call 775-209 for additional information.

2011 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

In 2011, 252 compact fluorescent bulbs, 2,204 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs; 288.37 gallons of motor oil; 142.12 gallons of antifreeze/glycols; 29.5 pounds and 22 gallons of pesticides; 16 pounds of batteries; 39.62 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals; 411 aerosols; 185 gallons of paint; 407.87 gallons of paint related materials; and 87.75 gallons of small paints were collected. Again this year paint and paint related products topped the list for the largest quantity of material collected. 173 households participated in collection events. In addition, over 8,500 pounds of clothing/textiles were collected in the first three quarters. This is the equivalent of saving 59,000 lbs. of CO₂ from entering the environment or removing seven vehicles from the highway.

Since the implementation of electronics manufacturer take back legislation became effective July 1, the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, and Tinmouth have registered as official collection facilities. Additional information regarding the electronics legislation can be found at www.vtcycles.org. 53,160 pounds of electronics were collected from residents versus 12,700 pounds in 2010.

- ❖ Maintained a website (www.rutlandcountyswac.org) providing information on topics such as transfer station information, household hazardous waste education and collection event schedules, recycling, and composting. Thank you to all citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. Remember the 4 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and REFUSE.

The Shrewsbury Representative to SWAC is appointed by the Selectboard. The position is currently rotated among the Selectboard members. Bert Potter and Mike Stewart served as SWAC representatives in 2011.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Shrewsbury is scheduled for June 23, 2012 between 1:00 and 3:30 pm at the Shrewsbury Transfer Station.

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Finishing up the 2010 town wide reappraisal, the Listers with Wright Appraisal Company of West Rutland finished with the five appeals by property owners to the State Appraiser. Three of the properties, L. McGuire, D. Pitts and VT Earth Resources; did not change in their value. The two remaining properties, J. Calotta and M. Uhler, were adjusted lower in an agreement between the property owner and the Listers and approved by the State Appraiser.

We had three property owners that bypassed the State Appraiser and went directly to the court level. Property owner D. Connolly withdrew his appeal, V. Duff settled out of court for a reduced value, and Fox Lots is still under appeal and will be settled under mediation or in court.

For the year 2011 we had seven grievances to the Listers. Ransom-Kelly and M. Lawrence no change in value; O. Woods removed fireplace; and Shrewsbury Forest, LLC corrected current use value. Three withdrew their appeals: C. Budd, K. Fisher, and W. Tabor.

The Common Level of Reappraisal (CLA) was 65.21% with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 22.94% before the reappraisal. As of December 9, 2011 our CLA is 114.10% and the COD is 10.57%.

The higher the COD, the greater the disparity in how properties are assessed in that town. A COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayers' assessments.

The Listers can be contacted at 492-2009.

We again thank everyone for their cooperation throughout the year.

Betsy Jesser

Steven Nicholson

Sharon Winnicki

2011 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 SPC's very first order of business in 2011 was to begin final planning for the Town's Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Public Hearing. The SPC warned the Public Hearing for January 20, 2011. Shannon Pytlick (VT Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Quality) and Ned Swanberg (VT DEC Flood Plain Mapping Coordinator) made a joint presentation, entitled "Mill River and Cold River Flood Hazards". The Planning Commission drafted and formally presented the Flood Hazard Area Regulations to the Select Board for its approval and hearing on March 16th and the Select Board adopted them on May 4, 2011.

Also in 2011, the SPC began work to amend the Shrewsbury Zoning Regulations to incorporate the Town's Subdivision Regulations. We strategized as to scope of work, and decided to incorporate all items from the Subdivision regulations into the Zoning regulations document. We then examined the many sections to ensure that they were in synch with the entire document, and up to date with the Town Plan. We also added language in a few sections to provide clarity and additional filing requirements for some development. Of course, the document was reformatted, the Table of Contents revised, Definitions were added, and all other items brought in from the Subdivision Regulations were edited. The unified Subdivision & Zoning regulations are currently being reviewed by Town officials, and the Planning Commission will soon schedule a public hearing in the process for their adoption.

Other notable events in 2011 included attendance at the Town Officers' Educational Conference in April, and the inclusion of new tools, such as digital maps (hopefully to arrive soon!), to help in our work. And in 2012, we look forward to work at updating the Town Plan which will expire in Dec. 2013.

The PC meets at 7:30 pm 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

2011 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 2011, the Board held only two hearings, both relating to land subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury

2011 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There seems to be a slight uptick in building in Shrewsbury. Maybe the worst of the housing slump is over.... We had two new house starts in 2011 and 15 permits for various additions, garages, sheds and decks. I have already processed a number of small permits since the end of the year. I was notified of three agricultural building starts.

The Planning Commission has sent for initial comment a combined zoning and subdivision ordinance. This will be a great improvement because the requirements for projects will be consistent and easier for people to follow. I am hopeful that they will include ticketing to the Judicial Bureau for simple infractions of this new ordinance. It is a far quicker and less costly method of dealing with people who for one reason or another refuse to get permits or follow Shrewsbury's Zoning Regulations. I am interested in hearing your opinions on this; feel free to call me about this issue or any questions you have regarding our Town's Zoning or Subdivision Ordinances. I appreciate everyone who calls to ask whether they need a permit for something; it is always easier to ask first.

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

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 TOWN CONSTABLES' REPORT

As Constables for the Town of Shrewsbury, we serve as the first and second enforcement officers for town ordinances and state laws. Activities included: one 911 call, one camp break-in, three calls related to copper thieves, six suspicious vehicle calls, five trespassing calls for one of which the state police were called, two calls for illegal dumping which involved the state police, two calls for deer-poaching, for which the state police and game warden were called, three calls to verify vehicle identification numbers, three 4-wheeler complaints for speeding on the roads, and two traffic control calls.

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

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



“Governor Wentworth” visiting Shrewsbury Mountain School

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Tropical Storm Irene has presented us with some challenging hazards this year. Public health hazards on private properties were reported and investigated. Water contamination issues, as well as land contamination were our major challenges, as well as debris removal.

Shrewsbury has had several rental housing issues this year; some were landlord complaints about tenants, and an equal number were complaints by tenants regarding landlord problems. If you are a landlord or a renter, information about your rights and your obligations is available at the Town Office.

H1N1 flu is still a reality in our community. While not as widespread as originally predicted, it remains a threat that should not be minimized. Good hygiene practices and immunization are our best defense.

I have investigated and reported on a number of animal bites this year. Most, but not all of these animals were up to date with their rabies inoculations. Some animals had to be quarantined at the owner's expense. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU REGISTER YOUR PET AT THE TOWN OFFICE!** In doing so, you make the process of investigating these instances, quarantine, and follow-up less stressful for all.

I have placed pamphlets in the Town office regarding health issues that might be of concern to Town residents. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 492-8282.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Gordon,
Town Health Officer

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

On Sunday, August 28, 2011, Hurricane Irene deluged eleven inches of rain onto Shrewsbury. Within hours small brooks became raging creeks, and rivers became torrents which tumbled boulders out of the banks of Mill River and Cold River. In two places the Cold River Road simply washed away. One switchback on the CCC Road had disappeared. The State of Vermont had its worst flood in 100 years. When the rain stopped, the State had lost seventy-five bridges; fourteen of these in Shrewsbury.

The Town discovered that the Office of Emergency Management had planned well. When CVPS power was disrupted, the emergency generator at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Town Office provided power for telephones and radios as well as water and lights. Radio communications worked effectively between the EOC, the Fire Department, and the Town road crew, and we learned that communication is our most essential tool for meeting the challenges presented in an emergency. The EOC also offered shelter, bathrooms, and food for families who needed it.

Independent equipment operators responded to the Town's emergency with their excavators, front end loaders, dump trucks, and bulldozers to repair roads, culverts, and bridges. The day of the storm, Duane Carrara, dug out an inundated culvert on Eastham Road thereby saving at least three structures in North Shrewsbury. Louise and Stan Duda provided liaison between those people needing help and those volunteering it. Dave Fretz and Bob Gordon made sure that necessary equipment was picked up from various towns and transported to Shrewsbury. The teamwork throughout the town was outstanding.

Our gratitude to everyone in Town for their fine mutual assistance!

The goal of the Emergency Management Office for 2012 is to carefully review the challenges and responses to Hurricane Irene and to update the Emergency Management Plan for Shrewsbury and insure that we meet the contingencies of our next major emergency as well as, or better than, we did those of Hurricane Irene.

Now, as we work with FEMA to recover our losses, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Rich Biziak's countless hours of hard work and diligence in organizing our paperwork.

At this time, I would like to call on the people of Shrewsbury to join our Emergency Management team, and train, plan and strategize for the future. Please call me at 492-8282 to volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Gordon
Director, Office of Emergency Management

**TROPICAL STORM IRENE
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT**

Every storm cloud has a silver lining, and for Shrewsbury, that lining was in the outpouring of concern for our neighbors. It made us so proud to be part of this community!

When the storm hit and folks in different parts of town began to understand the enormity of the destruction, one of the first questions asked was, "How can I help?" With power and phones out, and roads impassable all over town, this was not an easy question to answer, nor was it clear who needed help or what kind of help! It was a matter of organizing this manpower with those needing assistance before volunteers were off and running.

Posters were put up at key roads requesting volunteers or those needing help to contact us. Volunteers were enlisted to go house to house in hard hit areas to survey residents' needs. As the word got out, our phone began ringing. "Can I help you set up a web page to help spread information?" "I've got a chainsaw; where can I help?" "We're okay but there is a foot of muck in my basement. Can you help?" The road crew has been working long hours. Can I bring down some food to them?"

More than 1600 volunteer hours were recorded by more than 60 volunteers who also donated equipment (tractors, trucks, etc., and in one case gravel). These donated resources will be assigned a value by FEMA and will help defray the Town's portion of the disaster costs. Many more hours were quietly put in as affected homeowners turned to family and friends and neighbors to help restore their lives. We were constantly humbled by the many who remained gracious and strong in spite of discouraging damage to their homes.

Most of our work was of the human chain nature – shoveling muck into buckets – passing wet debris or bags of now unusable household goods from person to person to a dump truck. Then at the other end, the human chain again passed items from the truck to a dumpster. Many folks worked long hours behind the scenes, keeping track of massive bits of information for FEMA reimbursement or attending meetings.

The saddest part was talking to homeowners with such devastating damage that volunteers could not yet assist because major equipment was needed to restore land to what was once a yard. Yet miraculously, much of this work has been done before winter.

The best part was meeting up with neighbors and new friends too! Together we split wood or restored a driveway or yanked and separated flood debris from river banks - and just felt tired but good at the end of each day.

As winter snows recede, we are sure more volunteer efforts will be needed. If you need a hand, don't hesitate to access the Shrewsbury corps of volunteers this spring by going to the town web site!

Respectfully submitted,
Louise (Weezie) and Stan Duda
Shrewsbury Volunteer Coordinators

2011 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Thanks again to the more than 100 people who took time out of their day on May 7 to help make Green Up 2011 a success. Many hands definitely make light work.

We continue to help support the school with its recycling efforts. Either the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders or a Conservation Commission volunteer sort and carry recyclable materials to the transfer station each Wednesday. The amount of material recycled each week is substantial.

The Conservation Commission also supports taking advantage of the energy audits and energy retrofits offered by the H.E.A.T. Squad. This is a good opportunity to have a warmer home and to save energy dollars. Call NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (802-438-2303) for more information.

Finally, the Conservation Commission mourns the passing of Dick Adams, a true friend of conservation and recycling.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Thornton

2011 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance January 1, 2011 | \$1790.00 |
| Cash Receipts: | 0.00 |
| Disbursements | <u>(149.50)</u> |
| Ending Balance December 31, 2011 | \$ 1640.50 |

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Calotta



Volunteers helping neighbors after the flood

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

There were two items of interest for Town tree watchers. One is the continual approach of the emerald ash borer. Unlike the killer bees, this critter is really coming. Most foresters reckon this pest (which will decimate stands of ash trees) is four to six years away. That said, landowners with significant stands should consider contacting a forester. It might be in your best interests to harvest some sooner rather than later.

The other news is the loss of the two large white pines near Pierce's Store. It was appropriate to remove them. It's okay to mourn their removal as well. One thing I have learned from forty odd years in the tree business is this: the human eye adjusts very quickly to change. Many customer's have wondered how they were going to deal with the loss of a large tree that had been with them for years only to find that in a very short time they had trouble imagining how the now empty space could have accommodated it. Life goes on.

Eldred French
Tree Warden



Storm Damage at the Brown Bridge

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Committee, Inc. was established in 1972 and is responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall which was constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is continuously used by the community and church for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions and parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes and other community functions.

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

We are pleased to report that a significant bequest was received from the estate of Russell W. Smith. The Meeting House Committee has decided that this donation will be managed as the Russell Smith Capital Fund to help offset future major building maintenance and improvements. Russell Smith and the entire Smith family have always had a strong connection to this wonderful building, and we truly appreciate this special gift.

While we did not start the intended entrance improvement project last year, we will be restoring the Front Hall entrance and coat room this year, finding suitable storage for the chairs and tables elsewhere. In addition, some interior and exterior painting will be completed. Also, some exterior repair and painting will be accomplished during the summer. We also hope to have an energy audit performed and make some improvements to reduce heating costs which have increased with the cost of propane.

We welcome Sue Kelly who will be doing the important job of keeping the building accessible, clean and ready for use. This year we will be updating our rental and reservation process and agreement form. However, we will continue our policy of only allowing use of the building to Shrewsbury residents.

Thank you to all who care for this building and leave it in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Committee with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us to preserve this wonderful building.

Mark Youngstrom
For the Meeting House Committee

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2011 **\$11,861.08**

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$22,147.50 | |
| Shrewsbury Community Church | \$4,350.00 | |
| Hall Rental | \$800.00 | |
| Interest | \$60.18 | |
| Donations | \$116,394.72 | |
| Total Receipts | | \$143,752.40 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Electricity | \$1,121.33 | |
| Propane | \$5,883.71 | |
| Telephone | \$450.35 | |
| Custodial | \$1,566.46 | |
| Maintenance | \$2,445.35 | |
| Insurance | \$3,931.82 | |
| Supplies | \$144.63 | |
| Improvements | \$677.25 | |
| Total Disbursements | | \$16,220.90 |

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2011 **\$139,392.58**

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| RECEIPTS | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Town of Shrewsbury - Steeple Repair | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,147.50 | \$0.00 |
| Shrewsbury Community Church | \$8,700.00 | \$4,350.00 | \$4,350.00 | \$4,250.00 |
| Hall Rental | \$585.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Interest | \$49.17 | \$50.00 | \$48.52 | \$50.00 |
| Donations | \$1,850.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$116,394.72 | \$900.00 |
| State Grant | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other | \$37.91 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| From checking account | | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Receipts | <u>\$23,222.08</u> | <u>\$21,200.00</u> | <u>\$143,740.74*</u> | <u>\$18,000.00</u> |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Electricity | \$901.67 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,121.33 | \$1,100.00 |
| Propane | \$4,142.99 | \$4,000.00 | \$5,883.71 | \$5,500.00 |
| Telephone | \$511.78 | \$500.00 | \$450.35 | \$500.00 |
| Custodial | \$2,099.18 | \$2,100.00 | \$1,566.46 | \$2,500.00 |
| Maintenance | \$2,436.38 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,445.37 | \$2,500.00 |
| Insurance | \$3,372.31 | \$4,000.00 | \$3,931.82 | \$4,000.00 |
| Supplies | \$126.81 | \$100.00 | \$144.63 | \$150.00 |
| Improvements | \$0.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$677.25 | \$1,750.00 |
| Steeple Repair | \$10,295.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$23,886.12</u> | <u>\$21,200.00</u> | <u>\$16,220.92</u> | <u>\$18,000.00</u> |

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 LIBRARY REPORT

Although the Mill River came close to the front steps, the Library suffered no flood damage from Tropical Storm Irene. In the days and weeks after the storm, the Library became an even more vital gathering place; townspeople came not only to borrow books, music, and videos, but to tell storm stories and use our wireless internet. Our September 10th Street Dance had a record attendance, as people came together to celebrate this community.

This year, the Library is requesting \$7,500 in town tax support to help cover basic operating expenses: fuel, electricity, insurance, telephone service and internet access, septic pumping, and maintenance. Although total actual operating expenses in 2011 were \$15,469, we recognize that the Town and its taxpayers have exceptional needs this year. We will fund-raise to meet the remaining operating expenses, and to add new books, videos and music, as well as presenting programs in the public interest. We use our Capital Fund for major repairs to our historic building and to upgrade technological services.

In 2011, we celebrated 36 years as an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing educational and cultural services to townspeople free of charge. Last year we loaned 3,875 books, DVDs, videotapes and music CDs, and recorded 3,198 patron visits. 439 people took advantage of our two public computers with free high-speed internet access, or brought their laptops and used our WiFi (wireless) internet connection. The Library was proud to meet the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries for the 11th straight year.

Thanks to Children's Librarian Gail Hartigan, the Library offered 16 programs attended by 210 children and parents: Junior Librarians; the Summer Reading Program and Encore Theater; and Summer and Autumn Songs with Dino Rice and Maya Zelkin. Mill River Honor Society students bar-coded the children's collection, and also staffed during library hours. 346 people attended 19 programs for adults: Coffee Tasting by Vermont Coffee Company; Stan and Louise Duda on Habitat for Humanity in Sri Lanka; Gardeners' Roundtable; archaeologist Charlie Paquin on ancient tools; the Shrewsbury Treasures Project, and the Famous Books Book Club.

Fund-raising efforts included Mettawee Theater Company's annual production; the Book & Bake Sale; the Street Dance; the Holiday Cookie Swap & Silent Auction; and a raffle of Lucille Fiske's beautiful quilt, "Comfort After the Storm."

Co-President Donna Swartz took courses offered by the Vermont Dept. of Libraries towards certification as a Vermont Librarian. She and Lisa Sharrow continued bar-coding our collection, while Lisa has made library cards for patrons, who can now download audio books through ListenUp!Vermont. Under our Five Year Plan, we have a reading corner with a Keurig for coffee or tea, and offer 25 magazines, as well as a paperback exchange.

We are very grateful for the Town's past support and its continuing generosity.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Aleshire & Donna Swartz, Co-Presidents

2011 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

| | | |
|---|--------|------------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2011 | | \$ 64,824 |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Operating | 29,269 | |
| Capital Fund | - | |
| Restricted | 120 | |
| Total Receipts | | 29,389 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Operating | 15,469 | |
| Capital Fund | 2,559 | |
| Restricted | 983 | |
| Total Expenditures | | (19,011) |
| ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2011 | | <u>\$ 75,202</u> |
| <u>Capital Fund - Beginning January 1, 2011</u> | | \$ 27,010 |
| Receipts | | - |
| Board designation of funds | | 549 |
| Expenditures | | (2,559) |
| <u>Capital Fund - Ending December 31, 2011</u> | | <u>\$ 25,000</u> |

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

| | Beginning Balances | Receipts | Expended | Ending Balances |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Ben Perry Fund | \$ 749 | \$ 20 | \$ 749 | \$ 20 |
| E. Jeffords Permanent Fund | 3,500 | - | - | 3,500 |
| Freeman Grant | 40 | - | - | 40 |
| Children's Program | - | 100 | 100 | - |
| Allan YA Book Fund | 37 | - | 11 | 26 |
| Gerty Current Fiction Fund | 543 | - | 77 | 466 |
| Large Print Book Fund | 50 | - | - | 50 |
| Viola Parker Fund | 357 | - | - | 357 |
| Speakers Fund | 595 | - | 28 | 567 |
| Mitch Spencer Fund | 129 | - | 18 | 111 |
| | <u>\$ 6,000</u> | <u>\$ 120</u> | <u>\$ 983</u> | <u>\$ 5,137</u> |

2011 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

| | 2010 | 2011 | | 2012 |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| Operating Revenue: | | | | |
| Town | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 |
| Donations & Unrestricted Grants | 2,780 | 5,400 | 13,291 | 6,500 |
| Fundraising | 5,872 | 4,675 | 7,584 | 5,280 |
| Interest Earned | 479 | 300 | 331 | 300 |
| Other income | 620 | 500 | 563 | 500 |
| Total Operating Revenue | <u>17,251</u> | <u>18,375</u> | <u>29,269</u> | <u>20,080</u> |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Advertising | 220 | 220 | 220 | 300 |
| Materials: Adults | 1,356 | 3,300 | 2,698 | 3,400 |
| Materials: Children & YA | 11 | 1,450 | 188 | 1,700 |
| Children's Program Expense | 854 | 1,250 | 623 | 1,000 |
| Equipment & Repairs | - | 150 | 220 | 250 |
| Electricity | 1,132 | 1,350 | 1,581 | 1,660 |
| Five year plan costs | 54 | 1,400 | 100 | 350 |
| Fuel | 1,839 | 2,025 | 1,504 | 2,000 |
| Fundraising & events expense | 1,511 | 900 | 731 | 2,000 |
| Insurance | 1,939 | 1,915 | 1,689 | 1,750 |
| Librarian Expense | 115 | 175 | - | 150 |
| Maintenance | 1,464 | 1,625 | 1,923 | 2,615 |
| Miscellaneous | 135 | 150 | 47 | 150 |
| Organizational Dues | - | 15 | - | - |
| Septic Pumping | 500 | 1,000 | 990 | 1,000 |
| Postage | 2 | 120 | 29 | 70 |
| Postage-Interlibrary loan | 67 | 200 | 78 | 150 |
| Program Expense | - | 800 | 1,160 | 650 |
| Supplies | 501 | 700 | 685 | 850 |
| Telephone | 1,000 | 1,030 | 1,003 | 1,035 |
| Total Operating Expense | <u>12,700</u> | <u>19,775</u> | <u>15,469</u> | <u>21,080</u> |
| Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses | <u>\$ 4,551</u> | <u>\$ (1,400)</u> | <u>\$ 13,800</u> | <u>\$ (1,000)</u> |

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The year 2011 has been a busy and productive year for the Society. Beginning in September of the year before, a meeting of the Trustees and Museum Committee was called to discuss plans to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Town in 2011. Items that became realities were: the framing of two copies of the Town's Charter, one for the museum and one to be given as a gift to the Town with an accompanying plaque to be hung in the Meeting House; presenting to visitors a smaller copy of the 1st page of the Charter on parchment paper with pencils inscribed with the 250th Anniversary and the Society's 40th anniversary. The president designed a special 250th cachet envelope and postmark with Grace Brigham's artwork as a gift to members and as a fund-raiser. The Society also voted to lower the price of the history book to \$15 for this year. Accomplished also was the transference of oral tapes to CDs of interviews with residents from 1971 to the 1980's by Ahmet Baycu.

The museum opened on July 4, and exhibited for this special year were 80 photos chosen from our archives showing how Shrewsbury grew, the framed copy of the Charter, and tables of artifacts and diaries.

On September 3, the 250th was officially started with the opening of the museum at 8 am until noon to offer the special commemorative postmarked cachet envelopes. The following day, Sunday at 10 am, the "tolling of the bells" was heard from Cuttingsville to the Meeting House to Northam Church, honoring the day of the charter signing in 1761.

Due to Hurricane Irene the week before, plans for the town's celebration on Sept. 4 were postponed until October 22. On November 9, Trustees Grace Brigham, Fran Patten, Richard Bettelli and Catherine Carrara presented a play at the Mountain School with Richard Bettelli portraying Benning Wentworth, Royal Governor of New Hampshire, who signed the Charter. On November 13, the framed charter was hung in the Town Meeting House.

The Historical Society's website continues to inform and entertain. We are proud of it and highly recommend it to all residents: www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our annual request to the Town for \$2000 will greatly help us to continue with the maintenance costs and operating expenses of the historical museum building.

We are all so very grateful for the support of the voters of the Town of Shrewsbury.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Conrad Winkler; Vice President, Marguerite Ponton.

Treasurer, John Elwert; Secretary, Ruth Winkler.

Trustees: Grace Brigham, Catherine Carrara, Fran Patten, Nancy Spencer, Richard Bettelli, and Ann Ridlon. Honorary Trustee: Bud Clark.

SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

SUMMARY

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Checking Account Balance | 2,848.78 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | - |
| Plus Outstanding Deposits | - |
| Money Market Acct | 7,727.46 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 23,609.58 |
| CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2011 | 34,185.82 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Total Receipts for 2011 | 7,723.24 |
| Total Operating Expenses for 2011 | (8,741.60) |

ENDING CASH BALANCE

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Checking Account Balance | 919.06 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | (912.00) |
| Plus Outstanding Deposits | |
| Money Market Acct | 9,364.34 |
| Certificates of Deposit | \$ 23,796.06 |
| ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2011 | \$ 33,167.46 |

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

| | Actual 2010 | Budget 2011 | Actual 2011 | Budget 2012 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| RECEIPTS: | | | | |
| Town of Shrewsbury | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Membership dues | 595.00 | 650.00 | 675.00 | 600.00 |
| Fund Raising | 2,281.75 | 2,500.00 | 2,339.50 | 2,300.00 |
| Contributions | 6,586.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,512.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Interest on CD's and MM | 322.45 | 250.00 | 196.74 | 200.00 |
| Other | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 11,785.20 | 7,400.00 | 7,723.24 | 7,600.00 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Building Repairs & Maintenance | 1,566.39 | 2,000.00 | - | 1,250.00 |
| Insurance | 1,238.00 | 1,240.00 | 912.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Electricity | 331.29 | 400.00 | 342.50 | 350.00 |
| Heating Fuel | 1,181.59 | 1,500.00 | 3,955.82 | 1,800.00 |
| Archival Supplies | 260.51 | 400.00 | 1,104.67 | 1,000.00 |
| Supplies and misc | 5,864.16 | 1,200.00 | 1,672.96 | 1,800.00 |
| Postage | 246.20 | 250.00 | 345.38 | 400.00 |
| Telephone | 409.96 | 410.00 | 408.27 | - |
| Total Operating Expenses | 11,098.10 | 7,400.00 | 8,741.60 | 7,600.00 |
| Excess Receipts over Expenditures | \$ 687.10 | \$ - | \$ (1,018.36) | |

2011 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Your Fire Department responded to 36 calls in 2011. A Thanksgiving structure fire on Cheerio Hill was extinguished with a prompt response and aggressive attack. The time we spend planning and training made a difference. We responded to eight motor vehicle accidents, as well as calls to rescue a horse and a dog.

All of us will long remember Irene’s terrible flash floods, which struck our Town and State on August 28, 2011. Your Fire Department responded to the first call for help at 11:00 a.m. that Sunday, and remained on active duty for the next 10 hours. In the usual emergency, all of our members respond to a single scene, and we can summon mutual aid assistance if more manpower is needed. On this day we received multiple calls in rapid succession for help from Northam, Cuttingsville, the Cold River Road and other locations throughout Town. The flooding greatly restricted our ability to get from one section of Town to another. We could not rely on mutual aid assistance, as neighboring communities were busy dealing with their own problems. Fortunately, our members live throughout Town, and have the ability to communicate and coordinate with central command by radio. Fire Department members went from door to door in neighborhoods overtaken by the rising waters to ensure that all of our residents were evacuated and safe. Protecting lives is our most important job. We worked hard and successfully at it that day.

In early 2011, thanks to generous responses to our annual mailer, SVFD purchased a 500 GPM pump which our members installed on Tanker 2 in Northam. This addition increases our ability to get water quickly from ponds and rivers to where it is needed – the seat of the fire. A monetary gift from our wonderful Auxiliary allowed us to purchase and install alarms in our fire stations – allowing us to practice what we preach about the importance of early detection. The Wallingford Rotary Club bought us a useful tool – a pike pole which can be adjusted to various lengths, with multiple heads to perform a variety of tasks. Many thanks to all those who donated.

After an eventful first year at the helm, Russell Carrara was again elected Fire Chief at our Annual Meeting in October. Tom Puma received the Chief Snarski Award. Barry Griffith – who has now served for 30 years as SVFD Secretary/Treasurer – was given the Peter Cosgrove Award. Our members greatly enjoyed the Townwide celebration in September, and are glad we were able to assist Patrick Angstadt with his spectacular fireworks show. Next up: SVFD’s Anniversary in 2012!

The Fire Department mourned the passing of two former Chiefs in 2011. Dan Korngiebel was a founding member of SVFD who served as Chief between 1958 and 1962. Dick Adams was also a longtime SVFD member, and Chief from 1963 to 1965. Dan and Dick were good friends and neighbors who served the Fire Department and our community in many ways. They will be missed, but not forgotten.

SVFD is presenting a “level funding” request to the Town for the sixteenth year in a row. We have been able to do this thanks to the fundraising efforts of our hardworking volunteers and wonderful Auxiliary, and the generous gifts and support received from you -- our friends and neighbors. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Jack Perry
President

Russell Carrara
Fire Chief

Barry Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

| | Actual 2010 | Budget 2011 | Actual 2011 | Budget 2012 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Raised by SVFD | 15,130.89 | 11,000.00 | 12,842.29 | 12,500.00 |
| Total Operating Income | \$40,130.89 | \$36,000.00 | \$37,842.29 | \$37,500.00 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| New Equipment | 5,111.27 | 6,600.00 | 6,635.47 | 6,600.00 |
| Operating | 3,298.69 | 3,500.00 | 3,976.11 | 3,300.00 |
| Maintenance | 5,296.16 | 4,800.00 | 7,975.79 | 5,500.00 |
| Stations | 10,403.79 | 4,000.00 | 2,675.30 | 4,000.00 |
| Insurance | 8,631.00 | 8,400.00 | 8,426.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Communications | 2,160.59 | 2,500.00 | 1,651.68 | 1,800.00 |
| Heating | 3,302.05 | 3,500.00 | 3,621.86 | 4,600.00 |
| Electric | 1,208.61 | 1,200.00 | 1,644.53 | 1,500.00 |
| Dues/Training | 983.00 | 1,000.00 | 733.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Fundraising | 307.00 | 300.00 | 522.65 | 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 75.00 | 100.00 | 157.16 | 200.00 |
| Bank Charges | 84.88 | 100.00 | 80.44 | 100.00 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Operating Exp. | \$40,862.04 | \$36,000.00 | \$38,099.99 | \$37,500.00 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|

GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2011 **\$34,280.06**

Receipts:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Town of Shrewsbury | \$25,000.00 |
| Race Pool Income | 10,000.00 |
| Coin Drop Income | 2,195.00 |
| Donations | 485.00 |
| Refunds/Other | 94.00 |
| Interest Income | 68.29 |
| | <hr/> |

Total General Fund Receipts **\$37,842.29**

General Fund Expenditures **(38,099.99)**

GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2011 **\$34,022.36**

**2011 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

Replacement Fund

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Opening Balance 01/01/11 | \$17,281.07 | |
| Portable Pump Donations (early '11) | 2,470.00 | |
| Portable Pump Purchase | (5,565.00) | |
| From Auxiliary for Alarms | 1,577.02 | |
| Station Alarms Purchase | (1,577.02) | |
| Firefighters Fund Memorial Donations | (250.00) | |
| Hang Donation Fund | 3,000.00 | |
| Jaws of Life Donations (late '11) | 6,690.00 | |
| Interest Income | 50.57 | |
| Ending Balance 12/31/11 | \$23,676.64 | |

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

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Opening Balance 01/01/11 | \$244,203.70 | |
| Toward 2011 Lease Purchase Payment | (16,308.00) | |
| Change in Investment Value | (9,399.47) | |
| Paid Investment Advisor Fees | (2,285.36) | |
| Ending Balance 12/31/11 | \$216,210.87 | |

Race Pool Account

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Opening Balance 01/01/11 | \$6,219.25 | |
| Donations and Interest Income | 28,738.39 | |
| Prizes and Expenses | (19,471.09) | |
| Transfer to Operating | (10,000.00) | |
| Ending Balance 12/31/11 | \$5,486.55 | |

\$282,484.20

Engine 2 Lease Purchase Payment

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| From Town SVFD Truck Reserve Fund | \$26,000.00 |
| From Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund | \$16,308.00 |
| Paid Payment #6 of 7 in March 2011 | (\$42,308.00) |

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

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

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 FOREST FIRE WARDEN 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 FIRE safe!!

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

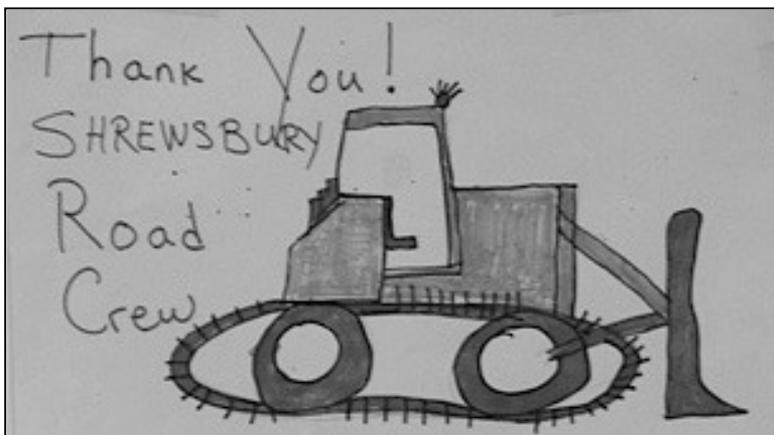
Al Ridlon, Jr.
492-3722 (H)
492-2055 (W)

Town of Shrewsbury
2011 SHREWSBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

During 2011 the Cemetery Commission inspected the eleven small Town cemeteries. They Commission found little damage from fallen tree limbs. However, small brush has started to grow, and major brush clearing will be needed in 2012. In addition, a number of stones require cleaning of moss and lichen. We also plan to begin research on some of the early families buried there. Our thanks again to Bill Tabor and his family for their careful maintenance of the Colburn Cemetery on Tabor Road.

Respectfully submitted,

George Richards, Larry Carrara, and David Rice
Cemetery Commission



Drawing by Shrewsbury Mountain School student



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

THE COMMISSION'S 2011 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Extensive assistance on road and bridge damage resulting from **Tropical Storm Irene**.
- **Technical assistance** on community development, natural resource and transportation issues - including the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations.
- Regular **roundtables of local road commissioners** to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Regular meetings and workshops of the Rutland Region **Local Emergency Planning Committee** addressing disaster response and hazardous materials training.
- 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** which is planning for the future multi-modal transportation needs of the Region.
- The **Brownfields Reuse Program** worked on seven sites, assessing potential contamination issues and assisting redevelopment efforts.
- Supported **Agricultural Viability** through assistance to the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link.
- **Education, training, and information programs** for municipal officials, reimbursement for program fees as well as a periodic Newsletter, and an updated web site.
- Continued a **comprehensive energy program** providing technical energy and lighting audits for municipal buildings in each community, assistance to local energy coordinators and committees, updates of local and regional energy plans, and transportation related energy saving programs.

In Shrewsbury the Regional Planning Commission:

- Participated in bulk purchase of regulatory street signs to save town funds.
- Assisted town in procuring engineering services for Irene-related damage.
- Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan following Tropical Storm Irene.

2011 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT



REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

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

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury:

We are pleased to present our 28th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for twenty-eight years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 151,086 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2011, the service responded to a total of 7,813 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 412 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We dedicate this annual report to Douglas Hastings, Treasurer and John Potter, EMTI. They both passed away this past year and had continuously served Regional Ambulance Service for over 20 years each. They are very much missed.

We also congratulate Paramedic William Mapes 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 26 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles of service on each of them. Regional Ambulance has seven advanced life support equipped ambulances.

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

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,456 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 Regional Ambulance building. In cooperation with the Rutland County Safety Coalition 207 inspections were completed.

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

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

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

Gerry Martin
R.A.S. Board of Directors
Town of Shrewsbury Representative

www.RegionalAmbulance.com

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

Education:

Vermont Envirothon - The District participates in promoting the Vermont Envirothon program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. The Envirothon works to strengthen environmental curriculum at the high school level. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation related issues and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored teams from 2 high schools in the 2011 statewide competition.

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

Outreach:

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

Website - The District hosts a website at www.vacd.org/~rcd that contains information describing the many projects/programs that the District is involved in.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

The District in cooperation with the Upper Otter Creek Watershed Council (UOCWC) has secured funding through grant sources to:

1. Complete a River Corridor Plan on the Neshobe River in the Town of Brandon. A copy of this plan is available on the District's website at www.vacd.org/~rcd
2. Continue working with business, institutional and private property owners in the Moon & Mussey Brook watershed regarding non-point source pollution from grounds care and promote adoption of low input grounds care practices.
3. Promote the use of portable skidder bridges. When properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, skidder bridges will reduce streambank and streambed disturbance which will minimize the potential for sedimentation. The District has (4) bridges for rent at a fee of \$100.00 per month.
4. Completed volunteer water quality monitoring programs during the summers of 2003 - 2011 with laboratory services provided by ANR, DEC LaRosa Laboratory in Waterbury. Copies of each year's report are available on the District's website at www.vacd.org/~rcd
5. Awarded funding through a VT Watershed Grant to continue outreach and education efforts in the Moon Brook watershed in the City of Rutland regarding green stormwater management infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) practices i.e., rain gardens/bioretenion, rain barrels and stream buffer plantings. We worked with businesses located on Strongs Avenue (which is adjacent to the Moon Brook) and installed (2) rain gardens. A stream buffer planting was also installed on Killington Avenue. These practices were installed with the help from a coalition of volunteers and technical resource advisors. Signs identifying the stormwater problem and the practices will be installed at each location for community education. A rain barrel making workshop was also held at Garden Time in Rutland.
6. Awarded funding through a Lake Champlain Basin Program Education & Information Grant to design and install educational signage at Low Impact Development (LID) demonstration projects that were completed in 2009 and 2010 in the Moon Brook Watershed. And to design and install watershed identification signs.

Other:

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

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

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

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



Town of Shrewsbury

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHREWSBURY:

In 2011, 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 86,559 visits to 2,374 patients. In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 600 visits to 32 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



Community helping to get firewood ready for the Road Crew



P.O. Box 1191
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259
@greenupvermont
.greenupvermont

Green Up Day celebrated 41 years in 2011! On May 7, Mother Nature gave us all the reprieve of a beautiful weekend for Greening Up in the midst of a record-setting wet spring. A strong sense of community spirit continues to inspire volunteers to come out and do their part in cleaning up every corner of our lovely state!

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the importance of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit .greenupvermont 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, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2012, the first Saturday in May.

Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!



RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 10 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 **1258 volunteers**. From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **128,469 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$2,597,632**.

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 courtering 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
November 1, 2011



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING

Report to the Citizens of Shrewsbury

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provided to elders in Shrewsbury over the past year:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 1,272 meals that were delivered to the homes of 8 elders in your community; this service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing shelf-stable meals to Meals on Wheels participants and other vulnerable elders in your community to use in emergency situations. 8 Shrewsbury elders came together at one or more of the luncheon sites in your area to enjoy the good company of others; 220 meals were provided to this group over the past year.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA Case Management staff worked with 12 elders in Shrewsbury, helping with problem solving, applications, and related programs for example; Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. They also helped elders connect with in-home assistance programs, such as the Choices for Care Medicaid Waiver, which is the State’s long term care service. This program was especially helpful to frail elders who wanted to stay at home rather than to go into a nursing home.

Other:

Council on Aging services also included: 1) Medicare and health benefit counseling; 2) Our “Senior HelpLine” staff toll free at 1-800-642-5119 to provide telephone help to elders and others who needed information on available programs and support; 3) Legal assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by the Council’s contracted Registered Dietician; 5) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 6) Assistance to elders dealing with mental health issues through the Elder Care Clinician program provided by your local community mental health organization. 7) Your coordination of transportation services; 8) Community Development assistance; creating community partnerships to help make your town a better place for older persons to have a good quality of life, and 9) Caregiver support and information, including Alzheimer/Dementia respite grants to family members and others who provide valuable support to elders in need of care.

Please note:

Individual elders may also call upon SVCOA as an additional resource with any issue/concern that may be due to Tropical Storm Irene.



The temporary Frank Lord Bridge—a quick welcome repair after the flood.

2011 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 2011, 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 2011, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,473 hours of services to 35 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
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



Flood waters on Route 103 through Cuttingsville



The Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter is a non-profit agency working within Rutland County to provide safety and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. We have been in Rutland County for 32 years serving families who live in danger.

Over the past year we have assisted over 3500 people in dangerous situations. We shelter families in immediate fear of harm, we offer counseling, support groups, help with relocation, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We respond to domestic violence and rape, assist with family court advocacy, and other services necessary to keep families safe.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of **Shrewsbury** for their continued support of our program. **We provided services for 38 residents of Shrewsbury this year.** Because of your consistent support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for those survivors of domestic violence from your town.

Sincerely,
Miche Chamberlain M.S.
Executive Director RCWN&S

Board of Directors: Dreama Brower, Kara Soulia, Ann Warrell, Linda Bunker, Nicole Fabian



CCC Road near Northam turned into rubble by Hurricane Irene



Rutland County Parent Child Center Inc.
61 Pleasant Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-5009
802-775-9711 or 800-480-9711
Fax 802-775-5473 caprice.hover@rcpcc.org

2011-2012 Annual Report

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

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

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

- * Literacy based playgroups,
- * Early intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays,
- * A teen parent education program that enables young parents to complete their high school diplomas while learning parenting skills,
- * Support for young families on public assistance,
- * Parent education classes and referral services, and
- * Clinician group and individual sessions and CUPS for children birth to age five.

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.

In addition to the above services, we have a collaboration agreement with Middletown Springs Elementary School, Fair Haven Union High School, and PIRC VT. The Parent Information and Resource Center of Vermont is a project that provides support, information, and training across Vermont to parents and educators. The purpose is to help children of all ages succeed in school. We do this by helping families from all walks of life to actively participate in their child's education and by supporting schools in their efforts to build strong partnerships with parents.

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

BROCC

Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

December 21, 2011

To the Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury,

BROC – 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. BROC continues to experience a large number of low-income individuals and families coming through our doors each day.

Last year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 72 individuals in the Town of Shrewsbury, including one homeless family to secure housing. In addition, BROC's Micro Business Development Program (MBDP) worked with one Shrewsbury resident interested in starting or expanding a small business and BROC created several new partnerships and collaborations 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, BROC is able to help many families facing the difficult decisions on how to make their budgets work with the economic instability and continuing rise in fuel and food prices. Sometimes being able to access a few meals from BROC or having a dry, warm place to stay at night can make all the difference.

Sincerely,
Linda G. Rooker
Executive Director



SVFD 2011 Annual Ham Supper



VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

1 Scale Avenue / Suite 93 / Rutland / Vermont 05701

Phone: 802-775-0617 / Fax: 802-773-0323

Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) is a not-for-profit statewide organization providing adults and students aged 16 and older with free confidential education and literacy services. VAL's Employment Specialists provide advisement for Reach Up clients in partnership with the Department of Economic Services'.

VAL assists speakers of other languages with English in preparation for the American Citizenship exam. These students share their diverse culture with our Vermont students through scheduled presentations during the year.

We also offer *Introduction, Basic and Excel* computer classes. Last year teachers and staff received professional development on Smart phones and tablets in partnership with Verizon, which was open to the public. Smart Board, an interactive white board was also introduced and is an ongoing professional development focus for teachers and staff to integrate in classrooms and for presentations.

We provided 110.25 hours of service to four people in Shrewsbury. Three of the people were 16-21 yrs. of age. Two of the students earned high school credentials.

As of January 2014, all GED tests and registration will be done on the computer. There will be no more paper and pencil registration or testing. If a student has not taken and passed all five paper GED assessments by December 2013, previous paper tests will become null and void and the student will need to start all over, from the beginning with the computerized tests.

Students wanting a diploma can do so in two ways. In the High School Completion Program (HSCP) students achieve their diploma through an individual graduation education plan based on their individual skills, needs and goals. The HSCP for students ages 16-21 is a collaboration between VAL and seven Rutland County high schools. Students older than eighteen may choose the Adult Diploma Program (ADP) which is project and portfolio based.

Post-Secondary classes are also offered to students who need additional skill preparation for college readiness or for employment purposes. We offer a "soft skills" class, Career 101 that provides training for students on how to write resumes, professional dress, what to ask and what not to ask in an interview, cell phone and business etiquette, along with communication skills and much more. *Work Keys*, the nationally recognized assessment of work skills with certification at various levels is offered monthly at the Vermont Adult Learning Center in Rutland at the Howe Center.

This is my second annual report as Rutland Regional Manager. Providing high quality, respectful education, advisement for employability, post secondary education and support to Vermonters who need our service continues to be my primary goal. Please call, e-mail or stop by to see our facilities in the Howe Center on the floor.

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

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
SUMMARY REPORT

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

In FY'11 (Oct. 2010-Sept. 2011) VCIL responded to over **2,183** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **400** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 29 peers were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL assisted **191** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible and provided **230** individuals with assistive technology. **556** individuals had and 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 now have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '11, **three** residents of **Shrewsbury** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)

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



Cold River Road near Wilmouth Hill after the storm.



110 Marble St.
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TOWN REPORT

The mission of **NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont** is to transform lives by promoting safe and affordable housing for families in Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time. Studies repeatedly show that families with permanent homes obtain higher education, higher income, improved self-esteem, and reduced family conflict. Also, homeownership results in stable neighborhoods where neighbors care about one another.

We provide home rehabilitation services, low interest loans, homebuyer education, foreclosure intervention, and financial fitness counseling. One important service is the rehab of existing homes to address the health and safety issues in the home. Our newest program, The NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad helps homeowners-- regardless of income-- make energy efficiency improvements to their homes which saves families on average over \$900 annually on heating and energy costs, and makes homes more comfortable.

2011 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont.

- ❖ **84** families attended homebuyer education classes.
- ❖ **19** families purchased their first homes with help from the HomeOwnership Center and received loans totaling **\$220,165** toward their home purchase.
- ❖ **29** families repaired their homes with **\$517,525** in Revolving Loan Funds.
- ❖ Counseled **154** people in danger of foreclosure.
- ❖ **708** households had affordable Energy Check-Ups (audits), and of those, **51** received loans totaling **\$594,193**
- ❖ **In Shrewsbury seventy-nine households had Home Energy Check-Ups. Of those, 15 have completed the recommended energy improvements with the help of the H.E.A.T. Squad— five improvements were made possible by energy loans totaling \$39,386. One families in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling to help keep their home.**

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

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

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!

Respectfully,
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

2011 VERMONT TRAILS and GREENWAYS COUNCIL REPORT



On behalf of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds your community well. We respectfully request your support by including a renewal application with this letter. The VT Trails and Greenways Council is an organization with state-wide responsibility. As such we are not able to petition each town, so we ask that this small amount be included in your budget. We hope this request arrives at an appropriate time.

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

Your membership will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont – for all trail users from hikers – mountain bikers that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont’s recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars and steward natural resources. Learn more at our website: [://www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org/](http://www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org/)

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

- ❖ Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state.
- ❖ Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont.
- ❖ Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System.
- ❖ Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails and Greenways Manual – a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects.
- ❖ Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects.
- ❖ Participating in the development of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.
- ❖ Providing community assistance - members of the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project.
- ❖ Hosting the Annual Vermont Trail Symposium, a hands-on trails workshop that offers great networking and skill building opportunities.

Please complete the attached membership form and feel free to contact us with your ideas. Together we can arrive at solutions to continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at (802)-498-4506, or any members of our Board of Director’s on the attached list.

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

Sincerely,
Walter Opszynski, Chair

@northernforestcanoetrail

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)**

I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2010-2011)

A. School Board

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Adrienne Raymond, Chairperson | 2012 |
| Ed Hemmer | 2014 |
| Sara Bolster | 2013 |

Mill River Board:

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Andrew Richards-Peelle | 2013 |
| Sally Snarski (appointed) | 2012 |

B. Administration and RSSU Programs

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

| Staff Member: | Assignment: | Employed by: | Time in the Building: |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Amy Blongy | Preschool Teacher | SMS | 5 - Half Days/week |
| Julia Bonafine | MAP Teacher (Grades K-1) | SMS | 5 – Full Days/week |
| Pam Bullock | Food Service | SMS | 5- Half Days/week |
| Jennifer Cohen | Music Teacher | SMS | 1.5- Full Days/week |
| Marj Congdon | Administrative Assistant | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Susan Duskwicz | Special Education Para-educator | SMS | 5-Full Days/week |
| Debra Fishwick | Teaching Principal | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Darlene Remy | Speech & Language Pathologist | RSSU | 2 - Half Days/week |
| Bryan Cupoil | Physical Education | SMS | 3 - Half Days/week |
| Charlene Lundeen | School Nurse | SMS | 1 -Full Day/Week |

| Staff Member: | Assignment: | Employed by: | Time in the Building: |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Sabrina McDonough | Grade 4/5/6 Teacher | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Daniel Morrison | Grade 4/5/6 Teacher | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Julie Redington | Para-Educator | SMS | 4.5 Full Days/week |
| Erin Rice | Grade 2/3 Teacher | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Gerry Campeau | Custodian | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Christine Starinkas | Elementary Teacher/Title I | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Jackie McCuin | Special Education Teacher | SMS | 5 - Full Days/week |
| Michelle Suker | Reading/Math | SMS | 2.25 Hours/Day |
| Tiffany Cassano | Guidance | SMS | 1-Full Day/week |
| Cynthia Thornton | Special Education Para-educator | SMS | 3 - Full Days/week |
| Pam Bullock | Library Assistant | SMS | 1.5 Hours/Day |
| Amber Kaemmerlen | Art Teacher | SMS | 1 - Full Day/week |

ENROLLMENT:

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

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Actual 2009-2010</u> | <u>Actual 2010-2011</u> | <u>Actual 2011-2012</u> | <u>Estimated 2012-2013</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Preschool | 11 | 19 | 13 | 10 |
| K | 6 | 4 | 11 | 6 |
| 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 11 |
| 2 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 4 |
| 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 10 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| 5 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 6 |
| Total Elementary | 63 | 64 | 61 | 61 |

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2009-2010</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2010-2011</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2011-2012</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>2012-2013</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7 | 15 | 10 | 8 | 3 |
| 8 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 8 |
| 9 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 10 |
| 10 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| 11 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 9 |
| 12 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 6 |
| Total Mill River | 70 | 62 | 60 | 51 |
| Total | 133 | 126 | 121 | 112 |

Presently there are 60 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

Another year has passed and I, and my fellow Board Members, thank the Shrewsbury community for their ongoing support of the Shrewsbury Mountain School (SMS)- we greatly appreciate it. Local schools hold such a valuable place in our communities, but they must stay effective in their prime role, educating our children and the Mountain School does just that. Our children are learning reading, writing, arithmetic, as well as the sciences, art, music, lifetime sports, how to work cooperatively and respectfully with each other, and so much more. I invite you all to come to the school for concerts, to ski with the kids on Fridays, join the 4 Winds environmental education program or any of the many ways you can be a part of the school and see what goes on there. I am proud of our school and I hope you are, too.

Of course there are programs and equipment that we would like to provide, but money is always an issue. Which brings up one of the most important tasks that this Board faces- preparation of the budget. This year, again, money is incredibly tight. The pressure from the State and you, the local taxpayer, to hold down costs is heard by this Board loud and clear. We have reviewed our District's expenditures line by line and have asked our Administrators what we need and what we can do without during our many budget meetings. The budget that we are presenting to you is \$1,004,392. This total reflects increases in salary and benefits and increases in our special education spending. The salary increases are the result of our recently signed Master Agreement with the Teachers' Association. I want to stress that in the current school year our staff agreed to a 0% increase in recognition of the tough economic times. We also have a contribution of \$10,000 to the Building Sinking Fund on the warning for ongoing building maintenance. Overall we are showing slightly more than a 2% increase in spending, but with the CLA adjustment- that is in our favor this year- our tax rate should remain essentially level and we are still well below the statewide average.

In this current year all four RSSU districts (Shrewsbury, Clarendon, Wallingford, and Mill River) started the process of consolidating transportation into one operation run by the Supervisory Union. In past years, Shrewsbury has kept a Bus Sinking Fund for the purchase of new buses. Now all future bus purchases or leases will be done by the Supervisory Union as part of our consolidated transport operations. Each of the four districts is placing its buses into the consolidated operation, however as all the buses are of different value and age and each district has a different ratio of bus value per size of district an agreement was reached to try and equalize the values with cash

contributions. Shrewsbury's contribution was set at \$14,348, Wallingford's \$26,877, Clarendon's \$43,775, and Mill River \$0. These contributions will go toward the purchase of a new bus next year. In subsequent years the acquisition of new buses will come directly from the operating budget. To fund our contribution we have an article on the ballot to pay RSSU the \$14,348 from our Bus Sinking Fund. Since we will no longer need a fund for bus purchase, we are asking to move the remainder of the Bus Fund to the Building Sinking Fund. The Building Fund can make good use of this infusion. Now that we have insulated and tightened up the building we are in the process of providing a more energy efficient circulation of air in the building and this summer we plan to start improvements to the roof.

I, and my fellow Board Members, hope that you will support these plans and we look forward to answering any questions you may have at the Informational Meeting on March 5 at 5:30.

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond, School Board Chair

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am pleased to present my annual report to the Shrewsbury Mountain School community. Students in Shrewsbury are successful on a variety of measures because they are taught by dedicated professionals who are led by an exceptional principal, and because they are supported by the entire school community. It is an honor to be associated with your school and your staff and I look forward to continuing to work with them and with your school board.

FY13 BUDGET: The expenses for FY13 totaling **\$1,004,392** have been approved by the Shrewsbury Board and are submitted to voters on Town Meeting Day for approval. This budget represents an increase in spending of **\$61,705** over the approved budget for FY12. The increase is due to in part to changes in staff from last year to this year, the board's commitment to improving technology infrastructure, and projected increases in contracted salary and benefits for FY 13.

While the budgeting process is always difficult, fluctuating student populations statewide, and in RSSU, force school boards to examine staff to student ratios closely. Shrewsbury's staffing levels have remained relatively constant over the last 10 years, while student enrollments have varied significantly from a high of 98 students, PK-6 in 2002-03, to the current 63 students PK-6 as of January, 2012. The board will continue to monitor staffing needs as projected enrollments fluctuate.

Shrewsbury's spending per equalized pupil is estimated to be \$12,590, well below the Department of Education's penalty threshold of \$14,841. The budget for FY13 also does not propose spending in excess of the Maximum Inflation Amount; therefore, the penalty and two-vote provisions of Act 82 do not apply to next year's expenditures.

FY13 TAX RATES: The following are estimates only and assume that no changes are made to the FY13 budget at town meeting. They are based on the information available at the time this report goes to print and are shown to explain how assessments are calculated:

In Shrewsbury, 41.4% of the equalized pupils attend Shrewsbury Mountain School and 58.6% of the equalized pupils attend Mill River Union High School. The elementary tax rate is estimated to be **\$1.2602** and the Mill River tax rate is **\$1.3327**.

Shrewsbury Elementary School component 41.4% of \$1.2602 is \$0.5217
Mill River Union #40 School component 58.6% of \$1.3327 is \$0.7810
Town of Shrewsbury (average) Homestead Tax rate (before CLA) = \$1.3027
The average rate is then adjusted by the CLA which in Shrewsbury is 114.10% for 2011 producing an Estimated Homestead Tax rate of **\$1.1417**.

For FY 13 the base education support amount is projected to increase to **\$8,891**, or \$347 more than the \$8544 rate that has been in effect for the previous three years.

TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATION: At the start of FY 12 last July 1, Rutland South Supervisory Union assumed responsibility for management of the transportation system for all of the schools in RSSU. Coordination of route planning using state of the art software has allowed for a reduction in the number of routes beginning in the fall of 2012. We anticipate that increased efficiencies in bus operations will over time, allow for more cost-effective management of the service. Ownership of the busses will be transferred to RSSU beginning in FY 13 as called for in Phase II of the Transportation Consolidation Plan.

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

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

Dana J. Cole-Levesque

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The 2010-2011 school year ended with 62 students in preschool through grade. The 2011-2012 school year’s population is currently 61 students. This includes several students who have come to our school through the School Choice Program. We are

excited to see the number of young families that are becoming part of our school community.

The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) is utilized 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 75 % of our students scored in the Proficient or Proficient with Distinction range in reading and in mathematics. Students in 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 grade students each spring. These scores are for students in the 2010-2011 school year. The NECAP standardized assessments along with other local assessments are used to help us monitor student progress and assess the effectiveness of our curricula and programs.

The State will be moving toward adopting the Common Core Standards. To date more than forty states have adopted these academic standards and assessments. Vermont has played an active role in the development of these new standards. The goal of the standards is to prepare all students to graduate from high school "College" 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. This process will take time to implement, but should be in place by the 2014-2015 school year.

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

The Shrewsbury Mountain School is now in its second year using an RTI (Response to Instruction) model. At school we refer to this block of time as our "Brain Power" time. The time is structured to provide extra support or enrichment to all students in math or literacy based on their individual needs. The instruction provided in a small group for approximately 30 minutes a day for 3-4 week cycles. We monitor student

progress throughout the year. This year we also have incorporated thematic based units of study. The thematic based units of study provide students an opportunity to explore a topic in a variety of disciplines.

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

The students of the Shrewsbury Mountain School continue to be philanthropists. Students participated in the Stuff-A-Bus program, collecting nearly 375 food items. Staff, students and community members also organized a community supper to thank the road crew along with the many volunteers that worked tirelessly throughout Tropical Storm Irene and the aftermath.

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

I appreciate the continued support of the Shrewsbury community. It is only possible with the help of the dedicated staff, volunteers, and community support 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 the many community volunteers and our local PTO; with their support, we are able to continue to offer the 4 Winds Program (formally ELF), other extra curricula activities, soccer and basketball 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. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Debra L. Fishwick, Principal

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Combined Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2011**

Table III

| | General | Lunch | Fixed Assets | Long Term Debt | Total |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash | 27,394 | 521 | | | 27,915 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 806 | | | 806 |
| Fixed Assets (Depreciated) | | | 65,558 | | 65,558 |
| Retire Long Term Debt | | | | | 0 |
| Total Assets | 27,394 | 1,327 | 65,558 | 0 | 94,279 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | 339 | | | | 339 |
| Due to Other Funds | 487 | | | | 487 |
| Bonds Payable | | | | | 0 |
| Total Liabilities | 826 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 826 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | |
| Fund Balance | 26,568 | 1,327 | | | 27,895 |
| Capital Assets | | | 65,558 | | 65,558 |
| Total Fund Equity | 26,568 | 1,327 | 65,558 | 0 | 93,453 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Equity | 27,394 | 1,327 | 65,558 | 0 | 94,279 |

Note: Excluded from Long Term Debt above is \$24,497 EPA Loan (Water Project) subject to loan forgiveness. At the March 4th, 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 2010 | 5,008 | (372) | 4,636 |
| Expenditures | (1,012,782) | (31,802) | (1,044,584) |
| Revenues | 1,060,313 | 22,530 | 1,082,843 |
| Transfers In (Out) | (25,971) | 10,971 | (15,000) |
| Prior Period Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balance June 2011 | 26,568 | 1,327 | 27,895 |

**Sinking Funds
Table V**

| | Bus Fund | Building Fund | Preschool Fund | Total Sinking Funds |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance July 2010 | 47,043 | 57,434 | 6,598 | 111,075 |
| Expenditures-Operations | 0 | (47,499) | 0 | (47,499) |
| Expenditures-Transfers out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenues-Approved Transfers in | 5,000 | 10,000 | 0 | 15,000 |
| Revenue-Grants | 0 | 42,743 | 0 | 42,743 |
| Revenue-Interest | 587 | 58 | 83 | 728 |
| Prior Period Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balance June 2011 | 52,630 | 62,736 | 6,681 | 122,047 |

Shrewsbury Town School District
Operational Fund FY2013

| Description | Budget Approved 2010-2011 | Audited Actuals 2010-2011 | Budget Approved 2011-2012 | Estimated 2011-2012 | Budget Proposed 2012-2013 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Revenue | 1,006,178 | 1,060,304 | 944,483 | 1,005,371 | 993,787 |
| Total Expenditures | 996,310 | 1,038,744 | 942,687 | 1,021,334 | 1,004,392 |
| Excess (Rebate) of Revenue | 9,868 | 21,560 | 1,796 | (15,963) | (10,605) |
| Beginning Bal July 1 | (9,868) | 5,008 | (1,796) | 26,568 | 10,605 |
| Audit Adjustments - Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Bal June 30 | 0 | 26,568 | 0 | 10,605 | 0 |

Revenue
Table 1

| Code | Account | Budget Approved 2010-2011 | Audited Actuals 2010-2011 | Budget Approved 2011-2012 | Estimated 2011-2012 | Proposed Budget 2012-2013 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Local Revenue | | | | | | |
| 1312 | Tuition | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1314 | Tuition school choice | 17,088 | 17,088 | 0 | 8,618 | 8,618 |
| 1422 | Transport | 27,000 | 32,161 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1500 | Investments | 3,000 | 1,355 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 7,000 |
| 1940 | Excess Cost Reimb.-Transfer Prog. | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1990 | Other Local | 0 | 6,402 | 0 | 1,200 | 0 |
| Total Local Revenue | | 52,088 | 62,006 | 6,000 | 15,818 | 15,618 |
| 2000 Sub Grants | | 16,797 | 33,000 | 31,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| State Revenue | | | | | | |
| 3110 | ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support | 752,802 | 741,602 | 737,360 | 750,360 | 757,094 |
| 3145 | ACT 60 Small School Aid | 77,303 | 77,303 | 76,384 | 81,298 | 83,248 |
| 3150 | ACT 60 Transport Aid | 10,910 | 10,858 | 12,145 | 12,208 | 16,002 |
| 3201 | Spec Ed Block Grant | 22,160 | 22,160 | 19,322 | 19,322 | 15,923 |
| 3202 | Spec Ed Expenditures Reim | 52,907 | 45,505 | 41,105 | 73,641 | 69,116 |
| 3204 | Spec Ed EEE | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,256 | 6,256 | 6,786 |
| 3205 | Spec Ed State Placed | 14,911 | 18,278 | 14,911 | 0 | 0 |
| 3790 | State EPA / Equipment Grant | 0 | 4,773 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total State Revenue | | 937,293 | 926,779 | 907,483 | 943,085 | 948,169 |
| Federal Revenue | | | | | | |
| 4110 | ARRA Education Spending Grant | 0 | 26,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Education Jobs Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,237 | 0 |
| Total Federal Revenue | | 0 | 26,200 | 0 | 13,237 | 0 |
| Other Revenue | | | | | | |
| 5300 | Compensation for Loss | 0 | 11,612 | 0 | 2,508 | 0 |
| 5400 | Prior year adj | 0 | 707 | 0 | 723 | 0 |
| 5840 | Sub Reimbursement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Other Revenue | | 0 | 12,319 | 0 | 3,231 | 0 |
| Total Revenue - All Sources | | 1,006,178 | 1,060,304 | 944,483 | 1,005,371 | 993,787 |
| 5350 | Transfers - Pending Approval | 15,000 | inc in # 3110 | 13,000 | inc in # 3110 | 10,000 |

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Expenses**

Table II

| Code | Account | 2010-2011 Approved Budget | 2010-2011 Audited Actuals | 2011-2012 Approved Budget | 2011-2012 Anticipated | 2012-2013 Proposed Budget |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 1100 | General Instruction | | | | | |
| | Salaries | 253,891 | 273,565 | 274,425 | 273,408 | 283,848 |
| | Benefits | 116,379 | 103,126 | 99,976 | 100,706 | 103,856 |
| | Purchased Services | 5,075 | 2,094 | 5,075 | 3,990 | 2,300 |
| | S. U. Assessment-Gifted & Tal. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,151 |
| | Tuition - School Choice | 12,816 | 11,102 | 8,618 | 12,927 | 8,618 |
| | Supplies/Snacks/Travel | 8,850 | 5,585 | 7,650 | 7,650 | 7,400 |
| | Books / Periodicals | 4,000 | 1,152 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,500 |
| | Equipment | 500 | 20 | 500 | 500 | 300 |
| | Licensing Fees/MAP Testing | 1,150 | 352 | 1,150 | 1,150 | 0 |
| 1100 | Total Instruction | 402,661 | 396,996 | 400,394 | 403,331 | 408,973 |
| 1150 | Preschool | | | | | |
| | Salaries | 25,908 | 25,545 | 25,647 | 25,723 | 26,309 |
| | Benefits | 6,725 | 4,272 | 5,596 | 6,312 | 6,395 |
| | Supplies & Snacks | 1,400 | 1,553 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| | Dues/Fees | 0 | 0 | 275 | 275 | 275 |
| 1150 | Total Preschool | 34,033 | 31,370 | 32,918 | 33,710 | 34,379 |
| 1400 | Activities | 1,468 | 1,208 | 1,464 | 2,664 | 1,464 |
| 1500 | Title I | 16,797 | 33,920 | 34,449 | 34,515 | 35,378 |
| 2120 | Guidance | 10,550 | 10,076 | 9,735 | 10,391 | 11,737 |
| 2130 | Health Services | 10,457 | 12,070 | 11,591 | 11,615 | 11,180 |
| 2210 | Improvement of Instruction | 10,166 | 9,338 | 10,535 | 10,535 | 5,250 |
| 2220 | Library / Media | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 7,999 | 7,958 | 8,394 | 5,714 | 9,506 |
| | Supplies & Repairs | 500 | 50 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| | Books / Periodicals | 2,060 | 1,670 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 2,060 |
| | Software/Equipment/Dues/Fees | 100 | 122 | 100 | 298 | 100 |
| 2220 | Total Library / Media | 10,659 | 9,800 | 10,804 | 8,322 | 11,916 |
| 2230 | Technology | 9,500 | 6,432 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 27,517 |
| 2310 | Board of Education | 6,714 | 10,113 | 6,714 | 13,496 | 6,714 |
| 2320 | Administration-RSSU | 17,498 | 17,498 | 17,826 | 17,826 | 14,983 |
| 2400 | Administration | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 93,938 | 95,560 | 96,032 | 97,918 | 101,653 |
| | Contracted Services | 1,000 | 363 | 920 | 920 | 710 |
| | Telephone / Postage | 3,000 | 1,599 | 3,000 | 2,000 | 2,600 |
| | Travel/Supplies/Books | 969 | 233 | 450 | 450 | 450 |
| | Equipment & Software | 1,400 | 1,631 | 1,450 | 1,450 | 0 |
| | Dues / Fees | 500 | 330 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| 2400 | Total Administration | 100,807 | 99,716 | 102,352 | 103,238 | 105,913 |

| Code | Account | 2010-2011 Approved Budget | 2010-2011 Audited Actuals | 2011-2012 Approved Budget | 2011-2012 Anticipated | 2012-2013 Proposed Budget |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2520 | Fiscal Services | | | | | |
| | Salary & Benefits | 1,077 | 1,076 | 1,077 | 1,077 | 1,077 |
| | S.U. Assessment | 16,130 | 16,130 | 15,940 | 15,940 | 16,762 |
| | Audit/Fees/Supplies | 2,700 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| | Interest/ note anticipation | 6,682 | 1,763 | 5,625 | 4,758 | 5,200 |
| 2520 | Total Fiscal Services | 26,589 | 21,769 | 25,442 | 24,975 | 26,239 |
| 2600 | Buildings / Grounds | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 49,368 | 53,198 | 45,675 | 45,768 | 43,349 |
| | Repair / Maintenance | 10,000 | 47,095 | 10,000 | 16,016 | 12,200 |
| | Equipment Rental - Copier | 5,200 | 4,185 | 5,200 | 4,800 | 5,200 |
| | Insurance | 7,430 | 6,308 | 6,625 | 6,310 | 6,625 |
| | Travel/Supplies | 4,300 | 5,569 | 4,300 | 4,000 | 3,400 |
| | Electricity | 8,300 | 9,402 | 8,950 | 8,950 | 8,950 |
| | Fuel Oil | 18,000 | 13,676 | 14,500 | 16,000 | 15,050 |
| | Gasoline | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| | Equipment / Furniture | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 | 2,680 | 2,500 |
| 2600 | Total Buildings / Grounds | 105,098 | 139,433 | 97,750 | 104,624 | 97,374 |
| 2711 | Transportation | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 16,987 | 33,655 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | S.U. Assessment | 0 | 0 | 24,829 | 24,829 | 23,528 |
| | Repairs/Maint. & Services | 9,556 | 15,961 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contracted Transportation | 9,150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Insurance - Buses | 1,100 | 915 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Diesel Fuel - Buses | 10,650 | 8,205 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2711 | Total Transportation | 47,443 | 58,736 | 24,829 | 24,829 | 23,528 |
| 2720 | Transportation -Activities | 700 | 624 | 0 | 0 | 1,810 |
| 2790 | Transportation -Field Trips | 1,292 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 2,050 |
| 5200 | Prior Yr. Adjustments | 0 | 121 | 0 | 616 | 0 |
| 5300 | Food Svc. Subsidy/Transfers | 8,000 | 10,971 | 8,000 | 12,000 | 10,000 |
| Total Operating Expenses-General | | 820,432 | 870,891 | 803,603 | 825,487 | 836,405 |
| 1200 | Special Education | | | | | |
| | Salaries & Benefits | 136,917 | 116,625 | 99,877 | 144,150 | 129,280 |
| | Purchased Educ. Svc. | 1,000 | 2,734 | 1,000 | 490 | 1,000 |
| | RSSU - EEE Assessment | 7,440 | 7,440 | 7,883 | 7,883 | 6,268 |
| | RSSU - Trans Assessment | 0 | 0 | 1,149 | 1,149 | 0 |
| | Travel/Supplies/Equipment | 1,550 | 266 | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,550 |
| | OT Services & Assessment | 3,438 | 2,938 | 3,258 | 3,258 | 3,414 |
| | Psych Services & Assessment | 8,231 | 5,731 | 8,316 | 8,316 | 7,497 |
| | Speech Services & Assessment | 3,217 | 3,034 | 2,821 | 2,821 | 4,766 |
| | Spec Ed. Admin. Assessment | 14,085 | 14,085 | 13,230 | 13,230 | 14,212 |
| 1200 | Total Special Education | 175,878 | 152,853 | 139,084 | 182,847 | 167,987 |
| Total General & Special Ed. Expenses | | 996,310 | 1,023,744 | 942,687 | 1,008,334 | 1,004,392 |
| 5350 | Transfers-to Sinking Funds | 15,000 | 15,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | 10,000 |
| Grand Total -Expenses | | 1,011,310 | 1,038,744 | 955,687 | 1,021,334 | 1,014,392 |

Pending Approval

Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness

16 V.S.A. 165 (a) (2) (K)

The Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness Chart is provided by the Department of Education.

Section 1 – “FY2011 School Level Data” represents enrollment, teacher, and administrator data from fall 2010(FY2011). Teachers included are all secondary teachers and Special Educators. Administrators included are principals, assistant principals, Title I coordinators and Special Education Directors. Enrollment data are a headcount at a school regardless of district of residence.

Section 2 – “FY2010 School District Data” represents current expenditures per FTE (full time equivalent teacher) less special education costs. Supervisory Union assessments are included. Data are at the school district level.

Section 3 – “FY2012 School District Data” represents education spending per equalized pupil. Data at the school district level.

Data cannot be compared. The data are from three different years, are reported at three different levels, and represent different things.

Medicaid Reimbursement Funds 2010-11

During the 2010-11 school year, the Shrewsbury Mountain School did not spend any Medicaid reimbursement funds. These funds are from grant sources and are not represented in the budget.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness 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/>

FY2011 School Level Data

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
28 out of 48

| School level data | | Grades Offered | Enrollment | Total Teachers | Total Administrators | Su. / Tchr Ratio | Su. / Admin Ratio | Tchr / Admin Ratio |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Stockbridge Central School | PK - 6 | 58 | 6.17 | 1.00 | 9.40 | 58.00 | 6.17 | |
| North Hero Elementary School | PK - 6 | 59 | 6.65 | 0.40 | 8.87 | 147.50 | 16.63 | |
| Jamaica Village School | PK - 6 | 60 | 5.40 | 1.00 | 11.11 | 60.00 | 5.40 | |
| Shrewsbury Mountain School | PK - 6 | 61 | 8.40 | 1.20 | 7.26 | 50.83 | 7.00 | |
| Sunderland Elementary School | K - 6 | 62 | 6.40 | 0.80 | 9.69 | 77.50 | 8.00 | |
| Weybridge Elementary School | K - 6 | 63 | 6.90 | 1.00 | 9.13 | 63.00 | 6.90 | |
| Barnard Central School | PK - 6 | 67 | 6.40 | 0.60 | 10.47 | 111.57 | 10.67 | |
| Averaged SCHOOL cohort data | | 62.10 | 6.56 | 0.76 | 9.46 | 81.36 | 8.60 | |

School District: Shrewsbury
LEA ID: T190

FY2010 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2009 FTE < 100
(47 school districts in cohort)

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10, FY11, and FY12.

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

Grades offered in School District
Student FTE enrolled in school district
Current expenditures per special education cost

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

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) 25 out of 47 |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Jamaica | K-6 | 58.09 | \$15,427 | |
| Stockbridge | PK-6 | 60.37 | \$13,460 | 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. |
| Leicester | PK-6 | 61.26 | \$13,754 | |
| Shrewsbury | PK-6 | 62.32 | \$13,815 | |
| Middletown Springs | PK-6 | 64.35 | \$14,594 | |
| Weybridge | K-6 | 68.72 | \$14,107 | |
| Holland | PK-6 | 70.19 | \$10,907 | |
| Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data | | 61.21 | \$13,391 | |

FY2012 School District Data

| LEA ID | School District | Grades offered in School District | School district tax rate | | Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates | | | | |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | SD Equalized Pupils | SD Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate | SD Homestead Ed tax rate | MUN Common Level of Appraisal | MUN Homestead Ed tax rate | MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate |
| T110 | Leicester | - | 60.31 | 13,185.64 | 1,3426 | 1,3292 | 1,1317 | 1,1745 | |
| T239 | Weybridge | - | 61.48 | 15,518.28 | 1,5802 | 1,5256 | 0,6935 | 1,7074 | |
| T009 | Barnard | - | 61.91 | 12,331.11 | 1,2556 | 1,3701 | 1,0450 | 1,3111 | |
| T190 | Shrewsbury | - | 63.12 | 11,887.83 | 1,2105 | 1,2579 | 0,9678 | 1,2998 | |
| T104 | Jamaica | - | 64.12 | 12,000.41 | 1,2219 | 1,3066 | 1,0158 | 1,2862 | |
| T157 | Perrinet | - | 64.25 | 14,623.64 | 1,4691 | 1,4927 | 0,9993 | 1,4937 | |
| T103 | Isle La Motte | - | 64.59 | 13,218.89 | 1,3460 | 1,3460 | 0,8765 | 1,5522 | |

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute: 15 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2). The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

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

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

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

T190
Rutland South

Enter your choice for FY13 base education amount. See note at bottom of page. **8,891**

Enter your choice for estimated homestead base rate for FY2013. See note at bottom of page. **0.89**

| | FY2010 | FY2011 | FY2012 | FY2013 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Expenditures | | | | |
| 1. Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures) | \$1,024,802 | \$1,011,310 | \$957,483 | \$1,014,392 |
| 2. <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting | - | - | - | - |
| 3. <i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending | - | - | - | - |
| 4. Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget | \$1,024,802 | \$1,011,310 | \$957,483 | \$1,014,392 |
| 5. <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any | - | - | - | - |
| 6. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget | - | - | - | - |
| 7. Gross Act 68 Budget | \$1,024,802 | \$1,011,310 | \$957,483 | \$1,014,392 |
| 8. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - |
| 9. Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - |
| Revenues | | | | |
| 10. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues) | \$171,179 | \$243,508 | \$207,123 | \$247,298 |
| 11. <i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60 | - | - | - | - |
| 12. <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures) | - | - | - | nb |
| 13. <i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues | - | - | - | - |
| 14. Total local revenues | \$171,179 | \$243,508 | \$207,123 | \$247,298 |
| 15. Education Spending | \$853,623 | \$767,802 | \$750,360 | \$767,094 |
| 16. Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district) | 75.61 | 68.43 | 63.12 | 60.93 |

| | | | | |
|-----|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 17. | minus | \$11,289.82 | \$11,887.83 | \$12,590 |
| 18. | minus | - | - | |
| 19. | minus | - | - | |
| 20. | | - | - | |
| 21. | minus | - | - | |
| 22. | minus | - | - | |
| 23. | minus | - | - | |
| 24. | plus | threshold = \$13,884 | threshold = \$14,733 | threshold = \$14,841 |
| 25. | Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment | \$11,290 | \$11,888 | \$12,590 |
| 26. | District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$12,590 / \$8,891) | 132.137% | 139.137% | 141.601% |
| | | based on \$8,844 | based on \$8,844 | based on \$8,891 |

| | | | | |
|-----|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 27. | Prorating the local tax rate Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (141.601% x \$0.890) | \$1,1364 | \$1,2105 | \$1,2602 |
| | | based on \$0.88 | based on \$0.87 | based on \$0.890 |
| 28. | Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district | 46.170% | 41.390% | 41.40% |
| 29. | Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (41.400% x \$1.26) | \$0.5247 | \$0.5010 | \$0.5217 |
| 30. | Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 65.69% | 96.78% | 114.10% |
| 31. | Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town ($\$0.5227 / 114.10\%$) | \$0.7988 | \$0.5177 | \$0.4572 |
| | | based on \$0.89 | based on \$0.87 | based on \$0.89 |

| | | | | |
|-----|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 32. | If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate due to prorating for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage. | 2.38% | 2.50% | 2.55% |
| | | based on 1.80% | based on 1.80% | based on 1.80% |
| 33. | Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (141.601% x 1.80%) | 1.10% | 1.03% | 1.06% |
| | | based on 1.80% | based on 1.80% | based on 1.80% |
| 34. | Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (41.400% x 2.55%) | 53.83% | 58.61% | 58.80% |
| 35. | Percent of equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD | - | - | - |

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$8,891. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.89 and \$1.38. The administration has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.87 and \$1.36 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,723. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

FY2013 Estimates
Preliminary Budgets

Act 130 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculation, FY2013

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

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

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

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|-----|--|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles | | |
| 2. | Act 144 expenditures | | 1,014,392 |
| 3. | Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any | | - |
| 4. | Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b) | | - |
| 5. | Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition | | - |
| 6. | Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars | (lines 1 + 3 + 4 + 5) - line 2 | 1,014,392 |
| 7. | Total local revenues | | |
| 8. | Act 144 dedicated revenues | | 247,298 |
| 9. | Act 144 expenditures to raise locally | | - |
| 10. | Local revenues less Act 144 revenues | line 7 - (lines 8 + 9) | 247,298 |
| 11. | Initial Education Spending | line 6 - line 10 | 767,094 |
| 12. | Capital debt hold-harmless aid | line 16, "CDaid" page | - |
| 13. | Education Spending | line 11 - line 12 | 767,094 |
| 14. | Equalized pupils | | |
| 15. | Education spending per equalized pupil | line 13 / line 14 | 60.93 |

Excess Spending Calculation

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|-----|--|----------------------|-----------|
| 15. | NET Eligible FY2013 construction costs, including P&I | | |
| 16. | Borrowing in anticipation of delayed state construction aid due district | | |
| 17. | P&I for approved construction or payment into reserve fund (24 V.S.A. § 2804) | | |
| 18. | Cost of planning the merger of a small school (average grade size ≤ 20 students) | | |
| 19. | SpEd costs, two years prior, in excess of \$50,000 per pupil | | |
| 20. | If tuitioning all students, a deficit due SOLELY to the cost of new students moving in after the budget vote | | |
| 21. | greater than ADM times average tuition rate if tuitioning all students and new students move in after census period, student number | | |
| 22. | Total eligible exclusions | | |
| 23. | Eligible FY2013 exclusions per pupil, including P&I | Sum of lines 15 - 21 | |
| 24. | Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending | line 22 / line 14 | 12,589.76 |
| 25. | Excess spending threshold | line 15 - line 23 | 0-Jan |
| 26. | Per pupil spending above the threshold | line 24 - line 25 | 14,841 NA |

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|-----|--|--|--------------|-----|
| 27. | Per pupil figure used for calculating District Spending Adjustment | line 15 + line 26 | 12,589.76 | 27. |
| 28. | District spending adjustment | | 141,601% | 28. |
| 29. | Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated | max of 100% or (line 27 / 8,891) | 1,260.2 | 29. |
| 30. | Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district | line 28 x \$0.89 | 41.40% | 30. |
| 31. | Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town | line 29 x line 30 | 0.5217 | 31. |
| 32. | Common level of appraisal | line 31 / line 32 | 0.4572 | 32. |
| 33. | Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed | | | 33. |
| 34. | Equalized homestead rate from Mill River UHSD #40 | MANUAL | 1,332.7 | 34. |
| 35. | Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD #40 | 58.60% | 0.7810 | 35. |
| 36. | Prorated equalized rate from Mill River UHSD #40 | line 36 / line 32 | 0.5845 | 36. |
| 37. | Estimated actual rate from Mill River UHSD #40 to be assessed | | | 37. |
| 38. | | MANUAL | - | 38. |
| 39. | | | - | 39. |
| 40. | | | - | 40. |
| 41. | | | - | 41. |
| 42. | Total equalized homestead rate for Shrewsbury | lines 31 + 36 + 40 | 1,302.7 | 42. |
| 43. | Total estimated actual homestead rate for Shrewsbury | lines 33 + 37 + 41 | 1,141.7 | 43. |
| 44. | Equalized non-residential tax rate | line 44 / line 32 | 1,380 | 44. |
| 45. | Estimated actual non-residential tax rate | | | 45. |
| 46. | Education spending | line 13 | 767,094 | 46. |
| 47. | Tech FTE's | | - | 47. |
| 48. | Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district (This is not a local revenue. It reduces the education spending a district is owed.) | line 47 x 8,891 x 87% | - | 48. |
| 49. | Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund | line 46 - line 48 | 767,094 | 49. |
| 50. | <i>Amount to raise locally for Act 144</i> | line 9 | - | 50. |
| 51. | Prorated income cap percentage for Shrewsbury education property tax if eligible | 1,80% x 41,40% x 141,60% (lines 28 & 30) | 1,06% | 51. |
| 52. | Spending adjustment from Mill River UHSD #40 | line 19 (%) | 149,75% | 52. |
| 53. | Prorated income cap percentage from Mill River UHSD #40 | 1,80% x 58,60% x 149,75% | 1,58% | 53. |
| 54. | | | - | 54. |
| 55. | | | - | 55. |
| 56. | Estimated income cap percentage for Shrewsbury education property tax | | 2,64% | 56. |

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2012-2013 Budget
Operating Fund Revenue**

| | Budget Approved 2010-2011 | Actual 2010-2011 | Budget Approved 2011-2012 | Estimated 2011-2012 | Budget Proposed 2012-2013 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Assessments to Schools | | | | | |
| 1931 - Regular Education | | | | | |
| Clarendon | 135,282 | 135,282 | 209,164 | 209,164 | 224,774 |
| Shrewsbury | 41,544 | 41,544 | 66,880 | 66,880 | 67,353 |
| Wallingford | 78,797 | 78,797 | 123,035 | 123,035 | 146,090 |
| Mill River UHS | 405,346 | 405,346 | 631,532 | 631,532 | 580,629 |
| Total Assessments | 660,969 | 660,969 | 1,030,611 | 1,030,611 | 1,018,846 |
| 1412 - Transportation | 0 | 0 | 6,800 | 6,800 | 68,500 |
| 1490 - Misc. Transportation Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,142 | 0 |
| 1500 - Interest | 2,500 | 2,329 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 1940 - Summer Camp Income | 0 | 14,546 | 0 | 9,920 | 0 |
| 1941 - Service to Other LEA's | 0 | 284 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1990 - Other | 0 | 10 | 0 | 83 | 0 |
| 5400 - Refund of a Prior Yr Expense | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5810 - Prof Development Courses | 0 | 30,700 | 0 | 24,554 | 0 |
| Total Revenue-Regular Education | 663,469 | 709,588 | 1,039,911 | 1,075,610 | 1,089,846 |
| Assessments to Schools | | | | | |
| 1932 - Special Education Services | | | | | |
| Clarendon | 119,163 | 119,163 | 118,711 | 118,711 | 111,834 |
| Shrewsbury | 33,061 | 33,061 | 33,307 | 33,307 | 32,807 |
| Wallingford | 51,569 | 51,569 | 52,345 | 52,345 | 82,136 |
| Mill River UHS | 197,358 | 197,358 | 198,696 | 198,696 | 207,986 |
| Total Assessments-Special Educ. | 401,151 | 401,151 | 403,059 | 403,059 | 434,763 |
| 5400 - Prior Yr Spec. Educ. Adj. | 0 | 6,888 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5810 - Prof Development Courses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,015 | 0 |
| Total Revenue-Special Education | 401,151 | 408,039 | 403,059 | 408,074 | 434,763 |
| Total All Revenues | 1,064,620 | 1,117,627 | 1,442,970 | 1,483,684 | 1,524,609 |
| Regular Education Expenses | 786,964 | 804,815 | 1,164,357 | 1,240,593 | 1,192,748 |
| Special Education Expenses | 477,656 | 446,120 | 478,613 | 472,812 | 496,861 |
| Total Expenses | 1,264,620 | 1,250,935 | 1,642,970 | 1,713,405 | 1,689,609 |

Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance

| | Budget Approved 2010-2011 | Actual 2010-2011 | Budget Approved 2011-2012 | Estimated 2011-2012 | Budget Proposed 2012-2013 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Revenue | 1,064,620 | 1,117,627 | 1,442,970 | 1,483,684 | 1,524,609 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,264,620 | 1,250,935 | 1,642,970 | 1,713,405 | 1,689,609 |
| Excess Of Revenue | -200,000 | -133,308 | -200,000 | -229,721 | -165,000 |
| Beg Bal July 1 | 712,753 | 728,302 | 543,181 | 594,994 | 365,273 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Bal June 30 | 512,753 | 594,994 | 343,181 | 365,273 | 200,273 |

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2013 Assessments**

| General Fund | Budget 2012-2013 | Carry Over /Revenue Applied | To Be Assessed |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Direct Instruction | 21,596 | 2,799 | 18,797 |
| Improvement of Instr | 10,558 | 1,368 | 9,190 |
| Treasurer | 646 | 84 | 562 |
| Central Office | 239,606 | 31,053 | 208,553 |
| Fiscal Service | 314,581 | 40,771 | 273,810 |
| Bldg/Grounds | 21,180 | 2,745 | 18,435 |
| After School Program | 7,998 | 0 | 7,998 |
| | | | |
| Sub Total | 616,165 | | |
| Transportation | 371,471 | 68,500 | 302,971 |
| Technology | 205,112 | 26,582 | 178,530 |
| Transportation | 0 | 0 | |
| C.O. Admin Subtotal | 1,192,748 | 173,902 | 1,018,846 |

| Special Ed Fund | Budget 2012-2013 | Carry Over /Revenue Applied | To Be Assessed |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Special Ed | 78,529 | 10,178 | 68,351 |
| EEE | 50,025 | 6,484 | 43,541 |
| Health Services | 45,360 | 5,879 | 39,481 |
| Psych Services | 93,785 | 12,155 | 81,630 |
| Speech Services | 68,736 | 8,908 | 59,828 |
| Transportation | 17,726 | 0 | 17,726 |
| Special Ed Admin | 142,700 | 18,494 | 124,206 |
| | | | |
| Special Ed. Subtotal | 496,861 | 62,098 | 434,763 |
| | | | |
| Grand Total Budget | 1,689,609 | 236,000 | 1,453,609 |
| Carryover/ Revenue Applied | 236,000 | | |
| Total To Be Assessed | 1,453,609 | | |

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY2013 Assessments**

| | Clarendon | Shrewsbury | Wallingford | Mill River | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| "A" ADM (20 day FY12 Total) | 203.83 | 58.55 | 131.33 | 562.70 | 956.41 |
| Percent FY 2012 | 22.49% | 6.21% | 11.28% | 60.02% | 100% |
| Percent FY 2013 | 21.31% | 6.12% | 13.73% | 58.84% | 100% |
| "B" ADM (20 day FY12 In District) | 198.83 | 58.55 | 149.33 | 386.60 | 793.31 |
| Percent FY 2012 | 24.66% | 7.55% | 14.70% | 53.09% | 100% |
| Percent FY 2013 | 25.06% | 7.38% | 18.83% | 48.73% | 100% |
| "C" ADM (20 day Elem in District) | | | | | |
| EEE ADM - Elementary Only | 198.83 | 58.55 | 149.33 | 0.00 | 406.71 |
| EEE % By District | 48.89% | 14.39% | 36.72% | 0.00% | 100% |
| RSSU Assessments | | | | | |
| Central Office Administration - General ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 110,513 | 31,745 | 71,205 | 305,085 | 518,548 |
| FY 2012 | 112,370 | 31,028 | 56,360 | 299,885 | 499,643 |
| Central Office - Internet Access / VPN | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FY 2012 | 3,363 | 2,738 | 2,738 | 6,416 | 15,255 |
| Central Office Admin - Total FY2012 | 110,513 | 31,745 | 71,205 | 305,085 | 518,548 |
| Central Office Admin - Total FY2011 | 115,733 | 33,766 | 59,098 | 306,301 | 514,898 |
| Direct Instruction - Gifted & Talented ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 4,006 | 1,151 | 2,581 | 11,059 | 18,797 |
| FY 2012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Computer Services - ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 38,048 | 10,929 | 24,515 | 105,038 | 178,530 |
| FY 2012 | 30,004 | 8,285 | 15,049 | 80,073 | 133,411 |
| Transportation | | | | | |
| FY 2013 (Equalized Pupils) | 72,207 | 23,528 | 47,789 | 159,447 | 302,971 |
| FY 2012 (Budgets) | 63,427 | 24,829 | 48,888 | 245,158 | 382,302 |
| Special Education Assessments | | | | | |
| Speech Services - ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 14,995 | 4,416 | 11,262 | 29,155 | 59,828 |
| FY 2012 | 8,887 | 2,471 | 5,226 | 17,598 | 34,182 |
| EEE - ("C" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 21,286 | 6,268 | 15,987 | 0 | 43,541 |
| FY 2012 | 28,364 | 7,883 | 501 | 0 | 36,748 |
| Special Ed Admin - ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 48,261 | 14,212 | 36,246 | 93,838 | 192,557 |
| FY 2012 | 47,576 | 13,230 | 27,979 | 94,201 | 182,986 |
| Psych Services - ("A" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 17,397 | 4,997 | 11,209 | 48,027 | 81,630 |
| FY 2012 | 21,064 | 5,816 | 10,565 | 56,216 | 93,661 |
| Transportation - (Budgets) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,726 | 17,726 |
| FY 2012 | 2,901 | 1,149 | 2,241 | 11,040 | 17,331 |
| Health Services - ("B" ADM) | | | | | |
| FY 2013 | 9,895 | 2,914 | 7,432 | 19,240 | 39,481 |
| FY 2012 | 9,919 | 2,758 | 5,833 | 19,641 | 38,151 |
| Total FY 2013 | 336,608 | 100,160 | 228,226 | 788,615 | 1,453,609 |
| Total FY 2012 | 327,875 | 100,187 | 175,380 | 830,228 | 1,433,670 |

Shrewsbury Town School District
RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011

Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order on February 28, 2011 at 5:30 pm. Present were School Board members Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster, and Ed Hemmer. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, RSSU Superintendent Dana Cole-Levesque, RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk and approximately 20 voters. All warned articles were discussed.

Superintendent Dana-Levesque introduced himself, in so far as it is his first Meeting as RSSU Superintendent and made an award to Adrienne Raymond on behalf of the Vermont School Board Association for her service to the Community on the School Board for the past nine years. Ed presented information concerning equalized per pupil ratios and their respective relation to tax rates. This meeting recessed at 6:45 pm. for voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, beginning at 10 am.

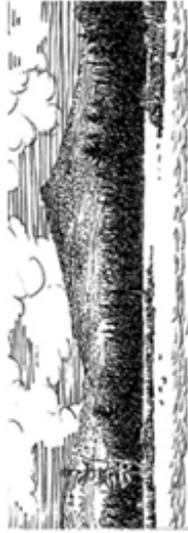
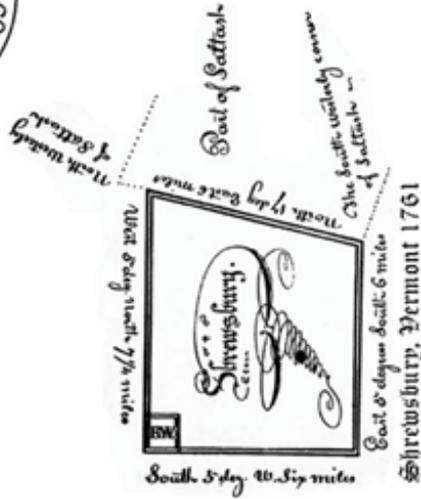
- Article 1 To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.
Eldred French
- Article 2 To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years.
Ed Hemmer
- Article 3 To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40
Board for a term of three years.
No Individual with the requisite number of votes
- Article 4 Shall the town school district raise and appropriate the sum of
\$13,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
YES 187 NO 70
- Article 5 Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District raise,
appropriate and expend the amount of **\$942,687** for the operational
expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary
school?
YES 178 NO 80
- Article 6 Shall the town school district vote to authorize the board of school
directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may
be required to pay orders?
YES 186 NO 66

Results of Mill River Union School District #40 Annual Meeting Ballot
March 1, 2011

- Article 7 Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an
expenditure budget of **\$9,533,227** for the school year 2011 – 12?
(by Australian ballot) **YES 633 NO 418**



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

Information Meetings

Monday, March 5, 2012

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

Meetings begin at 5:30 PM

School District Followed by Town

Current Resident

Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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