

*Town of
Shrewsbury, Vermont*



*2014
Annual Report*

Dedications

Community service is a family value, and it is manifest in Shrewsbury by the many families in which people give of themselves through participation in Town government, volunteer work, involvement with one or more of the Town's many non-profit organizations, or just being a good neighbor to those in need. This tradition of service is often passed on from one generation to the next, with sons and daughters following in their parents' footsteps by working in the Library, running for a Town office, or taking a leadership role in volunteer activities. There are many households in town in which both spouses contribute actively, as individuals and as partners, to the larger community. This 2014 Annual Report is dedicated to three such couples.

Joanna Taft (Taffy) was a Vermont girl from Rutland, and Hull Maynard had grown up in Connecticut when they first met as students at Middlebury College. Hull graduated first and served in the military in Korea, and they then both found themselves in Massachusetts, Hull teaching at Deerfield Academy and Taffy doing graduate work at Smith College. They married in 1960 and moved to Shrewsbury thereafter, where their family came to include four children: Jill, Hull, Todd, and Sarah, and they both became active in the community. Hull joined the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department and provided social welfare services to residents as Overseer of Poor for five years. He helped organize Green Up Day in the 1970's, making roadside cleanup especially popular with his early morning drive around town to deposit dollar bills under piles of trash. Taffy served from 1966 to 1978 on the Board of the Shrewsbury Mountain School, where she later taught physical education for 25 years and oversaw the downhill and cross-country ski programs.



Hull founded Hull Maynard Insurance Agency in Rutland and became active in the Republican Party. He was chair of the Shrewsbury Town Republican Committee for many years and in 1996 he was elected as one of Rutland County's three State Senators. He was re-elected six times and served until 2010, with a special interest in transportation, early childhood education, and agriculture. The Maynards themselves raised sheep, chickens, turkeys, and geese, and in 1979 started High Pastures Bed and Breakfast at their home on Cold River Road. Hull was Town Moderator from 1966 to 1977 and has been a Justice of the Peace since 1992. He continues to represent Shrewsbury on the Rutland Region Transportation Council. The contributions the Maynards have made to Shrewsbury and Rutland County exemplify the ideal of community service. Thank you, Taffy and Hull.



Lynette Over grew up in Shrewsbury and met Gregg, back from Army service in Vietnam, in Florida where she had attended Florida State University. They married in the Cuttingsville Church and subsequently settled in Shrewsbury where they raised their four daughters: Janette, Lauren, Cortney, and Morgan. Lynette's father, George Richards, delivered the mail in Shrewsbury for some 35 years and helped start the Times of Shrewsbury. Lynette was the Town Health Officer from 1981 to 2001 and served simultaneously with her father who was Service Officer from 1978 through 2010; George still sits on the elected Cemetery Commission (1998-2014). Gregg likewise was elected repeatedly to the Boards of the Shrewsbury Mountain School (1992-1997) and Mill River Union High School (1998-2002, 2006-2008). He was appointed to fill MRU

vacancies in three other years and served terms as chair on both Boards. Gregg also started Shrewsbury's first girls softball team and organized telescope stargazing parties for students and families, while Lynette began the first hot lunch program at the elementary school.

While Gregg ran his construction company “Over-built”, Lynette worked at BROC (1990-1994) and then with the Vermont Parent Information Center (1994-2009), providing support and liaison with schools throughout southern Vermont for families with children who have special needs or disabilities. In 2011 she joined NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, where since 2006 Gregg has helped homeowners make sound home repair decisions and revitalize their neighborhoods. Both have been active in the Shrewsbury Community Church with Lynette teaching Sunday School for over 20 years, working with the Youth Group, and organizing the Community Suppers and Community Sharing programs, with fundraising for social service agencies and town residents in need. Gregg and Lynn are a couple who have truly given of themselves for others. It is humbling for us to express our gratitude on behalf of the countless people whose lives they have touched.

Al Ridlon, Sr. and his wife Ann live in the house of Al’s father Edgar Ridlon, which was built in 1847 and which they moved across the road in 1998 to its present location at the foot of Town Hill Road, just below where their son Al Jr. and his wife Kim live. Ann Pinkowski, from a West Rutland and later Clarendon farm family, met Al at a dance in Shrewsbury. Al, fondly known as “Senior” by members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, is one of the last surviving charter members of the Department. He joined the SVFD when it was formed in 1952 and served until 1958, when he and Ann were married and moved to Clarendon, where Al ran his building business “Al Ridlon, Builder” and started the Clarendon Fire Department in 1963. He was Chief there for 20 years before the couple moved back to Shrewsbury in 2001 and Al rejoined the SVFD once again.



Al was President of the Vermont State Firefighters Association (VSFA) from 1994 to 1996, and he has been honored by the VSFA as Vermont Firefighter of the Year (1967), Fire Chief of the Year (1977), and Senior Firefighter of the Year (2005). Most amazing is that Al has been active in the fire service of Vermont for a total of 63 years, and he can still be found working at the annual ham supper, at coin drops, and at emergency scenes helping in any way he can - directing traffic, advising officers, or driving a tanker.

Al and Ann have also been active in the Shrewsbury Historical Society. Al was President for 2003 and 2004 and a Trustee for eight years. Ann has been a Trustee for nine years and has been the guiding force for the popular Memories Calendar. They have staffed the museum in summer and fall, taken care of mowing the lawns (Al) and weeding and clean-up (Ann), and helped with the Society’s Spring Plant and Bake Sale. Thank you, Al and Ann, for your longstanding and significant service to the Shrewsbury community.

COVER PHOTO: The Brown Bridge, at the bottom of Upper Cold River Road, was designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior on September 30, 2014. As such, it joins some 2,552 sites and structures of highest significance nationwide for illustrating or interpreting our cultural heritage. The bridge was constructed in 1880 by Nicholas M. Powers (1817-1897) of Clarendon, a builder of some 20 substantial covered bridges in Vermont, New York, and Maryland. It is an outstanding example of a Town lattice truss, a design patented in 1820 by Connecticut architect Ithiel Town that eliminated the need for joinery by using sawn planks arranged in lattice form and fastened together with wooden pegs called treenails. The bridge is 112 feet long, with spruce beams and a slate roof, and it rests on a huge stone abutment on the northwest. It is named for the George Brown family who lived some 100 yards to the southeast. More information on the Brown Bridge's history and architecture can be found under the "Community" heading on the Town Website (www.shrewsburyvt.org)

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Snowshoeing in Shrewsbury in the proposed Jim Jeffords State Forest.

A new 1,346-acre State Forest is being created in Shrewsbury and Mendon to honor Jim Jeffords (1934-2014) who served our state and nation as Vermont Attorney General, U.S. Representative (1975-1989), and U.S. Senator (1989-2007). Jim was a leading voice in Congress for clean air and water, farmland preservation, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Vermont Wilderness Act. The Trust for Public Land has assisted in acquiring this land with federal, state, and private funding. The Jim Jeffords State Forest will be managed by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. It will connect the Coolidge and Aitken State Forests and provide a protected forest corridor for public recreation and wildlife.

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS *as of December 31, 2014*

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2015
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2015
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2015
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Bert Potter	2015
		Steven Nicholson	2016
		Michael Stewart ⁽¹⁾	2017
AUDITORS	3 Years	Jonathan Gibson	2015
		Sanford Bragg	2016
		Richard Biziak	2017
LISTERS	3 Years	Marina Potter	2015
		Vacant	2016
		Sharon Winnicki	2017
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2015
		Sarah Bolster	2016
		Edmund Hemmer ⁽¹⁾	2017
MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2016
		Sally Snarski	2017
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2015
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2015
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Matthew Danaher	2015
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Betsy Jesser	2015
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2015
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	George Richards	2015
		David Rice	2016
		Larry Carrara	2017

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justices of the Peace are elected for two year terms every other year. Current Justices were elected November 4, 2014 to serve from February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2017. The next General Election for JP's will occur November 1, 2016.

Barry Griffith	2017
John Berryhill	2017
Betsy Jesser	2017
Larry Carrara	2017
Julanne Sharrow	2017
Lee Wilson	2017
Hull Maynard	2017

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽²⁾

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	2015
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2015
TRUSTEES of the SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE ⁽³⁾	3 Years	John Berryhill	2015
		Jonathan Gibson	2016
		Mark Youngstrom	2017

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2014 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽²⁾ (continued)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Carol Calotta	2015		
		Connie Youngstrom	2015		
		Vacant	2015		
		Grace Brigham	2016		
		Lily French	2016		
		Cynthia Thornton	2017		
		Jesse Shapiro	2017		
		Louise Duda	2018		
		Vacant	2018		
		DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years ⁽⁴⁾	Bruce Bullock	2015
Mark Younstrom	2015				
Vacant	2015				
Alan Shelvey	2016				
Vacant (Alternate)	2016				
Scott Darling	2017				
Vacant (Alternate)	2017				
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	Elliot Stewart			2015	
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR	David Rice			7/1/15	
ENERGY COORDINATOR	Davis Terrell			2015	
FEMA ADMINISTRATOR	John Wood	2015			
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page	2015		
		Bert Potter	2015		
		Mike Stewart	2015		
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	5/2/15		
HEALTH OFFICER		Daphne LeaHemmer	2/29/16		
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		John Wood	2015		
		LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blecich	2015
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years ⁽⁴⁾	Marilyn Dalick	2015		
		Melissa Reichert	2015		
		Laura Black	2016		
		Mark Goodwin	2016		
		Timothy Vile	2017		
		Francis Wyatt	2017		
		David Rice	2017		
		REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2016
		ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2015
		RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Hull Maynard	6/30/15
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin	6/30/15		
		David Rice (Alternate)	6/30/15		
SERVICES OFFICER		Mark Goodwin	4/14/15		
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	2015		
		Philip Thompson (Alternate)	2015		
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown	6/30/18		
		Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/18		
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2015		
WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	2015		
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2015		

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

TOWN ROAD CREW (Appointed by Road Commissioner)	Gilbert Pitts, Stephen Bruce	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS ⁽⁵⁾	Bob Perry, Bert Potter	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by Town Clerk)	Betsy Jesser	2015
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER	Christina Clarke	2015
TREASURER ASSISTANT	Gina Page	2015
PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION (All Appointed by Treasurer)	Joyce Wilson	2015
SELECTBOARD CLERK (Chosen by Selectboard)	Mark Goodwin	2015

- (1) Persons appointed by the Selectboard or by the School Board, as applicable, to fill vacancies in elected offices serve until Town Meeting, 2015.
- (2) All appointments expire on date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.
- (3) Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.
- (4) Term of office determined by Selectboard.
- (5) The listed individuals shared duties until a permanent Attendant is employed.



Leonard Korzun
May 23, 1931 – January 19, 2015

Leonard Korzun was the son of Polish immigrants, a dairy farmer, and a man who represented the best tradition of service in Town government. Earning a BS degree in Agriculture and Milk Production from UVM and an MS in Animal Husbandry from UConn, he was a life-long advocate for the farming industry. Despite tending his dairy cows, being married to Grace and helping to raise their four children; Leonard found the time and energy to serve his Town. He was a Lister from 1959 through 1961, an Auditor from 1957 through 1971, Selectman from 1974 through 2000, and a Trustee of the Community Meeting House from 1980 through 2014. He is survived by his wife, Grace, their four children and four grandchildren. May his lifelong dedication to the land and community of Shrewsbury encourage our own.

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 234th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015

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 3, 2015 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	2 years of 3 year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Town Clerk	3-year term
One Treasurer	3-year term
One Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	1 year of 3 year term
One Lister	3 year term
One Grand Juror	1-year term
One Town Agent	1-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,587,914**, of which **\$507,041** shall be raised by taxes and **\$1,080,873** by non-tax revenues?

3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?

7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?

8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$27,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?

12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?

13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,224** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?

14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?

16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?

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MARCH 3, 2015

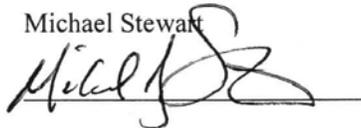
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35 to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., **Friday, October 9, 2015**

Dated: **January 23, 2015**

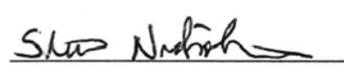
Bert Potter, Chairman



Michael Stewart

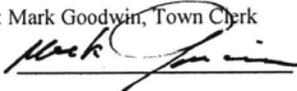


Steven Nicholson



Shrewsbury Selectboard

Attest: Mark Goodywin, Town Clerk



The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road**. The meeting will take place following the Town School District informational meeting, which begins at **5:30 P.M., Monday, March 2, 2015**.

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net

Deadline for registration to vote for this election is February 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM Shrewsbury Town Office.

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

The informational meeting for the Town was called to order at 7:20 pm, Monday, March 3, 2014 by Moderator Eldred French. Present were Selectboard members Bert Potter, John Wood and Steve Nicholson. Also present were approximately 50 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

Senator French gave a brief summary of his work at the Statehouse serving on the Senate Agricultural and Government Operations Committees. In particular he briefed the assembled on a waterfront property bill that addresses water quality for all water bodies in the state. Another bill he worked on was one that had to do with involuntary medication when an individual was admitted by various different methods into a hospital. Senator French summarized the bill as being focused on very specific behaviors that were deemed as dangerous to the admitted individual and others, particularly care providers when administering medications.

The Selectboard chair, Bert Potter thanked John Wood specifically for his work in obtaining FEMA reimbursement. Bert also mentioned the anticipated mandates for ACT 148 and recycling and how the Transfer Station might be impacted and maintained.

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

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

The meeting recessed at 9:25 pm, with voting by Australian ballot to be held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, beginning at 10 am.

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One Moderator	1-year term - Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	3-year term - John Wood (Write -In)*
One Auditor	2 years of 3 year term - Sanford Bragg
One Auditor	3-year term - Richard Biziak
One Lister	1 year of 3 year term - Marina Potter
One Lister	2 years of 3 year term - Betsy Jesser (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 - Matt Danaher
One 2nd Constable	1-year term - Betsy Jesser (Write-In)
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term - Larry Carrara

* Declined to serve. Office filled by appointment or remains vacant. See "2014 Elected Town Officers".

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,831,558**, of which **\$604,636** shall be raised by taxes and **\$1,128,320** by non-tax revenues? **YES - 198** **NO - 63**
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund? **YES - 201** **NO - 63**
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund? **YES - 214** **NO - 51**

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RESULTS 233rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014

5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
YES - 202 NO - 62
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
YES - 224 NO - 41
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
YES - 197 NO - 65
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$26,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
YES - 204 NO - 61
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
YES - 194 NO - 67
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?
YES - 213 NO - 53
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
YES - 187 NO - 75
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,000** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
YES - 186 NO - 77
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,224** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
YES - 218 NO - 45
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
YES - 167 NO - 94
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
YES - 217 NO - 48
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
YES - 197 NO - 67
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
YES - 186 NO - 64
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
YES - 186 NO - 65
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
YES - 175 NO - 74
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
YES - 202 NO - 51
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
YES - 164 NO - 86
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
YES - 173 NO - 78
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
YES - 164 NO - 87
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
YES - 148 NO - 99
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
YES - 175 NO - 76
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35** to help support the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council?
YES - 162 NO - 89
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?
YES - 172 NO - 78
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Friday, **October 10, 2014**?
YES - 227 NO - 26

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Shrewsbury as of and for the year-ended December 31, 2014 as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town officers and organizations submitting the reports. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, require that we examine and adjust the accounts of all Town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the Town accounts, 2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town for fiscal year 2014. Town auditors are expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives we require an understanding of the operation of the Town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. We have examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were approved on Selectboard and Road Commissioner Orders and documented on bank statements. For each quarter, we tracked tax payments, reconciled bank accounts, and performed cash proofs. We also reviewed the Grand List, the Town's year-end financial statements, and the financial statements of Town organizations which appear in this Report. To verify the amount of delinquent taxes at year-end, we performed a reconciliation of taxes billed, tax adjustments, tax payments, and penalties billed and collected. To verify the existence and year-end balances of cash accounts, we confirmed the year-end balance with RBS Citizens Bank and Mascoma Savings Bank.

Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury as of December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations for the year. We did not receive reports this year from the Town Animal Control Officer (position vacant) or the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council.

In 2012, the Vermont Legislature eliminated the role of Town-elected Auditors in School District Finances effective July 1, 2013. Financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District (FY year-ending June 30, 2013) were audited by Angolano and Co., CPA, Shelburne, VT. This report is available at the RSSU office.

The effects of Hurricane Irene are still felt in Town with flood related expenses continuing and reimbursements from FEMA for work already performed arriving. The time between expenditures and reimbursements is significant resulting in a drawn out and complicated process requiring continuing evaluation. A part of this effort was an Independent Audit conducted this year of the Town's 2013 finances. The Board of Auditors reviewed the Independent Audit and submitted questions for comment. FEMA financial data for 2014 were evaluated as part of the year-end audit, and will be examined in the future.

Dedications to the Maynards, Overs, and Ridlons were written by Jonathan Gibson with assistance from Jill Maynard, Morgan Over and Sue Kelly, Bob Snarski, and Ruth and Con Winkler. The photographs were provided by Jill Maynard, Morgan Over, and Brian Winkler respectively.

The Board of Auditors will typically hold five warned meetings a year that are open to the public. We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports. We also thank Mark Goodwin, Linda McGuire, the Board of Listers, and the Selectboard for their assistance during the year. We express our special thanks to Barbara Perkins who retired in 2014 after 40 years of service as Shrewsbury's Postmaster and whose help in getting the Annual Reports delivered on time to all Town residents has been invaluable.

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

Jonathan Gibson

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

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

This year a professional audit of the 2013 financial statements was completed by Jeffrey R. Bradley CPA, P.C. Copies are available at the town office upon request.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire



Green Mountain Power Contractors mobilizing to restore electrical service to Shrewsbury residents after a significant wet snow, sleet and freezing rain storm in early December, 2014.

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash	137,234	262,776	400,010
Prepaid Expenses	10,160		10,160
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	25,474		25,474
Other Receivables	50,294		50,294
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	877,458		877,458
Machinery and Equipment	419,232		419,232
Infrastructure	3,386,489		3,386,489
Total Assets	4,906,340	262,776	5,169,116
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	22,385		22,385
Other Current Liabilities	3,460		3,460
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	240,000		240,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		262,776	262,776
Unrestricted Equity	4,312,386		4,312,386
Excess Revenue	308,109		308,109
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	4,906,340	262,776	5,169,116

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2014

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 2,017,167.25	
Taxes: Town Current	438,662.12	
School Reconciliation Taxes	16,739.96	
Delinquent Tax	60,938.31	
Total Property Tax Receipts		\$ 2,533,507.64

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use	57,705.00	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	18,909.52	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	5,751.00	
Railroad Tax	221.88	
Total Other Tax Receipts		82,617.40

Road Commission Receipts

Proceeds from Sale	14,365.10	
Sale of Scrap Metal	225.00	
State Aid	132,130.64	
Services Rendered	3,678.49	
Weight Permits	200.00	
Total Road Commission Receipts		150,599.23

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds	6,811.50	
DRB Hearing Fee	250.00	
Dog Licenses	466.00	
FEMA	169,585.55	
Interest	35.29	
Liquor License	185.00	
Lister Education	390.18	
Marriage License	95.00	
Miscellaneous	95.59	
Recycling	1,921.55	
Restoration Fees	926.00	
Zoning Permits	639.60	
Total Other Receipts		181,401.26

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 2,948,125.53

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2014

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$	1,795,985.60
Selectboard's Orders (Net)		201,664.36
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)		921,389.61
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾		244,547.86
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾		(504,885.40)

Warned Items

American Red Cross	\$	500.00
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council		600.00
Garage Reserve Fund		1,500.00
Green Up		150.00
Neighborworks of Western VT		500.00
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program		130.00
Road Equipment Sinking Fund		50,000.00
Rutland Mental Health		1,192.00
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice		2,526.00
Rutland County Women's Network		150.00
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation		250.00
Rutland Parent/Child Center		600.00
Rutland Regional Ambulance		4,224.00
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House		12,000.00
Shrewsbury Historical Society		2,000.00
Shrewsbury Town Library		7,500.00
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department		25,000.00
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund		26,000.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging		700.00
Town Office Sinking Fund		1,500.00
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning		500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living		170.00
Vermont Trails & Greenways Council		35.00
Total Warned Items		139,727.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 2,798,429.03**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$ 149,696.50**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2014

GRAND LIST

Real Estate	\$ 162,127,047
Less Exemptions	<u>13,896,747</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 148,230,300

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,482,303	
Tax Rate	<u>0.5023</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		744,560.94
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	609,328	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.4338</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		873,655.24
Education Grand List-Homestead	878,883	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.3029</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		1,145,096.70
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,482,303	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0011</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		1,630.53
Late Homestead Penalty		1,800.66

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

2,766,744.03

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	2,718,334.52
Delinquent Taxes	60,938.31
HS-122 Changes	1,105.26
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(13,634.06)</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

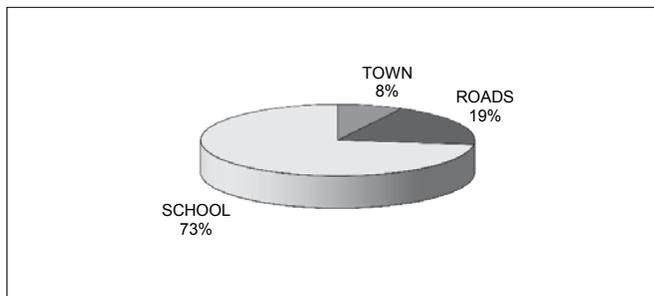
2,766,744.03

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2014 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.5023	744,560.94
Local Agreement Rate	0.0011	1,630.53
Schools Residential	1.3029	1,145,096.70
Schools Non-Residential	1.4338	<u>873,655.24</u>
		2,764,943.41

Resident	1.8063
Non-Resident	1.9372



Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2014 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2014	1,621,270	Residential	1.8063	2,766,744.03
		Non-Residential	1.9372	
2013	1,612,213	Residential	1.7351	2,588,722.90
		Non-Residential	1.773	
2012	1,597,952	Residential	1.6178	2,401,380.98
		Non-Residential	1.6636	
2011	1,461,693	Residential	1.84	2,607,387.99
		Non-Residential	1.74	
2010	1,464,580	Residential	1.78	2,706,405.15
		Non-Residential	1.94	
2009	1,059,699	Residential	2.48	2,742,426.80
		Non-Residential	2.73	
2008	1,041,578	Residential	2.28	2,484,895.12
		Non-Residential	2.53	
2007	1,012,820	Residential	2.07	2,221,289.02
		Non-Residential	2.42	
2006	1,002,047	Residential	2.17	2,241,258.16
		Non-Residential	2.36	
2005	989,599	Residential	2.12	2,128,056.83
		Non-Residential	2.21	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2014 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$25,182	\$6,812	\$0	\$1	\$31,995
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,291	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,291
Energy Grant	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,100
Garage Reserve Fund	\$9,027	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$10,527
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$133,823	\$215,308	\$239,658	\$2	\$109,474
Records Restoration Fund	\$7,297	\$1,929	\$1,482	\$0	\$7,744
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$54,173	\$26,000	\$0	\$2	\$80,175
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,314	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,314
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$1,404	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,404
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$9,253	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$10,753
TOTALS	\$249,863	\$254,048	\$241,141	\$5	\$262,776

Town of Shrewsbury -- Treasurer's Report
2014 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bert Potter	Selectperson/Transfer Station	\$ 2,252.00
Michael Stewart	Selectperson	1,000.00
Steven Nicholson	Selectperson (2013 & 2014)	2,000.00
John Wood	FEMA Adminstrator	4,453.75
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk Salary	22,728.75
	Selectboard Clerk Salary	1,200.00
	Town Clerk Fees**	9,982.40
	Total	33,911.15
Linda McGuire	Town & School Treasurer	24,519.37
Joyce Wilson	Payroll Administration	120.00
Gina Page	Treasurer Assistant	133.75
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector**	3,947.92
Richard Biziak	Auditor	997.75
Sanford Bragg	Auditor	988.00
Jonathan Gibson	Auditor	1,014.00
Adrienne Raymond	Building Inspector/DRB Clerk	3,150.00
Daphne Leahemmer	Health Officer	500.00
Marilyn Dalick	Emergency Management	130.00
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Attendant	5,373.50
Joseph Carrara	Transfer Station Attendant	3,041.50
Sharon Winnicki	Lister	6,228.75
Marina Potter	Lister	956.25
		94,717.69
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds		7,245.90
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year		\$ 101,963.59

** Based only on fees collected

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2014 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

2. Cash. At year end the Town’s bank balance was \$400,010, 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	\$ 25,474
Other Receivables (FEMA Reimbursements)	<u>50,294</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 75,768

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

Accrued Payroll	\$ 11,393
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>12,647</u>
Total Payables	\$ 23,940

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

Town of Shrewsbury M- Treasurer's Report
2014 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets not being depreciated:	<u>271,223</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>271,223</u>
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,069,733		1,069,734
Vehicles and Equipment	732,009	239,658	971,667
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	3,517,094	511,647	4,028,741
Totals	<u>5,318,836</u>	<u>751,305</u>	<u>6,070,141</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	433,921	29,577	463,499
Vehicles and Equipment	499,294	53,142	552,435
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	480,423	161,829	642,252
Totals	<u>1,413,638</u>	<u>244,548</u>	<u>1,658,186</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	<u>3,905,198</u>	<u>506,757</u>	<u>4,411,955</u>
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>4,176,421</u></u>	<u><u>506,757</u></u>	<u><u>4,683,178</u></u>

Note: Increases in Roads, Bridges & Culverts include audit adjustments from 2014.

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

Buildings	\$ 29,577
Vehicles and Equipment	53,142
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>161,829</u>
Total Depreciation	\$244,548

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 for casualty and liability with the town listed as an additional insured party.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2014 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

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

10. Transfer Station Costs. As an additional cost of operating the transfer station, it is estimated that 100 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$1,694 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2014 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
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
	\$260,000	\$ 83,765	\$343,765

13. Line of Credit. On September June 27, 2014 the Town obtained a line of credit from a local financial institution in the amount of \$500,000 to provide cash flow for expenses necessary and resulting from capital improvement costs for road, bridge and culvert repairs to be repaid by future FEMA reimbursements.

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for the year ending December 31, 2014

Delinquent Taxes

Balance outstanding December 31, 2013	\$ 38,355.83
Warrant to Collect, October 25, 2014	67,633.67
Warrant to Collect, October 29, 2014	500.00
Amended Warrant, November 2, 2014	-7210.00
Amended Warrant, November 20, 2014	14.65
Total taxes delinquent	\$99,294.15
Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2014	\$71,327.90
Balance outstanding December 31, 2014	\$27,966.25

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2014 for collections - \$3,947.92, and \$18.00 for 2014 mailing expenses.
\$60.00 collected for the Town for NSF checks.

Delinquent taxes collected January 1 - 31, 2015	\$9,140.75
Delinquent taxes still outstanding (12 accounts):	
2009, 2010 Cheney, Michele	278.48
2012, 2013, 2014 Paul, Hillary	8,218.17
2014 Geary, Arthur J	1,091.11
2014 Geary, Arthur Joseph	1,048.03
2014 Guyette, Peter	2,472.82
2014 Korzun, Steven	3,240.94
2014 McGuire, George F & Linda	961.06
2014 Peer, Christopher	769.07
2014 Webster Robert & McGinnis, Angela	745.82
	\$18,825.50

Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2014

\$27,966.25

Randy A. Page

Collector of Delinquent Taxes



Refreshment Break at the Informational Meeting

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SELECTBOARD REPORT

In 2014 the Town updated its Local Emergency Operations Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Thanks go to David Rice for volunteering to rewrite and see the new Local Hazard Mitigation Plan through to adoption by the Selectboard. The Town received a \$4,000.00 grant from VTrans for a culvert inventory to be included in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Brown Bridge at the bottom of the Upper Cold River Road was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

A bid for \$515,000 from Casella Construction of Mendon was accepted for repairs to the Upper Cold River Road landslide by the Brown Bridge. Even with prior approval from FEMA for a Stone Buttress Rip-Rap slope system, Otter Creek Engineering felt we should ask for a commitment from FEMA that the Town would be reimbursed for this project because the bulk of the repair was on private land. That was not forthcoming and the risk of being “de-obligated” after a FEMA audit was too great for the Town to proceed. For 2015 we will be submitting plans to FEMA for a Manufactured Structural Earth wall, to be entirely in the town ROW at an expected cost of \$744,000.00.

The Town purchased a 2014 Ford F550 with dump body and 9 ½ foot plow and a 2014 International 7600 tandem dump truck with plow using FEMA alternate project funds from the Stout Bridge project. The remainder will be spent in 2015 on Town Office upgrades in the old nursery school such as: electrical wiring, fire exit signs, a new exterior door, new floor and communication upgrades. The Federal Department of Transportation completed work on the Sargent Brook Bridge.

The Road Commissioner will be applying for a VTrans Structure Grant to install an upgraded box culvert in 2015 to replace the culvert that washed out this late spring at the bottom of Spring Lake Road. Also, VTrans will be replacing bridge number 37 on Lincoln Hill Road, the summer of 2015.

The Selectboard signed a letter of support for the purchase of 721 acres, the Holland property, by the Trust for Public Lands to become part of the Coolidge State Forest. The Selectboard also signed a letter of support for the Trust to purchase 113 acres, part of the Heathcote property, to now be combined with the Holland property, along with land in Mendon, into the proposed Jim Jeffords State Forest.

The new repeater is seeing heavy use and has greatly enhanced the ability of the Road Crew and the Fire Department to have radio coverage in all areas of the town. Inadvertently left off the 2013 Selectboard report was a thank you to Irene Gordon for starting the grant process for the repeater and for Louise Duda for seeing the project through to completion. Thanks also to CV Paging for helping with the grant paperwork, design, installation and FCC licensing at a reduced price to the Town.

In order to be in compliance with the new Universal Recycling Law, (Act 148), we will be implementing a “Unit Based Pricing” schedule for garbage disposal starting July 1, 2015. We have to adopt a Solid Waste Implementation Plan by June 18, 2015.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Potter

Steven Nicholson

Mike Stewart

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2014

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
REVENUES				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	\$ 607,820	\$ -	\$ 680,323	
Delinquent Tax	59,886	-	68,148	
Less: Warned Items	(139,727)	-	(139,727)	
Current Property Taxes for General & Roads	527,979	604,636	608,745	507,041
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	5,373	5,400	5,751	5,751
State In Lieu of Taxes	18,636	18,650	18,910	18,910
Land Use Taxes	55,603	55,700	57,705	57,705
Railroad Tax	888	888	222	222
ROADS:				
Sale of scrap metal			225	
FEMA Reimbursement	320,235	900,000	169,586	668,700
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	-	8,000	14,365	-
State Aid To Roads	132,355	132,355	132,131	132,131
Services Rendered - Roads	4,126	5,000	3,678	3,500
Weight Permits	155	150	200	150
OTHER RECEIPTS:				
Act 60 Funds	6,831		6,812	
Dog Licenses	696	500	466	500
Fines	160		-	
Grant - Energy Conservation	1,100	-		
Grant - Repeater	10,200	-		
Insurance Reimbursement - Workman's Comp.	291	-	-	
Interest Income	47	50	35	30
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	150	100	185	100
Lister Education Funds	-		390	
Other Income	106	-	191	-
Recycling	1,656	1,000	1,922	1,500
Restoration Fees	936		926	
School Tax Reconciliation	20,271	-	16,740	
Zoning Permits	1,324	500	890	500
	1,109,149	1,732,959	1,040,102	1,396,770
Cash Beginning Balance	234,436	108,637	108,637	137,234
Cash Available for Expenses	1,343,585	1,841,596	1,148,739	1,534,004

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2014

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
TRANSFER STATION⁽¹⁰⁾				
Tipping Fees	20,955	23,000	21,013	23,000
Hauling	6,000	6,300	5,950	6,300
Salary	8,925	9,800	10,019	15,000
Maintenance	400	2,000	726	2,000
Solid Waste Dues	2,278	2,500	2,506	2,500
Equipment/Facilities*	-	1,000	-	1,300
Household Hazardous Waste Disp.	920	1,000	856	1,000
Supplies	78	500	116	500
Workers Compensation		898	224	225
Payroll Expenses	683	850	768	1,149
Solid Waste Implementation Plan	-	-	-	636
Electric	627	700	684	700
Total Transfer Station	40,866	48,548	42,862	54,310
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE				
Planning Commission Expense	70	500	-	300
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	10,300	-	622	1,000
Payroll Expenses	9,635	7,000	5,018	4,553
Building/Property Insurance	5,010	3,677	3,689	4,003
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,606	1,525	1,690	1,543
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	822	662	497	670
Workers Compensation	980	291	891	1,450
Office Heat/Electric	5,036	5,500	4,445	5,000
Training/Education	714	800	325	800
Postage	551	800	1,074	1,100
Supplies & Equipment	3,556	4,000	5,335	5,000
Software	490	1,000	649	1,000
Selectboard Salary	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Other Town Officers Salary	60,188	55,000	58,739	53,000
Office Communications	2,132	2,295	2,335	2,350
Mileage Reimbursement	237	300	8	300
Building Maintenance/Repair	2,739	3,000	1,872	3,000
Warnings	813	800	671	500
Town Report	1,678	2,429	2,264	2,300
Total Town Officers Expense	109,558	92,579	93,123	90,869

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Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (Continued)
Year ended December 31, 2014

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
LISTERS				
Listers Salaries	8,837	14,000	7,815	10,000
Payroll Expenses	639	1,071	551	706
Supplies			320	320
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,820	1,500	1,200	1,500
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	-	1,500	-	1,500
Training & Training Mileage	958	1,800	700	1,500
Total Listers Expense	12,253	19,871	10,587	15,526
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	239	500	248	500
Independent Audit Expense	6,523	6,523	6,583	-
County Court Tax	8,750	9,144	9,649	9,342
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	33,503	32,666	32,666	31,819
Interest Expense - Line of Credit	-	2,500	721	2,000
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	-	2,000	2,289	2,000
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	875	875	900	900
Town Events	-	500	-	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	1,852	2,037	2,037	2,050
Miscellaneous			-	-
Total Other Disbursements	51,741	57,745	55,093	50,111
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	214,418	218,743	201,665	210,816



Sargent Brook Bridge Construction

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2014

	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
ROADS				
Chloride**	-	4,000	-	4,000
Gilman Road Bridge	4,053	-	1,104	-
Flood Expenses*	285,410	1,000,000	127,600	743,841
Gravel	37,857	40,000	43,294	45,000
Salt	14,954	22,000	20,819	25,000
Winter Sand	36,196	65,000	53,761	65,000
Bridge #37	16,683	50,000	1,104	50,000
Culverts & Bridges*	6,818	7,500	7,637	7,500
Paving*	196,357	110,000	108,981	110,000
Paving Carryover	133,708	-	-	-
Equipment Rental	2,650	4,000	1,605	4,000
Salaries	123,965	135,000	133,907	140,000
VT State Retirement	4,794	6,000	5,422	5,600
Payroll Expenses	8,822	11,475	9,910	10,710
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	7,522	9,269	9,269	12,192
BC/BS Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	43,283	42,500	46,311	51,600
VLCT Unemployment	250	1,000	250	250
Other	-	-	300	-
Total Roads	923,322	1,507,744	571,273	1,274,693
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	22,421	22,000	28,013	20,000
Tires & Repairs	7,019	7,000	4,866	5,000
Fuels & Lubricants	56,634	55,000	54,891	53,000
New Equipment*	3,906	1,500	90	1,500
Misc. Supplies	1,091	1,000	870	1,000
Signs	233	500	460	500
Total Town Equipment	91,304	87,000	89,190	81,000
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	-	500	-	500
Heating Fuel	3,163	3,000	3,564	3,000
Maintenance & Supplies	272	500	550	500
Utilities	2,090	2,500	2,429	2,500
Buildings & Repair*	136	1,500	1,545	1,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	13,726	14,071	14,380	13,405
Total Town Garages	19,386	22,071	22,466	21,405
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	1,034,012	1,616,815	682,929	1,377,098
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES & ROADS	\$ 1,248,430	\$ 1,835,558	\$ 884,593	\$ 1,587,914

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

** The \$4000 chloride expense was not added into the 2014 Budget Total Roads expense when published in the 2013 Annual Report. This correction changes the 2014 Budget Total Roads expense in this report to \$1,507,744.

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2014 kept the Road Crew busy; first with warm rainy weather, and then very cold snowy weather resulting in many frozen culverts and equipment breakdowns.

On May 23rd, we had a flash flood that hit the Spring Lake Ranch area resulting in significant damage to Spring Lake and Button Hill Roads. A six-foot culvert was washed out at the bottom of the Spring Lake Road, and a temporary culvert was installed to open the road. A permanent concrete box culvert is required by the Agency of Natural Resources, and we will be applying for a State structures grant in 2015 to obtain funding to purchase and install the box culvert.

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

- a. 1.5 miles of scheduled paving for 2014 on the Northam Road was completed.
- b. 7,129 tons of gravel were used on various roads.
- c. 5,006 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.
- d. 16 new culverts were installed.

James Carrara
Road Commissioner

2014 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

2015 International 7600 with Plow and Sander	\$ 170,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow	\$ 65,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 90,000
2009 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 100,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C excavator with trailer	\$ 40,000
2002 International 2574 with plow and sander	\$ 16,000
2000 Caterpillar 928G Loader	\$ 40,000
1996 416B Caterpillar Backhoe	\$ 15,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$ 5,000
1992 120G Caterpillar Grader	\$ 40,000
1968 Tractor and Mower and Broom	\$ 1,000
York Rake	\$ 500
6 Two-Way Radios	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 588,500

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by statute to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's Land Records. Other statutory responsibilities include: voter registration and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for elections. The Town Clerk is the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of Lister Grievances. The Town Clerk records Town Proceedings and maintains the minutes of various Town boards and commissions. The Town Clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the Town - Births, Deaths and Civil Marriages - and issues Civil Marriage licenses. The Clerk issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Often Town Clerks are asked to disseminate information from various State agencies to local constituencies as well as attest to the fact that statutory procedures are being adhered to. In Shrewsbury, the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station permits. In 2014 the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org was revamped in time for the requirements of the new Open Meeting Law mandating the posting of agendas and minutes for all municipal meetings. The Selectboard has also been utilizing the Clerk for administrative functions as the Board's legislative and oversight responsibilities continue to have additional compliance and record-keeping mandates.

In 2014 I was awarded the distinction of Certified Vermont Clerk by the Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurer Association. Certification is based on years of experience, formal training and community service.

In 2014 Shrewsbury had three elections: an Annual Town Meeting Election, the Vermont State Primary in August, and the Vermont General Election in November. Because the November election had a Federal Office on the ballot, it is considered an Election Assistance Commission (EAC) election which requires extensive reporting as to the number of voters registered, removed from the rolls, voting early or absentee; overseas and domestic as well as other information.

The Board of Civil Authority did not meet in 2014, insofar as there were no Lister Grievance Appeals, nor any requests for Tax Abatements. The BCA reviews the voter checklist during odd-numbered years.

This year the major records restoration project that was undertaken was the microfilming of Land Records Books, Volume 50 through Volume 60. The microfilm is stored at the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration facility in Middlesex.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 VITAL STATISTICS

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

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

Town of Shrewsbury
ANIMAL LICENSES 2014

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE*	FEES COLLECTED
88	SPAYED FEMALE	\$8.00 EACH	\$704
83	NEUTERED MALE	\$8.00 EACH	\$664
4	FEMALE	\$12.00 EACH	\$48
9	MALE	\$12.00 EACH	\$108
0	TOWN TO TOWN COURTESY TAG	NO CHARGE	\$0
0	SPECIAL PERMIT	\$0.00 EACH	\$0
*0	PET DEALER LICENSE	\$25.00 EACH	\$0
TOTAL :	184 LICENSES AND PERMITS		
8	LATE FEES	\$4.00 EACH	\$32
	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		\$1,556

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$452
Fees retained by Clerk	\$368
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$184
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/Neuter program	<u>\$552</u>
	\$1,556

*In July of 2014 ACT 30 eliminated Kennel Permits and replaced them with a Pet Dealer License, applicable for those selling cats or dogs from three or more litters in a 12-month period.

Pursuant to V.S.A. 20 § 3581 and Shrewsbury ordinance, anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1st obtain a license and shall pay **\$8.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$12.00** for each un-neutered or un-spayed dog. If the license fee is not paid by April 1, a **50%** penalty is added. The basic license fees are \$4.00 for neutered or spayed and \$8.00 for unneutered or unsprayed, plus \$1.00 on each license for rabies control programs and \$3.00 for dog, cat, wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering programs.

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

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

For 2015, 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
2014 HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT



The Shrewsbury Selectboard and an appointed Town Health Officer are the local Board of Health. Our mission is to **prevent, remove, or destroy public health hazards and mitigate health risks**. This often involves investigating any report of questionable air and water quality, communicable diseases, rental housing conditions, pest control, and animal bites or cruelty.

There were many calls to the Town Health Officer this past year. Most reports were about animal bites and residential water safety; neighborhood pest and mold control were issues, as well. Owners have the responsibility to maintain a healthy and safe environment, which includes removal of mold, standing water, and refuse or clutter that invite vermin or accident. As Health Officer, I gave out much information by phone, provided literature, and referred folks to State assistance, water testing kits, and State programs. No formal investigations were done - no health order mandates were necessary.

Please know that a concern regarding the health or safety of the public, or a rental property, warrants Town officer involvement. **Animal bites and rental code violations are reportable, as are always certain infectious diseases.** Matters of a personal, financial, or legal nature are not the business of the local Board of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Town in this capacity,
Daphne LeaHemmer,
Town Health Officer 1/14
773-7157
vthemmer@comcast.net

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 TOWN CONSTABLES REPORT

As 1st and 2nd Constables for the Town of Shrewsbury, we serve as the first and second enforcement officers for town ordinances and state laws. We are happy to report that incidents involving suspicious activity declined in 2014.

These activities included: five suspicious vehicle calls, four break-in/burglary calls, three traffic complaints, one animal/traffic complaint, one restraining order call, one traffic accident response, and one missing person request from the State Police.

We also introduced the new VT Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement Warden, Timothy Carey (802-295-9533), to the Shrewsbury environs.

Many thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Program and to all the citizens of Shrewsbury who called in with valuable information regarding any suspicious activity. As a result, we only had one poaching related call this year. Incidents involving suspicious activity declined this year thanks to your vigilance.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew E. Danaher, 1st Constable
492-3442
shrewsburyconstables@hotmail.com

Betsy J. Jesser, 2nd Constable
492-9117
benbeano@vermontel.net

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

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

1. Elections

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

2. Tax Abatement and Appeals

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

3. Marriages

Justices of the Peace may also solemnize marriages in Vermont.

4. Oaths and Notary

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

5. Magistrate

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

Your current Justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Julianne Sharrow, Hull Maynard, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill.

I would like to report that all incumbent Justices were re-elected last year and are looking forward to serving again. Our activities during 2014 were relatively light with no tax appeals.

John Berryhill
Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

During 2014 the Town of Shrewsbury continued to recover from the damages of Tropical Storm Irene from Aug. 29, 2011. The Road Crew replaced undersized culverts throughout the Town and cleaned out and lined many ditches with rough stone aggregate.

The two bridges on the Governor Clement Shelter road were replaced, the westernmost bridge being an 80 foot precast sectional concrete and steel bridge. The only remaining bridge to be made operational is the Brown Covered Bridge. Because of heavy washout and landslide at the west end of the Upper Cold River Road, that bridge is no longer accessible. Engineering studies are currently in progress to develop a solution to the landslide which drops into Cold River.

The Office of Emergency Management received an additional responsibility in the spring of 2014; the development of a formal and FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town. To meet this responsibility, the Emergency Management Coordinator appointed a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee which developed a Shrewsbury Hazard Mitigation Plan. This was approved by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, the Vermont Office of Emergency Management, and was forwarded to FEMA for review in October. A copy of the Plan is posted on the Shrewsbury Website (www.shrewsburyvt.org).

In 2014 the Select Board appointed Elliott Stewart as the Shrewsbury Director of Emergency Management and David Rice as the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,
Elliott Stewart

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries which were created during the settlement of the Town in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Normally two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property which they would share for the burial of family members. Therefore, these cemeteries are important historically, for they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the Town. Now in 2014 these cemeteries are almost all located on private property. Since 2001 two family cemeteries have been added: the Mitchell family and the Haley family cemeteries.

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

Respectfully Submitted:
Larry Carrara
David Rice
George Richards

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission has continued to be involved in several areas of interest this year. Our funds were dwindling so the Shrewsbury Variety Show was revived in March, energizing our community as it helped supply funds for future expenses. Thanks to Sabrina McDonough, recycling continues at the Mountain School and we once again organized a Green Up Day in May. A hardy heritage apple tree, adopted and named Smith's Blessing by the group, has consistently provided wonderful apples along Lincoln Hill Road and the multiflora rose that was choking it was removed.

We began to notice ever more plant invasives creeping into Shrewsbury and decided to become more familiar with the problem, educating ourselves along with others in Town. We partnered with the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation to offer an educational work day removing phragmites along the CCC Road. This prompted us to post an educational site on the Town web page so that residents can find out information on various invasive plants as well as the best way to eradicate them.

It came to a surprise for many Shrewsbury residents when they noticed at the end of 2013 that some places in the VELCO right of way (ROW) had been treated with herbicides, as many thought the Town had an agreement with VELCO to manage the ROW using hand cutting rather than using herbicides. Investigation led us to discover the 1989 contract had never been renewed and also led us to learn how VELCO currently manages the ROW. A thorough yearlong investigation into VELCO's management of the ROW and into the various effects of herbicides on our health and environment was undertaken. The SCC made a recommendation to our Select Board to continue to monitor the management of the VELCO ROW through Town as VELCO plans permitting for the 2016 cycle of spray applications. The SCC will partner with VELCO in the exploration of the use of a bio herbicide instead of chemical herbicides and will inform Townspeople about the pros and cons of herbicide use in Town. The SCC plans to make sure that all landowners on the ROW know they have the option of requesting that herbicides NOT be used and make sure landowners know when and how to notify VELCO if this is their desire.

We are always looking for new members. Consider joining to help in this upcoming year! The SCC members feel honored to serve this active and caring community.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Duda, Chairperson

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance January 1, 2014	\$267.33
Cash Receipts:	\$618.00
Disbursements	<u>288.27</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2014	\$ 597.06

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Calotta, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

I was appointed Tree Warden last May and discovered that I am only the third warden appointed in the last thirty or so years following in the footsteps of Dirk Thomas and Eldred French. My goal at least for the first year is to help us understand the value of trees in our landscape and the difficulties in managing them just to keep them healthy. As such, an article about trees has appeared in each edition of the Shrewsbury Times since May. I look forward to including more.

Since last May I have attended the annual Vermont Forest Health Workshop in Woodstock; another on Emerald Ash Borer/Hemlock Woolly Adelgid/Asian Long Horned Beetle in Dover; and the Vermont Tree Stewards Conference "Our Changing Forests" at Vermont Tech. Our landscape is changing and the trees will be also. Good examples were the rare hail storm last May that defoliated entire tree crowns along the Cold River Road and the unusually wet snow storm in December (which lasted more than a week) and kept both the Town Road Crew and line crews from all over New England busy in Shrewsbury dealing with damaged trees.

I have met with the Selectboard and the Town Road Commissioner to continue the efficient operation of identifying and removing the occasional hazardous trees along our roadsides and Town-owned public spaces. I also met with Jonathan Gibson last summer to review a site on his land to be used perhaps as a tree orchard for future town tree plantings. An exciting first year as Tree Warden.

Gary Salmon
Tree Warden



Town of Shrewsbury
2014 TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Currently, Shrewsbury residents are not charged a direct fee to either dispose of trash or recycle at the Transfer Station. Disposal and recycling costs are covered through property taxes paid by landowners in Shrewsbury. However, the Transfer Station is now preparing for compliance with Act 148: Universal Recycling & Composting Law passed by the Vermont Legislature which will require significant changes in 2015. The goal is to decrease the amount of trash going to the landfill by reducing consumption and increasing reuse, recycling and composting. We do not have a choice regarding implementing the law, but we do have choices to make in *how* we implement the law.

Changes required by July 1, 2015:

1. Pay As You Throw: Residents will be required to pay to throw anything into the landfill. This means it will cost to throw anything down the chute at the Transfer Station.
2. Recyclables will be banned from the landfill. If you put them in the recycle area provided at the Transfer Station, you will not be charged.

The Selectboard is planning a Town-wide meeting to discuss changes at the Transfer Station. Information about this meeting and instructions on compliance with the new regulations will be distributed to Townspeople on the Town website, in The Times of Shrewsbury, and through direct mailings. Copies will also be available at the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station continues to provide free disposal of electronics.

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

The next **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 1:00-3:30pm.** Please refer to www.rutlandcountyswac.org for a list of hazardous wastes that are accepted and the dates of Hazardous Waste Disposal Days at other Towns in Rutland County.

Submitted by
Bert Potter, Selectboard



Shrewsbury Planning Commission (clockwise from front left): Francis Wyatt, Mark Goodwin, Laura Black, Marilyn Dalick, Melissa Reichert, and Tim Vile

2014 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury
John Garrison, Vice Chair – West Haven
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer
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SWAC is composed of the Towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These Towns cooperatively work to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner. In 2014, SWAC:

- ❖ Worked cooperatively with the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Districts, Alliances, and other Municipalities on the implementation of Act 148, the Universal Recycling Law. Act 148 was passed by the Vermont Legislature in June of 2012. The law bans mandatory recyclables from the landfill and requires the phased-in ban on food, leaf, and yard residuals and clean wood from the landfill and mandates unit-based pricing for trash (pay as you throw). The goal of this law is to provide convenient and consistent recycling and disposal options to Vermont residents and businesses. This law is phased-in over time, and will have a major impact on how trash is handled in Vermont. This law will impact ALL Vermonters. In addition to the table below, the SWAC website provides additional information on the Law.

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law Timeline

July 1, 2014

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

July 1, 2015

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

July 1, 2016

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

July 1, 2017

- Transfer stations must accept food scraps. Haulers must offer food scrap collection.
- Generators of more than 18 tons/year of food wastes must send those materials to a composting facility if one exists within 20 miles.

July 1, 2020

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

2014 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT (CONTINUED)

- ❖ Began work on the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) revision. The currently approved and adopted SWIP must be redone to meet the requirements of the State's newly adopted Material Management Plan. All Solid Waste Management Entities have until June, 2015 to rewrite and adopt the new SWIP. SWAC will be seeking comments and input throughout this process. All Towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP. The current SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website, and a new webpage will be created for the rewrite. SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC Town's interests on issues such as legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.
- ❖ Continued its support and membership in the Vermont Product Stewardship Council (VTPSC) and Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). These entities work to help shift product waste management systems from government funded, taxpayer and ratepayer financed waste diversion to producer responsibility that encourages green product design with producers having the primary responsibility to establish, fund, and manage end of life systems. VTPSC was an integral part in the passage of primary battery legislation taking effect in 2015. Manufacturers now pay for the collection of televisions, laptops, computers, monitors, and peripherals, compact fluorescent bulbs, mercury lamps, and architectural paint.
- ❖ Sponsored six FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events in SWAC Towns as well as contracted for year-round HHW drop-off service for SWAC residents at the Rutland County Solid Waste Management District (RCSWMD) HW Depot (Depot) on Gleason Road in Rutland. Visit the SWAC website for the 2015 HHW collection events schedule (**HHW date for Shrewsbury is Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 1:00-3:30pm.**) Residents can attend any of the collection events, not just the ones scheduled in their Town. All events are FREE of charge to SWAC residents. SWAC also promoted Unused or Unwanted Medication Collection programs sponsored by DEA and scheduled throughout the year.

Thank you to all citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. Your Town was represented by: Bert Potter.

Town of Shrewsbury 2014 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

2014 was another fairly quiet year for the Town of Shrewsbury. We had seven grievances; five were mitigated by the Listers and two resulted in no change. All decisions were accepted by the property owner(s) resulting in no grievances to the Board of Civil Authority.

Please make a note to file your Homestead Declaration (called the HS122) by April 15. The forms will be in the tax book, but due to limited distribution you can go on-line to fill out your HS122, Renter's Rebate, or request an income tax book, or all other forms. If you have an accountant, or if you do your own taxes, please make sure to have your form filled out and filed on time.

We received our stipulation from the State Department of Taxes in July. Results gave us a CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) as 105.66% and a COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) as 12.59%.

Thanks to all of our non-taxable property owners who spent the time to gather insurance values on the buildings under ACT 73 32VSA: 4152 (4), (6).

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

Sincerely,
Sharon Winnicki and Marina Potter

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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

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

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission focused on reviewing and editing of a final draft of the unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Public hearings and informational meetings will be held in upcoming months. We reviewed the Town permit application forms for conformance to current regulations, including Zoning Permit, Subdivision Application and Agricultural Building-Notice of Intent.

Membership resignations: Jason Smith. We thank Jason for his valuable work with the Planning Commission during his tenure.

Membership appointments: Tim Vile. We welcome Tim to the Planning Commission, as he was officially appointed in October.

We endorsed a planned acquisition of land in Shrewsbury and Mendon by the Trust for Public Lands for transfer to the State of Vermont. This land connects Coolidge State Forest to Aitken State Forest and will provide access for recreation, hunting and a contiguous east-west wildlife corridor. We are pleased that the Agency of Natural Resources is proposing to name this forest in honor of Senator James Jeffords.

We reviewed the 45-day notice of the Section 248 application of the *TDI New England Clean Power Link* proposed project to build an HVDC transmission line through Shrewsbury. Our findings included concerns regarding public health, environmental and aesthetic impacts, and potential construction complications. The two proposed routes for the underground HVDC line through Shrewsbury are along Route 103 and along the railroad tracks.

We noted Green Mountain Power's plan to build a 3-phase power distribution line from Mt Holly into southeast Shrewsbury. Their current Act 250 permit does not reflect this upgrade to a 3-phase commercial-industrial compatible line. We will be on alert for this amendment, which GMP may submit in the near future.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Black, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 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 DRB records: applications, hearings and decisions; are retained at the Town Office and are 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 2014, the DRB issued one subdivision permit, one variance and one boundary line adjustment. There was one appeal of a denied permit application but that appeal was dropped by the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

At the start of 2014 I assumed that we would be seeing a resurgence in building starts, but that was not how the year turned out. I issued 19 building permits that were for the usual assortment of projects: one camp, a few small additions, decks, and storage buildings, but not one new house start. I was informed of four agricultural buildings to be constructed. I have noticed that there is interest on some of the open lots that are on the market so we'll see what next year brings.

Our zoning regulations are still awaiting the promised update and merging of Zoning and Subdivision regulations. I look forward to seeing the new document when the Planning Commission finishes that long process.

One real concern I have to bring to your attention is the number of "temporary" storage buildings that continue to pop up all over town. When these semi-permanent buildings are constructed, I frequently hear that the structure is "temporary" so the owners don't think they need a permit. Unless you really plan for that structure to be up 6 months or less, it is not temporary for zoning purposes. In addition, these structures need to abide by the setback requirements for the zoning district they are in. So if you put up anything that you intend to leave up for a period of time longer than 6 months, call me for a permit. This includes the use of storage trailers. These trailers are structures needing a permit unless they are registered, inspected and roadworthy and they absolutely need to abide by the zoning setbacks.

Also, a reminder that the State of Vermont has full authority over waste and potable water systems. I can answer some questions or send you in the right direction for answers that I do not know. If you are unsure whether your planned project needs any permits, call me. My listed number is my home and I am available most days and evenings for questions.

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

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT

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

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

This year we used some of the Russell Smith endowment to completely renovate the main hall, creating a cleaner and brighter meeting space. This change has been well received by the community and those who have rented the space. A great thanks to Julanne Sharrow and Liesbeth van der Heijden who put in countless hours putting the finishing touches on this nice new space.

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

The Meeting House Committee

Town Trustees: John Berryhill, Jonathan Gibson, Mark Youngstrom

Church Trustees: John Lorentz, Julanne Sharrow (Chair), Donna Smith

At Large Trustee: Leonard Korzun



Cuttingsville Post Office Staff (l to r): Barbara Perkins, Buster Seward, Sandy Bruno

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2014	\$56,331
RECEIPTS	
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250
Hall Rental	\$850
Interest	\$29
Donations	\$0
Other	\$402
Total Receipts	\$17,531
EXPENDITURES	
Electricity	\$1,160
Propane	\$4,851
Telephone	\$508
Custodial	\$2,620
Maintenance	\$4,114
Insurance	\$5,336
Supplies	\$194
Furnishings	\$340
Capital Improvements	\$16,900
Total Disbursements	\$36,023
ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$37,839

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$28,038	\$0	\$16,900	\$11,138

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2013 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014 BUDGET</u>	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015 BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250
Hall Rental	\$800	\$800	\$850	\$950
Interest	\$52	\$50	\$29	\$20
Donations	\$5,000	\$250	\$0	\$300
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$0	\$0	\$16,900	\$0
Other	\$2,117	\$0	\$402	\$200
Total Receipts	\$24,220	\$17,350	\$34,431	\$17,720
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$1,134	\$1,200	\$1,160	\$1,200
Propane	\$4,762	\$4,500	\$4,851	\$5,000
Telephone	\$453	\$500	\$508	\$500
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,620	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$3,445	\$2,500	\$4,114	\$3,000
Insurance	\$3,996	\$5,800	\$5,336	\$5,360
Supplies	\$72	\$150	\$194	\$160
Furnishings	\$3,634	\$200	\$340	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$181	\$0	\$16,900	\$0
Total Disbursements	\$20,177	\$17,350	\$36,023	\$17,720
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES	\$4,042	\$0	(\$1,592)	\$0

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

The Library is again requesting level funding at \$7,500 in Town tax support to help cover operating costs: heat, electricity, telephone/internet service, septic pumping, maintenance, and insurance. Although actual building related expenses in 2014 were \$11,276, due to increased electric, telephone/internet, and insurance rates, the Library remains successful in fund-raising -- through the Annual Silent Auction/Cookie Swap, the Haystack Dinner & Street Dance, the Book & Bake Sale, Mettawee Theatre Company, and the annual appeal -- to meet the remaining operating expenses, add new books, movies, and music, and offer programs to the community.

Now in its 39th year, the Library saw steady circulation and patron count numbers, and met the Vermont Department of Libraries' Minimum Standards for Public Libraries for the 14th straight year. 5,028 books, DVDs, audiobooks (including those on ListenUpVT), and music CDs circulated to patrons. 3,896 adults and children visited the Library to borrow materials, attend programs and fund-raising events, use our public computers, copier and fax, and access our wireless internet. We continued to welcome volunteers as Library trustees, staffers during Library hours, presenters of programs and workshops.

Free Library programs included the Famous Books Book Club, the Science Book Club, the Quilters' Group, the Writers' Group, and Computer Office Hours. We hosted presentations by Habitat for Humanity volunteers Stan & Louise Duda, Terry & Seamus Martin, and Sandy & Kristi Bragg on Sri Lanka and Bali, Indonesia; by Chryl & Gerry Martin and Sandy & Kristi Bragg on hiking in Britain; by Mark Krawczyk on Permaculture; by archaeologist Charlie Paquin. Pam Grace offered a Story Hour for children, and retired teachers Linda Olney and Doris Perry reorganized the Children's Collections, replaced VHS tapes with DVDs, and started a Legos Club. Several classes from Shrewsbury Mountain made Library visits, thanks to Library volunteers, Ms. Fishwick and the teachers.

Thanks to Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department advice, we improved our signage and emergency plans. As our first Five-Year Plan ends, we are inviting community members to complete a survey of their library use and make suggestions. We are forming a new Five-Year Plan Committee of Townspeople and Library Trustees to review the surveys and make recommendations for improvements to the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Aleshire, President

Donna Swartz, Vermont Certified Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2014		\$ 90,751
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	25,396	
Capital Fund	1,674	
Restricted	60	
Total Receipts	27,130	27,130
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	19,640	
Capital Fund	1,558	
Restricted	3,523	
Total Expenditures	(24,721)	(24,721)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2014		\$ 93,160

<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2014		\$ 25,000
Receipts		1,674
Board designation of funds		4,884
Expenditures		(1,558)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2014		\$ 30,000

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 276	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ 150
E. Jeffords Permanent Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Conservation Commission	3,000	-	3,000	-
Claire Hooper	745	-	-	745
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	250	-	-	250
Allan YA Book Fund	26	60	39	47
Gerty Current Fiction Fund	445	-	247	198
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	357	-	-	357
Speakers Fund	17	-	17	-
Mitch Spencer Fund	161	-	94	67
	\$ 8,917	\$ 60	\$ 3,523	\$ 5,454

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2013 Actual	2014 <u>Budget</u> <u>Actual</u>		2015 Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	6,634	6,300	8,907	6,500
Fundraising	9,328	5,700	8,170	6,960
Interest Earned	123	80	142	100
Other income	721	600	677	600
Total Operating Revenue	<u>24,306</u>	<u>20,180</u>	<u>25,396</u>	<u>21,660</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	300	300	250	250
Materials: Adults	2,656	3,950	2,694	4,550
Materials: Children & YA	959	1,700	1,053	1,700
Children's Program Expense	434	1,000	200	1,000
Equipment & Repairs	96	300	-	300
Electricity	1,680	1,765	1,888	2,115
Five year plan costs	714	150	120	150
Fuel	1,897	2,000	2,351	2,500
Fundraising & events expense	951	1,500	1,006	1,200
Insurance	1,793	1,885	1,846	1,940
Librarian Expense	170	200	-	175
Maintenance	1,507	2,315	3,229	2,050
Miscellaneous	15	150	47	150
Septic	613	1,225	1,420	1,225
Postage	54	70	78	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	210	250	166	250
Program Expense	400	1,000	1,609	2,000
Supplies	685	850	541	750
Telephone	1,037	1,070	1,142	1,255
Total Operating Expense	<u>16,171</u>	<u>21,680</u>	<u>19,640</u>	<u>23,660</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 8,135</u>	<u>\$ (1,500)</u>	<u>\$ 5,756</u>	<u>\$ (2,000)</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Starting in the spring of this year, Society members were invited by Lynn McDermott to peruse the Russell home's attic for artifacts. The items were mostly wood and pertained to the mill that the Russells owned and operated. Right now it is a work in progress for each piece had to be examined, sorted, and catalogued.

On May 5th at 4 pm, Historical Societies throughout the state were encouraged to ring bells in commemoration of the 1,234 Vermont men of the First Vermont Brigade who were killed or wounded at the Civil War's Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia in 1864. Several members tolled the bell twelve times.

The museum committee decided to keep the Pierce's collection as our summer exhibit for one more season. Added to the exhibit was Gracie Brigham's handmade 5-6 foot tall replica of the Statue of Liberty. Back in 1986 Marjorie prepared a recitation based on Lady Liberty's 100th birthday. She would hide behind the cut-out and entertain schoolchildren making believe she was Lady Liberty. The Society had a CD playing Marjorie's program and placed it behind the statue for our visitors to enjoy.

The Historical Society was saddened this year with the passing of several members and supporters: Sally Jones, Edna Martyn and Senator Jim Jeffords.

Guests who signed the guest book came from Massachusetts, Texas, Maryland, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., Nevada, Arizona, Pennsylvania and New York.

Thank you to all our volunteer members who staffed on Sundays; to Ann Ridlon for the wonderful 2015 Memories Calendar, to snow shoveling by John Elwert and to Ann and Al Ridlon Sr. who take care of mowing and weeding. For this and all the dedicated work of many of our members, thank you.

The Historical Society's website invites you to visit at www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com. We are a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our annual request to the Town for \$2500 will greatly help us to continue with the maintenance costs and operating expenses of the historical museum building. We appreciate your support and invite you to join the Society. The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7 pm in the museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Brigham, President

Marguerite Ponton, Vice President

John Elwert, Treasurer

Ruth Winkler, Secretary

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

Honorary Trustee: Bud Clark

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,249.41
Less Outstanding Checks	_____
Plus Outstanding Deposits	_____
Money Market Acct	13,467.62
Certificates of Deposit	24,102.97
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2014	<u>39,820.00</u>

Receipts	3,126.44
Town of Shrewsbury	2,000.00
Interest Received	91.70
Total Income for 2014	<u>5,218.14</u>
Total Operating Expenses for 2014	<u>(5,893.84)</u>

ENDING CASH BALANCE

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

ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2014 **\$ 39,140.74**

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Membership dues	\$ 880.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 600.00
Fund Raising	\$ 1,819.91	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,044.44	\$ 2,000.00
Contributions	\$ 545.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 557.00	\$ 600.00
Interest on CD's and MM	\$ 98.56	\$ 100.00	\$ 91.70	\$ 100.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 5,343.47</u>	<u>\$ 5,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,218.14</u>	<u>\$ 5,300.00</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14.10	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,990.00	\$ 500.00
Insurance	\$ 954.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 977.00	\$ 1,000.00
Electricity	\$ 308.82	\$ 325.00	\$ 305.76	\$ 325.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 395.33	\$ 700.00	\$ 684.59	\$ 600.00
Archival Supplies	\$ 137.81	\$ 200.00	\$ 178.96	\$ 200.00
Supplies and misc	\$ 1,641.76	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,508.37	\$ 1,200.00
Postage	\$ 223.23	\$ 300.00	\$ 249.16	\$ 300.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,675.05</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>	<u>5,893.84</u>	<u>4,125.00</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 1,668.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,500.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (675.70)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,175.00</u></u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Your Fire Department responded to 31 emergency calls in 2014. Happily, Shrewsbury did not suffer any major fires or other disasters this past year. There were two fire calls to residences in December that easily could have fallen into this category. Fortunately, quick calls and fast responses allowed us to arrive and suppress these fires before major damage was incurred. Motor vehicle accidents on Route 103 and elsewhere also kept us busy.

Maintenance work kept your volunteers busy in 2014. Repairs were made to water sources and hydrants damaged by vandalism and Tropical Storm Irene. Much time was invested writing an application for a \$56,000 FEMA grant for the purchase new air packs to replace the old, obsolete units we have been using since 1997. We will find out about this later in 2015. We continue to do research regarding our next fire truck and the restrictions posed by the size of the Cuttingsville Station, as discussed in last year's town report.

Continuity reigned at SVFD's annual meeting in October. Chief Russ Carrara added Lieutenant Phil Severy to his cadre of officers. Kevin Brown received the Chief Snarski Award for his service; the Peter Cosgrove Award was given to Bob Snarski for his work. Congratulations to all! On a sadder note, in August an SVFD honor guard paid our final respects to former member Jim Jeffords at his memorial service -- a true public servant.

Our Ham Supper in October was perhaps the best ever -- thanks as always to our wonderful Auxiliary! Thanks also to Mark and Gina Stewart who put in countless hours managing our Race Pool, to those who contributed to our Fuel Raffle, and to all who have donated to our annual Coin Drop and Mailer. These fundraisers pay for a substantial portion of our operations.

This year we have made an overdue adjustment in our sinking fund request, to take into account the fact that fire trucks now cost much more (about \$400,000) than they did twenty years ago (about \$150,000) when the fund was first established. As always, we believe that our funding request is reasonable, and that our volunteer members ably serve and protect you. As always, we appreciate your support.

Jack Perry
President

Barry Griffith
Secretary/Treasurer

Russell Carrara
Fire Chief

Town of Shrewsbury
2014 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 safe!!

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

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

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$27,000
Raised by SVFD	\$16,996	\$15,000	\$17,059	\$16,500
Total Operating Income	\$41,996	\$40,000	\$42,059	\$43,500
EXPENSES				
New Equipment	\$15,600	\$10,000	\$7,437	\$7,800
Operating	\$4,164	\$4,000	\$3,513	\$3,600
Maintenance	\$3,622	\$4,000	\$6,829	\$6,000
Stations	\$2,066	\$4,500	\$3,120	\$8,000
Insurance	\$7,812	\$8,500	\$8,716	\$9,000
Communications	\$1,762	\$2,000	\$1,702	\$1,900
Heating	\$3,611	\$3,500	\$1,610	\$2,700
Electric	\$1,749	\$1,800	\$2,179	\$2,400
Dues/Training	\$765	\$900	\$1,304	\$1,000
Fundraising	\$622	\$600	\$2,168	\$900
Miscellaneous	\$75	\$100	\$100	\$100
Bank Charges	\$82	\$100	\$81	\$100
To Replacement Fund			\$4,000	
Total Operating Expense	\$41,930	\$40,000	\$42,759	\$43,500
GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2014				\$34,608
Receipts				
Town of Shrewsbury			\$25,000	
Race Pool Income			\$12,000	
Fuel Raffle Proceeds			\$2,350	
Coin Drop Proceeds			\$2,050	
Donations			\$610	
Interest Income			\$49	
Total General Fund Receipts			\$42,059	\$42,059
Expenditures				-\$42,759
GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2014				\$33,907

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Replacement Fund*

Opening Balance 1/1/14	\$54,898	
Mailer Donations -- early 2014	\$3,470	
Mailer Donations -- late 2014	\$4,715	
Transfer from Operating Account	\$4,000	
Interest Income	\$87	
Ending Balance 12/31/14		\$67,170

* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund with balance of \$3087.78 as of 12/31/14

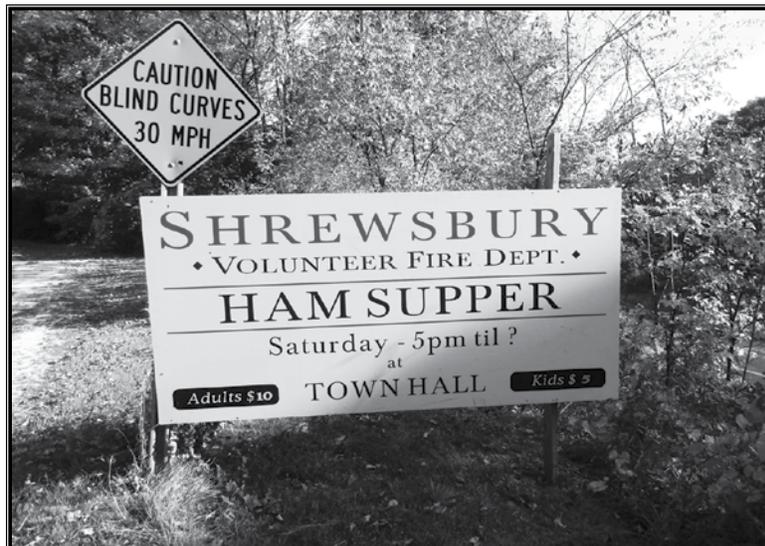
Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/14	\$236,201	
Change in Investment Value	\$6,130	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$2,382	
Ending Balance 12/31/14		\$239,948

Race Pool Account

Opening Balance 1/1/14	\$5,476	
Donations and Interest Income	\$29,529	
Prizes and Expenses Paid	-\$22,857	
Transfer to General Fund	-\$12,000	
Ending Balance 12/31/14		\$148

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2014 **\$307,266**



www.rutlandrpc.org

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

THE COMMISSION'S 2014 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Technical assistance to Municipalities on land use, transportation, and economic development planning.
- Town Planning, including enhanced consultation meetings with Planning Commissions and the update and implementation of Town plans, and land use bylaws.
- Provided grant writing assistance and general administration services to Municipalities receiving funding from the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development.
- Operated the Brownfields Reuse Program, conducting environmental site assessments, remediation planning, and redevelopment assistance.
- Provided review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications for Municipalities, with comments to the Public Service Board and District Environmental Commission.
- Continued assistance to Towns on resiliency planning and disaster recovery, including the development of hazard mitigation projects, Public Assistance community briefings, updated lists of critical facilities and the update of local hazard mitigation plans.
- Support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council to plan for transportation needs of the Region, including roundtables of local road commissioners to share information and discuss solutions.
- Use of GIS capabilities to provide mapping and data collection on a variety of land use, public health and safety, and economic development topics such as: State of Vermont Community Center mapping, creating the Rutland Region Bicycling Network map and RAFFL's Annual Growers Guide.
- Education, training, and information outreach programs on various topics for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees for attendance at workshops offered through other organizations.
- Update of the Rutland Regional Plan, including updates to the Energy, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Recreation and Land Use chapters.
- Provided regular disaster training for Town officials and first responders through the Rutland Region Local Emergency Planning Committee and emergency management planning including assistance to Towns updating their Emergency Operations Plans.
- Supported agricultural viability and economic development through work on an Agritourism Toolkit and collaboration with the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link and VT Farmers Food Center.
- Natural resource planning, including work with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District.
- Worked with the Vermont Dept. of Health on projects involving community health and land use planning.

In Shrewsbury the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- **Worked with the Town to prepare a new Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
- **Coordinated High Risk Rural Road study for Cold River Road.**
- **Provided various maps for the Town plan update.**
- **Coordinated meeting of VTrans engineer, District engineer and local officials to address slope slides.**
- **Started work inventorying culverts (and determining their GPS coordinates) through a Better Back-Roads grant.**
- **Provided the Town Clerk with several individual parcel maps for zoning related work.**
- **Assisted Town update and submit the Local Emergency Operations Plan.**
- **Applied for Municipal Planning Grant for the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC).**
- **Provided review and comment on two Act 250 applications.**

2014 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

31st ANNUAL REPORT (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014)

www.RegionalAmbulance.com

We are pleased to present this annual report to the citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. (R.A.S) has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for 31 years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, R.A.S has responded to 175,904 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2014, the service responded to a total of 8,482 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 354 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. **In 2014, the R.A.S. responded to 65 direct calls from residents of the Town of Shrewsbury in addition to scheduled transfers.** We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Jim Collins, Paramedic Shift Supervisor for being honored as our “Star of Life” at the American Ambulance Association’s Stars of Life celebration in our nation’s capital. We are also pleased to report that our Chief Executive Administrator, James Finger, received the American Ambulance Association’s highest award, the J. Walter Schaffer Award, “in recognition for his years of service and for his role in advancing the association, its members, and the industry through his leadership and advocacy efforts”. This is the first time someone from Vermont won this prestigious award.

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 30 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 with the help of a partial grant from Green Mountain Power we purchased a solar system to help reduce the cost of electricity at our ambulance garages. The system was installed last December and we are already seeing savings on our monthly electric bills. We ordered two new ambulances to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles of service on each.

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

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,794 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Thursdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 155 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

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

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

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

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

A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2013/2014

Education:

Vermont Envirothon - The District promotes Vermont Envirothon through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. The Envirothon strengthens environmental curriculum at the high school level. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored four teams from two high schools in the 2014 statewide competition.

Science at the Hatchery - The District, in cooperation with the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) coordinated Science at the Hatchery/Conservation Field Day on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the Fish Hatchery in Pittsford for fifth and sixth grade students in Rutland County. Students visited a series of focused workshops on important environmental aspects such as fisheries management, stream ecology and water supply, wetlands, forestry, soils and wildlife habitat.

Outreach:

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

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

The District has secured funding through grant sources to:

- Continue outreach and education efforts regarding Green Stormwater Management Infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) practices i.e., rain gardens/bioretention, rain barrels and stream buffer plantings.
- Install a storm water bio-retention practice (Sand Filter) in the Southern Boulevard development in the City of Rutland. This sand filter will serve to reduce the total volume and peak flow rates of stormwater into the Moon Brook and will serve the dual purpose of protecting the State's water quality and supporting the RNRCD's goal to conserve and protect water resources.
- Raise public awareness about stormwater management practices, and install five Low Impact Development (LID) Practices throughout the East Creek Watershed.
- Provide assistance to small farmers regarding nutrient management planning.
- Install riparian buffer along Mendon Brook with funding from the Statewide Trees for Streams Program.
- Work with the Town of Rutland to coordinate and lead in the development of a framework for a Rutland County Stream Team.
- Work with private landowners and the Towns of Clarendon and Shrewsbury to implement projects identified in the Cold River Corridor Plan (available on the District's website at www.vacd.org/rcd).

Other:

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

Technical Assistance to Farmers - Trained Agricultural Specialists to assist farmers in following State mandated Accepted Agricultural Practices (AAP'S), Nutrient Management Planning (NMP) and Land Treatment Planning (LTP).

Skidder Bridge Rental Program - The District has skidder bridges available for rent to aid loggers in following "Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs". The bridges provide a temporary structure for crossing streams with logging equipment and when installed properly they minimize disturbance to the stream channel and stream bed during the logging operation.

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

2014 RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE REPORT

In 2014, 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 92,168 visits to 2,373 patients. **In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 1,350 visits to 35 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

2014 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

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 2014, 27 Towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through Town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of Towns such as Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

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

During fiscal year 2014, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 2,603 hours of services to 42 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
802-775-2381

2014 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 14 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years! Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.



Mother Earth attending the November, 2014 Harvest Dinner.
She and the Meeting House mural are both creations of Grace Brigham.

2014 RETIRED and SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) REPORT

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 12 years RSVP has implemented several “Signature Programs” aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include: ***RSVP TeleCare***, a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors; a children's literacy and mentoring program called ***RSVP Rutland County Reads***; an 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 935 volunteers. From April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 158,796 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,425,230.

Currently, volunteers from Shrewsbury 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, Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, ***RSVP Rutland County Reads*** program, ***RSVP Bone Builders***, and ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More***.

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

On behalf of RSVP and 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

2014 SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 995 meals that were delivered to the homes of 10 elders in Shrewsbury. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing “shelf-stable” meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather related emergency. In addition, Five Poultney elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 86 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 11 elders in Shrewsbury. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

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

2014 RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN’S NETWORK & SHELTER REPORT

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

Over the past year we provided more than 3,100 shelter bed nights to families in our community. We also offer counseling, support groups, help with finding safe and permanent housing, and are available on a 24 hour crisis line. We advocate to help address instances of domestic violence and sexual assault, assist with family court matters, work closely with local police to provide innovative training for more effective law enforcement response, and provide individual services to clients both in-shelter and in the community. **In 2014, we were able to assist at least five residents of Shrewsbury as they sought a more safe and peaceful life.**

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of Shrewsbury for their support of our program. Because of your support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for survivors of domestic violence from your town as well as to provide counseling and legal advocacy services. The Rutland County Women’s Network & Shelter is requesting the sum of \$150.00 for 2015.

Sincerely,

Linda Bunker, RCWNS President (Telephone 775 – 6788)

2014 NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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

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

2014 has been a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont:

- ✓ **88** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ✓ **160** people received pre-purchase coaching and **40** people went on to purchase a home.
- ✓ **26** families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling **\$303,914**.
- ✓ **55** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lender with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ✓ **15** people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ✓ **61** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ✓ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for
 - **710** households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,
 - **268** families to make energy improvements, and
 - **45** families were loaned **\$929,093** which enabled them to complete improvements
- ✓ **In Shrewsbury four households had energy audits, and eight completed energy improvements through NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad using loans totaling \$11,000. Three families requested assistance with health and safety repairs to their homes.**

These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, www.vt.org.

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

Respectfully,
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

2014 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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 19 individuals in the Town of Shrewsbury. In addition, BROC's Economic & Workforce Development Program worked with two Shrewsbury residents interested in starting or expanding a small business. BROC created partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise much needed funds so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

With your help, 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 of everyday costs. 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. Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$600.00.

Sincerely,
Carol Flint, Executive Director
802-775-0878

2014 THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

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

Final numbers for our FY'14 (10/2013-9/2014) show VCIL responded to over **2,383** 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 **304** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 12 peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and 6 peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **215** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 51 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **125** individuals with information on assistive technology; 36 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **447** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

During FY '14, one resident of Shrewsbury received services from our Information, Referral and Assistance Program (IR&A).

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

2014 VERMONT ADULT LEARNING REPORT

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

The passing of **Act 77-Flexible Pathways** Legislation, effective July 1, 2013, provides older students (22 and older) the opportunity to obtain a diploma with many more options and available resources including dual enrollment at CCV, classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning served 2,192 students statewide in fiscal year 2014. 14% or 306 were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 11,943 hours of education. **We provided 481 hours of instructional service to four students from Shrewsbury. Two students were between the ages of 16 and 21, and two earned their high school credentials.**

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

Stop by for a tour, or call for more information. We appreciate the support of the voters of Shrewsbury.

Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager

Email: mfolger@vtadulthoodlearning.org Phone: 775-0617 / Fax 773-0323

2014 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER 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, and 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. RCPCC also provides family centered services to families and children (from birth to five years), such as:

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

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels, but as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring these services into their homes and communities. The Rutland County Parent Child Care Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600.00 from Shrewsbury in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families with young children in your community. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,
Caprice B. Hover, Executive Director, Phone 802-775-9711

2014 AMERICAN RED CROSS VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE UPPER VALLEY REGION REPORT

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

2014 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross provided the following vital services: responded to 206 disasters/emergencies, with 23 in Rutland County; collected 45,000 pints of blood and blood products, assisted 163 members of the military and their families, empowered more than 1,200 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need, and provided free babysitter training to over 250 youths.

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

For disaster assistance, please call (802) 660-9130 option 1, anytime 24/7.

Sincerely,
Larry Crist, Executive Director

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

Thanks to the support of many partners, volunteers, and communities surrounding the Green Mountain National Forest, we were able to accomplish a wide range projects from January 2014 to December 2015.

We are proud that the Green Mountain National Forest is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people - people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to visit every year.

Recreation Programs

The Forest Service Recreation Program acknowledges the outstanding collaborative effort exhibited between numerous partner organizations, volunteers, State and local government representatives, and local businesses to promote and enhance recreational resources on the Green Mountain National Forest. The Forest Service has been attracting more visitors to the region and engaging more local groups and individuals in contributions that promote and enhance recreational opportunities. Enabling the Forest Service to develop and provide quality recreation opportunities are the contributions of hard-working volunteers and longstanding partners such as: Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC), the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA), the Green Mountain Club (GMC), the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), and the Moosalamoo Association. In addition, new energy with a stewardship ethic is provided by developing partners, including: Rochester Area Sports Trail Alliance (RASTA), the Town of Killington, and the Killington Mountain School, Manchester and Mountains Bike Club, Williams College Outing Club, Vermont Trail Trotters, and the Swedish Ski Club. The following highlights capture a few of the successes achieved in the past year:

Forestwide: Many snowmobile, cross country skiing and hiking trail systems across the forest were closed when a powerful, prolonged, heavy wet snowfall along with significant icing damaged trees on December 9-11, 2014. VAST and Catamount Trail Association Clubs volunteered many hours to re-open trails for the season.

Killington, VT: Finalized proposal to construct mountain bike trail network in collaboration with the Town of Killington, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Killington Mountain School and a developing VMBA chapter.

Shrewsbury, VT: Reconstruction of the Sargent Brook Bridge that serves as the official Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Long Trail National Recreation Trail was completed in the fall through the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned funds. The VYCC worked on the AT/LT just south of Minerva Hinchey shelter. They replaced an 8' and 10' bridge in poor condition and they leveled, and added curbs, to two other 10' bridges. They have done uphill side ditching, benching, rock retaining walls, over 25 rock waterbars, and constructed a rock staircase. They also completed AT/LT tread improvement near Spring Lake Ranch including tread repair near the beacon after a new airport beacon was installed adjacent to the AT/LT. Heavy equipment had to use sections of the AT/LT to access the beacon site.

Special Uses:

A Land Special Use Permits were administered to replace one of the red safety beacons marking high ground in Shrewsbury above the Rutland Airport with a solar powered LED beacon.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure. Forest Service Offices in Vermont are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 PM.

Dee Hines, Acting Forest Supervisor -- Supervisor's Office Rutland Phone: 802-747-6700

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014)**

I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2014-2015)

A. School Board

Adrienne Raymond, Chairperson.....	2015
Fahima Thompson (resigned 11/14).....	2017
Ed Hemmer (appointed 11/14).....	2017
Sarah Bolster.....	2016

Mill River Board:

Adrienne Raymond.....	2016
Sally Snarski	2017

B. Administration

David Younce	Superintendent of Schools
Bernard Peatman.....	Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator
Carol Geery.....	RSSU Director of Student Services
Stan Pawlaczyk	RSSU Business Manager
Carrie Becker	21 st CCLC Program Director
Coral Czachor	Assistant Director of Special Education

C. Faculty and Staff

Amy Blongy.....	Special Ed Para-educator; Teacher-Preschool
Julia Bonafine	Teacher-Elementary
Pam Bullock.....	Support Staff- School Cook
Gerald Campeau.....	Support Staff- School Custodian
Molly Clark.....	Teacher-Elementary
Marj Congdon	Support Staff- School Secretary
Debra Fishwick	Principal
Francesca Girardi	Teacher- Elementary; Special Ed Para-educator
Amber Kammerlan.....	Teacher- Art
Charlene Lundeen	Teacher- Nurse
Sabrina McDonough	Teacher- Elementary
Thomas Neeson.....	Teacher- Music
Theodore Panasci	Teacher- Physical Ed
Joshua Pellerin	Special Ed Para-educator
Lauren Piechota	Teacher- Elementary
Julie Redington	Support Staff- Support-Multiage Primary TA
Erin Rice	Teacher-Elementary
Wendy A Savery.....	Teacher- French

2014-2015 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 79 students as of our January count.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Actual 2012-2013</u>	<u>Actual 2013-2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014-2015</u>	<u>Projected 2015-2016</u>
Preschool	13	16	16	15
K	7	7	10	11
1	12	7	7	10
2	6	12	9	7
3	9	7	14	9
4	7	8	7	14
5	9	6	9	6
6	5	9	7	9
Total Elementary	68	72	79	81
7	4	3	6	10
8	9	4	3	3
9	9	8	6	4
10	13	9	8	8
11	8	12	8	9
12	4	7	14	12
Total Mill River	47	43	45	46
Total	115	115	124	127

Presently there are 45 Shrewsbury students attending Mill River Union High School.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Happily, I thank you once again for supporting the budget that was presented at last year’s Town Meeting. We appreciate and value the trust you place in us to present a budget that allows our children to be educated by professionals and to have that learning happen in a healthy and safe environment.

Currently, a great amount of work is being done by Boards, Administration, and Staff on moving forward using the Common Core curriculum. This requires our Administration and Staff to rethink and redesign what they teach when and how they assess our students. The Board is supporting our Administration and Staff in their efforts with increased time as a whole school to plan for these changes. There has been a fair amount of “hype” regarding the Common Core, but in truth it really is just that, a common core of knowledge that we expect our children to learn and use as they progress through our school system. These efforts are being made together across the RSSU and will support our children in entering Mill River with similar sets of skills, something that the member elementary schools have been working to achieve for many years. Shrewsbury students have done very well at Mill River through the years, and we certainly want that to continue.

Last summer the roofing project was completed on-time and under budget! We were very pleased that all of the work was able to be completed during the summer vacation with no impact on school programs and minimal impact on the use of the public playground. The roof looks wonderful, and we look forward to many winters without the constant threat of water leaking into the building. The final budget for the project came in without using most of the contingency that must be built in to projects of this size and this allows us to use the last of the bond funds to help with the first payment. The coming year we will see solar panels installed on the new roof which was designed and constructed for that eventuality. The solar panels are being paid for by grant monies and our building fund. These solar panels and our increased roof insulation will make quite a dent in our energy usage and costs.

After all the recent projects, the building is in good shape generally, but of course with any building there are ongoing projects that are needed in the coming years. The only large expenditure that we have identified is an automatic generator system. The Board has started looking into what the costs would be and what funding sources might be available to help with this purchase. The need for a generator was clearly shown this past December when school needed to be cancelled for five days due to the extensive power outage that Shrewsbury suffered. These longer term outages seem to be coming more frequently and a generator would allow our school to be a warm, light, and welcoming place during these times. With this project in mind as well as generally increasing prices of all repairs, we are requesting a Building Fund contribution of \$15,000. We have been putting aside \$10,000 per year for a long time and since we no longer have contributions to the Bus Sinking Fund, we thought that was a reasonable request.

We are presenting budgeted expenditures of \$1,173,570 for the 2015/2016 school year. This number is up from last year by \$37,281. The increase includes \$21,000 in increased payments to RSSU. This significant increase is partly due to our increased share of the overall district student count. It also includes the roof bond payment of \$17,000 which is being paid this year by the savings in the overall roof cost of \$18,000. The good news is that, seemingly against the tide, the Mountain School has continued to see a rise in our student numbers. The increased funding that comes with more students, together with our efforts to keep the budget under control results in per pupil spending increasing by just over 1%. Since it is our per pupil spending that drives our tax rate, keeping that number low is a positive. In fact, our per pupil cost is the lowest in the RSSU. The final homestead tax rate is a combination of the high school and elementary rates using the ratio of students in these schools adjusted using the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) provided by the State. The resulting number is estimated to be \$1.33, a 2% increase over last year. We will provide more detailed worksheets at the Informational Meeting.

In closing, I hope that you will vote to support our budget on March 3rd. Please come to our regular meetings and especially to the Informational Meeting on March 2nd at 5:30. The 4/5/6 class will be providing dinner to purchase as well as coffee and snack items. See you there.

Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond, Chair

RUTLAND SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION – SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

My name is Dave Younce – I am honored to serve as the superintendent of your school system and pleased to share this summary report with our communities.

I believe that all students have the ability to find success in life and that our primary job as a school system is to support our students and their families as they find their way to that success. School is a complicated business that in some ways is very similar to what you experienced as a child, and in other ways it is profoundly different. Regardless of the dynamics, though, our job is the same: to prepare the next generation to contribute and lead in our communities and society on the whole. My personal intention is to lead a school system that functions with integrity and transparency and to develop strong relationships with our communities while focusing on what matters most in schools – the students. If you are wondering, I am a former elementary school principal, middle school assistant principal, social studies teacher, coach and athletic director. I hail from the Midwest (Naperville, Illinois) and am proud to call Vermont home for the long term. My wife, two school-aged sons and I live in Arlington, VT in the family home built by my wife’s grandfather.

As a final personal note from me, I’d like you to be aware that I have committed to spending my interpersonal energy this school year working with our staff and meeting individually with each staff member in the RSSU. My intention in 2015-2016 is to begin to establish connections in the communities outside of our schoolhouses. Please know that my approach this year has required me to be “in-house” a lot, but that I’ll be out and about before you know it. In the meantime, if you have needs I am only a quick contact away. Please call our RSSU offices at 775-3264, or email me at dyounce@rssu.org.

Now on to the important things – our schools!

Our schools are continually focused on helping our students to experience success in school and life. Examples of current initiatives underway include:

Our RSSU Leadership Team collaboratively developed **foundational/core beliefs** that have been presented to all staff members. These are our beliefs about what school should be and should permeate our efforts. I share them with you for your information – and to make you aware that these are what I/we expect of our professionals. If you see these happening and are impressed, please let us know. If you do not see these things happening, please let us know.

RSSU Foundational Beliefs

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

This spring, students in grades 3-8 and 11 will be assessed using a computerized testing process developed by the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)**. We are putting the finishing touches on ensuring that our technology networks, students and staff are well prepared for this process.

Our schools, supervisory union leaders, and school boards are all committed to creating opportunities for teachers and staff to engage in **relevant professional development activities** that support their efforts at improving instructional skills and student outcomes. Each of our schools has developed its own unique format for providing these opportunities – but the consistent detail in each is that staff members are committed to improving their practice in order to benefit our students. This dedication and demeanor bodes well for the future of our schools and communities.

Capital-improvement work is ongoing in many of our schools through the dedicated efforts and focus of our boards. A large capital-improvement project is underway at Wallingford Elementary, the roofing project at Shrewsbury Mountain School was completed before winter began and a solar project kicks off at SMS this spring. Mill River Union installed new carpeting in the Library space last summer in addition to several other smaller projects. Clarendon Elementary is considering potential long-term projects based on facility studies recently completed. Tinmouth Elementary enjoys a beautiful community center attached to the school due to the efforts the Tinmouth community. Simply put, our board members, administrators and facility management staff are constantly seeking to maintain, care for, and support our school buildings to make them effective for students and efficient for the community.

We are also exploring the concept of **expanding foreign language offerings** in our elementary schools and examining what the impact of elementary expansion might be on middle school and high school course offerings. Local experts are engaged in the process of researching and designing, and will eventually present a proposal to elementary school boards for consideration.

Legislative Act 77 requires that schools utilize several “new” approaches to ensuring a high-quality educational experience for students. Some of the key aspects of this legislation that we are developing locally include Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) for students in grades 7-12, Proficiency-Based Graduation Standards for Mill River students, and an overall focus proficiency and skills as evidence of actual learning. The most tangible ways that you will see this emerge in the community involve new graduation requirements required by law for our current 7th grade students when they graduate from Mill River in 2020. We have a team of educators

working locally and countywide to help develop those requirements for ultimate approval by the MRUHS Board to go into effect in the 2016-2017 school year. Additionally, we have elementary schools that are piloting standards-based report cards this year and intend to expand that effort in the coming years. These efforts align with the tenets of Act 77, but are also truly best practice approaches in this field. If you have school-aged children don't worry... we will walk you through any new concepts as they emerge.

Act 166 established the parameters for universally available preschool for all Vermont 3 and 4 year-olds and is a focus of our system as it will serve to equip our youngest learners to be socially and academically ready for success. Our elementary schools are well-situated with their current programs, but we are working as a system to standardize our efforts and programming to ensure a high-quality, consistent preschool offering in all of our schools that meets the needs of each individual community as well as the spirit and intent of Act 166. For parents of children of preschool age you will receive more information over time as details develop.

The current legislative session promises to be an interesting one. We are all aware of the challenge that exists in Vermont with declining enrollments in schools and rising costs required to sustain the type of schooling that Vermonters value and that generates the results that Vermonters deserve and expect. Legislators will tangle with this issue in the coming months and years, but it is safe to assume that some changes to school governance and funding are likely in the future. There are sure to be twists and turns in the public discourse. I encourage you to pay attention, participate, and share your voice on the matter with your legislators. However, whatever may come in the future, please be assured that we will work our hardest under all circumstances to ensure that students receive a high-quality educational experience and that our operations are smart, efficient, and responsive to student, staff and community needs.

Thank you for your support of our schools and the RSSU Community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Younce, Superintendent

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Shrewsbury Mountain School has watched our student population grow over the past several years. Last year we ended the school year with 75 students. We started this school year with 79 students. This includes several students who have come to our school through the School Choice Program. We are excited to see the number of young families moving to our town and becoming part of our school community.

I want to take a moment to report on some of the exciting activities and events that happened at Shrewsbury Mountain School. In the fall of last year, the Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education (S.A.G.E) visited the school and provided the students with an opportunity to sample dishes made with local ingredients. The students were given recipes and had an opportunity to "shop" for the ingredients on the Good Food Bus. At the end of the school year, the Good Food Bus returned. During their visit, they taught students a little bit about gardening and students were able to select from variety of seedlings to take home to plant in their own garden.

For the past several years, our school has received the fresh fruits and vegetables federal grant which provided students with a daily serving of a fresh fruit or vegetable for snack. Our students and families valued this program. Unfortunately we did not qualify for the grant this current school year. When sharing the news at our open house, families were saddened, but with the support of the school families and the Shrewsbury community, we were able to secure donations from local farmers as well as monetary donations to continue to provide this for our students this current school year. A special thanks to all of the folks that made this opportunity possible.

We continue to offer Camp SMS, our after-school program. This program provides students a variety of opportunities including yoga, walking, running, gardening, and arts and crafts, along with time to complete homework or receive extra academic support. The program operates from 3:15PM - 5:15PM daily. This school

year we welcome a new director to the program, Rachelle Patton. She has done an amazing job of bringing in community members to work with and support our afterschool program.

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

The Shrewsbury School community continues to transform over time. Our school, which once was structured with individual grade classrooms, is now structured with all multi-grade or combined classrooms. Multi-grade classrooms differ in philosophy from multi-age classrooms. A multi-grade classroom combines students from two or more grade levels and provides individual grade level instruction in reading and mathematics. Providing instruction at two separate grade levels is one of the greatest challenges. Our Preschool program continues to thrive. Our staff builds classroom routines through guided discovery in a variety of centers throughout the classroom. One might see students working on a letter sound or number concept, while other students build with blocks or listen to a story. In our Multi-age Primary class, we combine kindergarten and first grade. The students in this classroom work on reading and mathematical skills in the morning and in the afternoon the students are actively engaged in a science experiment or working independently during time exploration time. In second and third grade, students begin to shift from the concept of learning to read to the concept of reading to learn. The teachers begin to incorporate more informational/non-fiction reading. Students in second and third grade also continue to build their mathematical knowledge and skills and many will begin to master their multiplication facts. Our upper elementary grades are combined including grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Students in the 5th and 6th grade continue to improve their writing skills and many of the students in this group have their writing published as part of the Young Writer's Project in the Rutland Herald.

Shrewsbury Mountain School also offers all students Physical Education and Health class. French class includes a wide variety of activities including song, dancing, and other activities that immerse students in a rich language experience. Art instruction is also provided. Students produce the most amazing artwork, which is displayed throughout the school building and is also showcased at the art show at the end of each school year. You would find it difficult to find any open wall space during this time. The school also offers music class weekly. Performances are usually held in the winter and the spring. We also offer choral music to students in grades 3-6 and instrumental lessons and band for students in grades 4-6. Our students perform annually at Music in our Schools which is held at the end of March. During this performance, students from throughout the Rutland South Supervisory Union come together at Mill River to perform. Our students have also performed at the High Notes Festival in Glens Falls, NY.

We continue to move forward with 1:1 technology for students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Each student in those grades has been assigned a personal laptop for use throughout the school day. Students in grade 3 also have access to individual laptops as well as sharing the use of the school's 10 iPads. The iPads are shared between the students in grades K-2. As the State of Vermont move forward with the implementation the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), the State assessment will become electronic – students will be completing their assessment on a computer.

This past school year (2013-2014) was the last year the Shrewsbury Mountain School participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). 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 5th grade also participated in the revised writing assessment. Please note our testing population is small and includes all students. One or two students' scores could change our percentage by 10 % or more. The NECAP Science Assessment is administered to our 4th grade students each spring – the State of Vermont will continue to use the NECAP Science Assessment.

Standardized assessments along with other local assessments are used to help us monitor student progress and assess the effectiveness of our curricula and programs. As the State of Vermont moves forward to implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), we have integrated those CCSS into our curriculum. Vermont has played an active role in the development of these new national standards. The goal of the standards is to prepare all students to graduate from high school “College” or “Career” ready. The hope is that with the new standards and assessment model will better reflect the progress and strengths of students, teachers and schools. These new standards will be assessed with a new assessment, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). This assessment will be given to all students in grades 3-6 in the spring. The SBAC Assessment is a computer-based assessment that contains a variety of questions including multiple choices, short response questions and extended response questions and several performance tasks in both Mathematics and English Language Arts.

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

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

Respectfully,
Debra L. Fishwick, Principal



Shrewsbury Mountain School Faculty (l to r): Ted Panasci, Deb Fishwick, Erin Rice, Sabrina McDonough, and Francesca Girardi.

Shrewsbury Town School District
Combined Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2014
Table III

	General	Capital Projects	Lunch	Fixed Assets	Long Term Debt	Total
Assets						
Cash	42,816		652			43,468
Accounts Receivable	10,652					10,652
Fixed Assets (Depreciated)				239,199		239,199
Retire Long Term Debt						0
Total Assets	53,468	0	652	239,199	0	293,319
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	76	71,100				71,176
Due to Other Funds	15,893	1,101				16,994
Bonds Payable						0
Total Liabilities	15,969	72,201	0	0	0	88,170
Fund Equity						
Fund Balance	37,499	(72,201)	652			(34,050)
Capital Assets				239,199		239,199
Total Fund Equity	37,499	(72,201)	652	239,199	0	205,149
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	53,468	0	652	239,199	0	293,319

Note: On September 10, 2013 the voters approved general obligation bonds to be issued up to an amount not to exceed \$215,000 for the purpose of financing renovations to the School building. The School District closed on the general obligation bonds in July, 2014 through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank in the amount of \$215,000 at a net interest cost of 2.51% and a maturity date of November 15, 2024.

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

	General	Capital Projects	Lunch	Total
Beginning Balance July 2013	21,894	0	185	22,079
Expenditures	(1,098,442)	(72,201)	(42,059)	(1,212,702)
Revenues	1,135,047	0	31,526	1,166,573
Transfers In (Out)	(21,000)	0	11,000	(10,000)
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance June 2014	37,499	(72,201)	652	(34,050)

Sinking Funds
Table V

	Building Fund	Preschool Fund	Total Sinking Funds
Beginning Balance July 2013	15,097	6,779	21,876
Expenditures-Operations	(4,296)	0	(4,296)
Revenues-Approved Transfers in	10,000	0	10,000
Revenue-Interest	14	28	42
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance June 2014	20,815	6,807	27,622

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Operational Fund FY2016**

Description	Budget Approved 2013-2014	Audited Actuals 2013-2014	Budget Approved 2014-2015	Estimated 2014-2015	Budget Proposed 2015-2016
Total Revenue	1,086,332	1,135,041	1,099,903	1,098,149	1,170,846
Total Expenditures	1,090,524	1,119,431	1,136,289	1,132,928	1,173,570
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue	(4,192)	15,610	(36,386)	(34,779)	(2,724)
Beginning Bal July 1	4,192	21,893	36,386	37,503	2,724
Audit Adjustments - Transfers	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	0	37,503	0	2,724	0

**Revenue
Table 1**

Code	Account	Budget Approved 2013-2014	Audited Actuals 2013-2014	Budget Approved 2014-2015	Estimated 2014-2015	Proposed Budget 2015-2016
Local Revenue						
1312	Tuition	0	2,340	0	2,340	0
1314	Tuition school choice	8,724	20,163	8,724	4,643	4,730
1500	Investments	7,400	4,432	6,050	5,000	5,000
1940	Excess Cost Reimb.-Transfer Prog.	0	12,542	0	0	0
Total Local Revenue		16,124	39,477	14,774	11,983	9,730
2000	Sub Grants	30,000	30,000	28,500	24,302	25,600
State Revenue						
3110	ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support	848,630	858,630	852,548	862,548	907,282
3145	ACT 60 Small School Aid	81,677	85,680	88,760	90,474	90,684
3150	ACT 60 Transport Aid	15,921	15,900	11,247	11,219	12,312
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant	18,997	18,997	20,312	19,945	23,809
3202	Spec Ed Expenditures Reim	68,995	80,141	73,580	67,289	73,683
3204	Spec Ed EEE	5,988	5,988	8,299	8,549	9,280
Total State Revenue		1,040,208	1,065,336	1,054,746	1,060,024	1,117,050
Other Revenue						
5200	Transfer from Construction Fund	0	0	0	0	16,583
5400	Prior year adj	0	228	1,883	1,840	1,883
Total Other Revenue		0	228	1,883	1,840	18,466
Total Revenue - All Sources		1,086,332	1,135,041	1,099,903	1,098,149	1,170,846
5350	Transfers - Pending Approval	10,000	inc in # 3110	10,000	inc in # 3110	15,000

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Expenses**

Table II

Code	Account	2013-2014 Approved Budget	2013-2014 Audited Actuals	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2014-2015 Anticipated	2015-2016 Proposed Budget
1100	General Instruction					
	Salaries	315,895	314,314	299,435	299,948	315,988
	Benefits	122,599	108,326	101,709	91,314	96,254
	Purchased Services	2,420	2,385	2,420	2,440	2,450
	Tuition - School Choice	8,724	27,453	21,810	9,285	9,459
	Supplies/Snacks/Travel	7,400	5,302	7,400	7,477	10,500
	Books / Periodicals	1,500	1,921	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Equipment	300	0	300	300	300
1100	Total Instruction	458,838	459,701	434,574	412,264	436,451
1150	Preschool					
	Salaries	26,847	26,730	27,061	27,834	28,036
	Benefits	7,025	5,935	7,218	7,286	7,318
	Supplies & Snacks	1,400	802	1,400	1,407	1,400
	Dues/Fees	275	0	275	275	275
1150	Total Preschool	35,547	33,467	35,954	36,802	37,029
1400	Activities	1,464	177	1,600	1,600	1,600
1500	Title I / SWP	37,488	37,078	30,304	24,302	29,378
2120	Guidance	12,709	8,933	9,219	12,351	13,281
2130	Health Services	11,817	11,667	11,903	12,248	6,254
2210	Improvement of Instruction	5,525	3,762	5,525	5,525	5,525
2220	Total Library / Media	11,039	5,508	12,235	12,663	12,459
2230	Technology					
	Salaries & Benefits	0	0	1,077	0	0
	S.U. Assessment	11,871	11,871	13,764	15,024	19,252
	Tech Infrastructure	0	1,013	2,700	1,348	1,350
	Repair / Maint	1,000	0	250	250	1,000
	Equipment Leasing	6,816	13,744	13,744	15,548	8,732
	Communications	2,942	2,940	2,942	4,386	4,386
	Supplies	600	1,666	1,000	1,700	1,700
	AV and Software	3,686	3,565	3,922	3,922	3,500
	Equipment	8,014	1,572	4,300	2,496	2,000
2230	Technology	34,929	36,371	43,699	44,674	41,920
2310	Board of Education	6,714	5,296	6,589	8,184	8,253
2320	Administration-RSSU	17,885	17,885	21,906	20,219	25,350
2400	Administration					
	Salaries & Benefits	106,182	110,616	138,543	144,644	146,143
	Contracted Services	710	550	710	710	710
	Telephone / Postage	2,000	829	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Travel/Supplies/Books	450	278	450	450	450
	Dues / Fees	500	360	500	500	500

Code	Account	2013-2014 Approved Budget	2013-2014 Audited Actuals	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2014-2015 Anticipated	2015-2016 Proposed Budget
2400	Total Administration	109,842	112,633	141,203	147,304	148,803
2520	Fiscal Services					
	Salary & Benefits	1,077	1,077	1,077	1,077	1,077
	S.U. Assessment	20,413	20,413	24,679	22,778	26,088
	Audit/Fees/Supplies	3,500	3,500	3,750	4,152	4,100
	Interest/ note anticipation	5,400	3,604	4,050	3,679	4,050
2520	Total Fiscal Services	30,390	28,594	33,556	31,686	35,315
2600	Buildings / Grounds					
	Salaries & Benefits	45,709	45,837	47,320	47,356	48,741
	Workshops / Training	0	30	0	100	100
	Repairs / Maintenance / Svcs	12,200	11,895	12,000	33,783	12,000
	Equipment Rental - Copier	4,800	4,559	4,800	4,800	4,800
	Insurance	5,667	5,932	6,229	4,796	5,036
	Travel/Supplies	5,000	6,478	5,000	5,000	6,500
	Electricity	12,150	11,782	12,150	12,150	6,000
	Fuel Oil	14,800	18,827	16,800	16,800	15,600
	Gasoline	100	161	250	250	250
	Equipment / Furniture	2,500	1,929	2,500	2,484	2,500
	Dues / Fees	0	122	0	80	0
2600	Total Buildings / Grounds	102,926	107,552	107,049	127,599	101,527
2711	Total Transportation	27,598	27,598	37,240	34,860	36,995
2720	Transportation -Activities	1,810	495	1,000	1,000	1,000
2790	Transportation -Field Trips	2,050	5,961	3,850	3,850	3,850
5100	Debt Service	0	0	5,000	3,759	25,915
5300	Food Svc. Subsidy/Transfers	10,000	11,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Operating Expenses-General		918,571	913,678	952,406	950,890	980,905
1200	Special Education					
	Salaries & Benefits	126,410	135,902	0	0	0
	Purchased Educ. Svc.	1,000	5,845	0	0	0
	RSSU - Sped Assessment	0	0	138,951	129,063	134,596
	RSSU - EEE Assessment	7,802	7,802	5,987	5,987	9,388
	Travel/Supplies/Equipment	1,550	1,574	0	0	0
	OT Services & Assessment	3,312	2,812	3,392	3,585	3,712
	PT Services & Assessment	0	0	749	749	776
	Psych Services & Assessment	9,662	19,951	9,526	8,792	11,504
	Speech Services & Assessment	5,933	5,583	6,761	6,151	7,510
	Improvement of Instr Assessmnt	0	0	0	0	450
	Spec Ed. Admin. Assessment	16,284	16,284	18,517	17,711	22,906
	Transportation Assessment	0	0	0	0	1,823
1200	Total Special Education	171,953	195,753	183,883	172,038	192,665
Total General & Special Ed. Expenses		1,090,524	1,109,431	1,136,289	1,122,928	1,173,570
5350	Transfers-to Sinking Funds	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000
Grand Total -Expenses		1,100,524	1,119,431	1,146,289	1,132,928	1,188,570

Pending Approval

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

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

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

FY2014 School Level Data

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Shoreham Elementary School	PK - 6	71	10.12	1.00	7.02	71.00	10.12
	Sunderland Elementary School	PK - 6	72	7.30	1.60	9.86	45.00	4.56
	Smilie Memorial School	PK - 4	72	5.00	1.00	14.40	72.00	5.00
	Shrewsbury Mountain School	PK - 6	74	9.70	0.70	7.63	105.71	13.86
← Larger	Addison Central School	PK - 6	75	8.20	0.60	9.15	125.00	13.67
	Middletown Springs Elementary School	PK - 6	76	7.20	1.00	10.56	76.00	7.20
	Townshend Village School	PK - 6	76	6.08	1.00	12.50	76.00	6.08
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			65.43	6.69	0.78	9.78	84.06	8.60

School District: Shrewsbury
 LEA ID: T190

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

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

FY2013 School District Data

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

Cohort Rank by FTE
 (1 is largest)
 27 out of 45

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
Smaller →	Woodbury	PK-6	49.23	\$13,341
	Tinmouth	PK-6	52.19	\$14,875
	Pomfret	K-6	60.56	\$15,154
	Shrewsbury	PK-6	62.22	\$16,082
← Larger	Wardsboro	PK-6	63.82	\$13,658
	Holland	PK-6	64.21	\$11,852
	Brookfield	K-6	66.05	\$17,628
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			62.16	\$14,733

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.

FY2015 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		
			SchlDist Equalized Pupils	SchlDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchlDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller →	T254 Worcester	PK-6	68.11	14,083.09	1.4864	1.5627	99.05%	1.5777
	U043 Lakeview USD #43	PK-6	69.90	15,923.35	1.6807	-	-	-
	T032 Brookfield	K-6	71.78	14,407.47	1.5207	1.5019	122.75%	1.2235
	T190 Shrewsbury	PK-6	71.81	12,011.53	1.2678	1.3767	105.66%	1.3029
← Larger	T208 Townshend	PK-6	73.18	16,057.80	1.6948	1.6907	103.31%	1.6366
	T029 Bridport	PK-6	75.03	16,861.36	1.7797	1.7549	95.57%	1.8363
	T001 Addison	PK-6	77.20	14,820.70	1.5643	1.5881	110.97%	1.4311

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

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

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

T190
Rutland South

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

9,459 **1.00**

Expenditures

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,014,392	\$1,100,524	\$1,146,289	\$1,188,570	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,014,392	\$1,100,524	\$1,146,289	\$1,188,570	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,014,392	\$1,100,524	\$1,146,289	\$1,188,570	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$247,298	\$241,894	\$283,741	\$266,288	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$247,298	\$241,894	\$283,741	\$266,288	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$767,094	\$858,630	\$862,548	\$922,282	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	60.93	65.05	71.81	75.70	15.

16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,589.76	\$13,199.54	\$12,011.53	\$12,183.38	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	\$55.70	\$342	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,841	threshold = \$15,456	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$12,590	\$13,200	\$12,012	\$12,183	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$12,183 / \$9,459)	144.328% <small>based on \$8,723</small>	144.242% <small>based on \$9,151</small>	129.365% <small>based on \$9,285</small>	128.802% <small>based on \$9,459</small>	27.

Prorating the local tax rate

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (128.802% x \$1.000)	\$1.2845 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.3559 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1.2678 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1.2880 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.
29.	Percent of Shrewsbury equalized pupils not in a union school district	41.40%	45.80%	52.40%	57.24%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (57.24% x \$1.29)	\$0.5318	\$0.6210	\$0.6643	\$0.7373	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	114.10%	109.26%	105.66%	103.53%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7373 / 103.53%)	\$0.4661 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$0.5684 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$0.6287 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$0.7122 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.

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

33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (128.802% x 1.94%)	2.60% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.60% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.51% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.50% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (57.24% x 2.50%)	1.08% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.19% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.32% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	1.43% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Mill River UHSD	58.60%	54.20%	47.60%	42.76%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2015-2016 Budget
Operating Fund Revenue**

	Budget Approved 2013-2014	Audited Actuals 2013-2014	Budget Approved 2014-2015	Estimated 2014-2015	Budget Approved 2015-2016
Assessments to Schools 1931 - Regular Education					
Clarendon	223,220	223,220	246,918	235,392	240,780
Shrewsbury	77,767	77,767	97,766	92,881	107,685
Tinmouth	0	0	0	87,969	102,228
Wallingford	160,685	160,685	177,307	168,806	190,483
Mill River UHS	608,728	608,728	661,491	633,499	662,869
Total Assessments	1,070,400	1,070,400	1,183,482	1,218,547	1,304,045
1412 - Transportation	10,500	24,148	11,700	26,000	14,000
1422 - H.S. Transportation	57,640	75,246	37,000	75,000	46,100
1490 - Misc. Transportation Fees	26,877	26,877	0	0	3,033
1500 - Interest	1,500	1,526	1,500	1,500	1,500
1940 - Summer Camp Income	0	22,497	0	21,478	0
1941 - Service to Other LEA's	0	17,400	0	44,310	0
3400 - State Lunch Program Reimb.	0	8,902	0	10,500	0
3790 - State DCF Fees	0	24,819	0	23,858	0
4400 - Federal Lunch Program Reimb.	0	221,816	0	236,500	0
5300 - Sale of Fixed Asset	6,000	15,000	10,000	15,000	7,500
5400 - Refund of a Prior Yr Expense	0	1,590	0	385	0
5720 - VSBIT Grant	0	0	0	1,000	0
5810 - Prof Development Courses	0	34,779	0	4,880	0
Total Revenue-Regular Education	1,172,917	1,545,000	1,243,682	1,678,958	1,376,178
Assessments to Schools 1932 - Special Education Services					
Clarendon	115,514	115,514	427,270	391,415	470,212
Shrewsbury	39,643	39,643	183,883	172,038	192,665
Tinmouth	0	0	0	160,499	262,511
Wallingford	82,951	82,951	253,294	216,051	248,979
Mill River UHS	223,616	223,616	1,794,702	1,783,164	1,903,826
Total Assessments-Special Educ.	461,724	461,724	2,659,149	2,723,167	3,078,193
1941 - Service to Other LEA's	0	0	0	203,130	0
Total Revenue-Special Education	461,724	461,724	2,659,149	2,926,297	3,078,193
Total All Revenues	1,634,641	2,006,724	3,902,831	4,605,255	4,454,371
Regular Education Expenses	1,249,348	1,610,198	1,286,833	1,738,191	1,375,587
Special Education Expenses	510,293	499,097	2,685,998	2,996,978	3,078,784
Total Expenses	1,759,641	2,109,295	3,972,831	4,735,169	4,454,371
Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance					
	Budget Approved 2013-2014	Audited Actuals 2013-2014	Budget Approved 2014-2015	Estimated 2014-2015	Budget Approved 2015-2016
Total Revenue	1,634,641	2,006,724	3,902,831	4,605,255	4,454,371
Total Expenditures	1,759,641	2,109,295	3,972,831	4,735,169	4,454,371
Excess Of Revenue	-125,000	-102,571	-70,000	-129,914	0
Beg Bal July 1	213,783	248,166	123,260	144,516	14,602
Prior Period Adjustment	0	-1,079	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	88,783	144,516	53,260	14,602	14,602

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY2016 Assessments**

	Clarendon	Shrewsbury	Tinmouth	Wallingford	Mill River	Total
"A" ADM (20 day FY15 Total)	172.90	76.60	78.39	139.61	500.55	968.05
Percent FY 2015	18.8609%	7.2969%	7.7027%	13.7041%	52.4355%	100%
Percent FY 2016	17.8606%	7.9128%	8.0977%	14.4218%	51.7070%	100%
"B" ADM (20 day FY15 In District)	169.90	77.60	41.39	141.61	348.98	779.48
Percent FY 2015	21.8609%	8.6652%	9.0235%	16.0541%	44.3963%	100%
Percent FY 2016	21.7966%	9.9554%	5.3100%	18.1672%	44.7709%	100%
"C" ADM (20 day Elem in District)						
EEE ADM - Elementary Only	169.90	77.60	41.39	141.61	0.00	430.50
Percent FY 2015	41.8728%	16.5975%	10.7794%	30.7503%	0.0000%	100%
Percent FY 2016	39.4657%	18.0256%	9.6144%	32.8943%	0.0000%	100%
"D" ADM (20 day FY15 Total)						
Elementary Only	172.90	76.60	45.39	139.61	0.00	434.50
Percent FY 2015	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0%
Percent FY 2016	39.7929%	17.6295%	10.4465%	32.1312%	0.0000%	100%
"E" ADM (20 day Elem in District)						
Excludes Tinmouth	169.90	77.60	0.00	141.61	0.00	389.11
Percent FY 2015	46.9318%	18.6028%	0.0000%	34.4654%	0.0000%	100%
Percent FY 2016	43.6637%	19.9429%	0.0000%	36.3933%	0.0000%	100%
"F" ADM (20 day FY15 in District)						
Includes Tinmouth HS Students	169.90	77.60	74.39	141.61	348.98	812.48
Percent FY 2015	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0%
Percent FY 2016	20.9113%	9.5510%	9.1559%	17.4294%	42.9524%	100%
"G" ADM (20 day FY15 Total)						
Excludes Tinmouth HS	172.90	76.60	45.39	139.61	500.55	935.05
Percent FY 2015	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0%
Percent FY 2016	18.4910%	8.1921%	4.8543%	14.9308%	53.5319%	100%
RSSU Assessments						
Central Office Administration - General ("A" ADM)						
FY 2016	116,105	51,438	52,640	93,750	336,128	650,061
FY 2015	111,137	42,997	45,388	80,751	308,975	589,248
Technology Services - ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	43,456	19,252	11,408	35,089	125,805	235,010
FY 2015	38,836	15,024	2,853	28,219	107,969	192,901
Transportation						
FY 2016	81,219	36,995	38,180	61,644	200,936	418,974
FY 2015	85,419	34,860	39,728	59,836	216,555	436,398
Total Regular Education Assessments						
FY 2016	240,780	107,685	102,228	190,483	662,869	1,304,045
FY 2015	235,392	92,881	87,969	168,806	633,499	1,218,547
Special Education Assessments						
Speech Services - ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	16,442	7,510	4,006	13,704	33,773	75,435
FY 2015	15,519	6,151	6,406	11,396	31,516	70,988
Speech Services - Local Budgets						
FY 2016	0	0	0	0	34,066	34,066
FY 2015	0	0	0	0	33,375	33,375
Speech Services - Total FY2016	16,442	7,510	4,006	13,704	67,839	109,501
Speech Services - Total FY2015	15,519	6,151	6,406	11,396	64,891	104,363
EEE - ("E" ADM)						
FY 2016	20,555	9,388	0	17,132	0	47,075
FY 2015	15,104	5,987	0	11,091	0	32,182

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY2016 Assessments**

	Clarendon	Shrewsbury	Tinmouth	Wallingford	Mill River	Total
EEE - (Local Budgets)						
FY 2016	9,995	0	6,153	0	0	16,148
FY 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE - Total FY2016	30,550	9,388	6,153	17,132	-	63,223
EEE - Total FY2015	15,104	5,987	-	11,091	-	32,182
Special Ed Admin - ("F" ADM)						
FY 2016	50,151	22,906	21,958	41,800	103,012	239,827
FY 2015	44,681	17,711	18,444	32,813	90,741	204,390
Special Ed - Direct Instr - ("B" ADM)						
FY 2016	9,155	4,181	2,230	7,630	18,804	42,000
FY 2015	6,182	2,450	0	4,540	12,555	25,727
Special Ed - Direct Instr - ("C" ADM)						
FY 2016	8,667	3,959	2,111	7,224	0	21,961
FY 2015	9,797	3,884	0	7,195	0	20,876
Special Ed - Direct Instr - (Local Budgets)						
FY 2016	314,021	126,456	137,468	128,200	1,384,088	2,090,233
FY 2015	266,473	132,617	121,027	124,475	1,325,732	1,970,324
Spec Ed - Direct Instr - Total FY2016	331,843	134,596	141,809	143,054	1,402,892	2,154,194
Spec Ed - Direct Instr - Total FY2015	282,452	138,951	121,027	136,210	1,338,287	2,016,927
Psych/Beh Services - ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	25,966	11,504	6,817	20,967	75,172	140,426
FY 2015	22,725	8,792	9,281	16,512	63,178	120,488
Psych/Beh Services - (Local Budgets)						
FY 2016	0	0	77,761	0	172,691	250,452
FY 2015	30,871	0	0	33,598	144,786	209,255
Psych/Beh Services - Total FY2016	25,966	11,504	84,578	20,967	247,863	390,878
Psych/Beh Services - Total FY2015	53,596	8,792	9,281	50,110	207,964	329,743
Transportation - ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	4,115	1,823	1,080	3,323	11,912	22,253
FY 2015	0	0	0	0	21,929	21,929
Student Placement Svcs - (Local Budgets)						
FY 2016	0	0	0	0	38,043	38,043
FY 2015	0	0	0	0	37,146	37,146
Health Services - OT ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	8,378	3,712	2,200	6,765	24,256	45,311
FY 2015	9,045	3,585	3,733	6,642	18,370	41,375
Health Services - PT ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	1,751	776	460	1,414	5,067	9,468
FY 2015	1,889	749	1,608	1,387	3,836	9,469
Improvement Of Instruction - ("G" ADM)						
FY 2016	1,016	450	267	820	2,942	5,495
FY 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Special Education Assessments						
FY 2016	470,212	192,665	262,511	248,979	1,903,826	3,078,193
FY 2015	422,286	181,926	160,499	249,649	1,783,164	2,797,524
Total RSSU Assessments FY 2016	710,992	300,350	364,739	439,462	2,566,695	4,382,238
Total RSSU Assessments FY 2015	657,678	274,807	248,468	418,455	2,416,663	4,016,071

**Rutland South Supervisory Union
FY 2016 Assessments**

General Fund	Budget 2015-2016	Carry Over /Revenue Applied	To Be Assessed
Improvement of Instr	13,929	14	13,915
Treasurer	646	1	645
Central Office	273,486	283	273,203
Fiscal Service	330,030	342	329,688
Bldg/Grounds	24,572	25	24,547
After School Program	8,063	0	8,063
Sub Total	650,726	665	650,061
Transportation	489,607	70,633	418,974
Technology	235,254	244	235,010
C.O. Admin Subtotal	1,375,587	71,542	1,304,045

Special Ed Fund	Budget 2015-2016	Carry Over /Revenue Applied	To Be Assessed
Special Ed	2,154,194	0	2,154,194
EEE	63,289	66	63,223
Student Placement	38,043	0	38,043
Health Services - OT	45,358	47	45,311
Health Services - PT	9,468	0	9,468
Psych Services	391,024	146	390,878
Speech Services	109,579	78	109,501
Improvement of Instr	5,500	5	5,495
Transportation	22,253	0	22,253
Special Ed Admin	240,076	249	239,827
Special Ed. Subtotal	3,078,784	591	3,078,193
Grand Total Budget	4,454,371	72,133	4,382,238
Carryover/ Revenue Applied	72,133		
Total To Be Assessed	4,382,238		

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 4, 2014

Moderator Eldred French called the informational meeting for the Town School District to order at 5:37 pm, Monday, March 3, 2014.

Present were School Board members Adrienne Raymond, Sarah Bolster, and Ed Hemmer. Also present were Principal Debra Fishwick, RSSU Superintendent Dana Cole-Levesque, and RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk. Also present at the commencement of the meeting were approximately 25 voters.

All warned articles beginning with Article 4 were discussed with a focus on budget increases, educational tax rates which are set at the state level, and cost per pupil ratios.

The new Superintendent is due to start on July 1, 2014. He will meet with faculty and staff in April. Tinmouth will be joining the RSSU effective July 1, 2014; the transition has been approved by the Agency of Education. Because the 2014-2015 budget to be voted on this year had already been set before this approval occurred, any surplus due to Tinmouth's inclusion in the RSSU will be used to offset supervisory assessments for the next school year (2015-2016). Tinmouth students attending Mill River will be considered tuition students.

Adrienne recognized and thanked Ed Hemmer for his eleven years of service to the SMS School Board.

Representative Dennis Deveroux presented news from Montpelier. He spoke in particular regarding the merits of various items before the Legislature regarding water quality and lakeshore protection. He reported on his work in the House Government Operations Committee regarding the Open Meeting Law, particularly criteria which allow for boards to go into executive session, including examining boards meeting electronically or virtually, professional licensing for home inspectors, and the regulating of the use of tasers.

This meeting recessed at 6:35 pm, with voting by Australian ballot scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 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.	Fahima Thompson
Article 3	To elect a director to the Mill River Union School District #40 Board for a three year term.	Sally Snarski
Article 4	Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?	YES - 183 NO - 81
Article 5	Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District raise, appropriate, and expend the amount of \$1,136,289 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?	YES - 173 NO - 93
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 - 187 NO - 78



Shrewsbury Mountain School Faculty: Lauren Piechota, Molly Clark, Julia Bonafine, Amy Blongy and Josh Pellerin

**Results of Mill River Union School District #40 Annual Meeting Ballot
March 4, 2014**

Article 7 Shall the voters of the Mill River Union School District adopt an expenditure budget of \$9,504,861 for school year 2014-2015?

YES - 705 NO – 565



The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education’s Food Bus was on hand for the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link’s annual “Twilight in the Meadow” fundraising dinner at the Biddle farm in September.

SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 3, 2015

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 3, 2015 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian ballot on the following matters:

- Article 1 To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2 To elect a town school director for a term of three years (two years remaining).
- Article 3 To elect a town school director for a term of three years.
- Article 4 Shall the Shrewsbury Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
- Article 5 Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District raise, appropriate and expend the amount of \$ 1,173,570 for the operational expenditures of said school district, which includes the elementary school?
- 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?

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

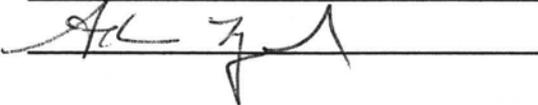
Sarah Bolster



Edmund Hemmer



Adrienne Raymond, Chair



Dated at Shrewsbury, Vermont this 20th day of January, 2015.

The annual Town School District informational meeting will take place on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net

Deadline for registration to vote for this election is February 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM Shrewsbury Town Office.

17 V.S.A. § 2642 (a)



Continuing our traditions – young “Shrewsberries” participate in a 2014 Christmas Carol Sing-along at the Community Meeting House.

(L to R) - Emmett Sirjane, Cedelle Sirjane, Seamus Martin, Avery Martin, Manolo Zelkin, and Silas Hamilton (front).

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Monday, March 2, 2015

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Meetings begin at 5:30 PM

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Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM