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The Town Report Committee (Allen Locke, Lisa Locke, Amy Peberdy, & Lynn Sciortino) wish to thank all who contributed to this year's report. Special thanks to Peter Kimball for the aerial photograph of East Corinth Village, taken October 5, 2013.

## **Town Meeting Warning**

## March 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Corinth in the County of Orange are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, in Cookeville, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following, to wit:

**Article 1.** To elect the following by Australian ballot. For the purpose of this article, the polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moderator for 1 year
Town Clerk for 3 years
Selectman for 2 years
Selectman for 3 years
Lister for 3 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year
First Constable for 1 year
Second Constable for 1 year
Grand Juror for 1 year
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate for 1 year
Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for 1 year
Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years
School Director for 3 years

- **Article 2.** To see if the voters will accept the various Officers' Reports as presented in the Town Report.
- **Article 3.** To see if the voters will vote \$671,075 to support the Highway Fund.
- **Article 4.** To see if the voters will vote \$117,925 to support the Highway Capital Equipment Fund.
- **Article 5.** To see if the voters will vote \$15,000 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.
- Article 6. To see if the voters will vote \$500 to support the F.X. Shea Town Forest.
- Article 7. To see if the voters will vote \$200 to support the OxBee Quilt Guild for one year.
- **Article 8.** To see if the voters will fix the compensation for Selectmen for the coming year at \$800.
- **Article 9.** To see if the voters will vote to have the Selectmen annually fix and determine the compensation for all other Town officers and employees in the course of preparing budgets, as provided for by 24 V.S.A. 933.

- **Article 10.** To see if the voters will vote to have the Selectmen annually set the mileage reimbursement rate at the prevailing State rate.
- **Article 11.** To see if the voters will vote a sum not to exceed \$5,000 to establish an Emergency Management Operations Center.
- Article 12. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to support the General Fund.
- Article 13. To see if the voters will vote \$12,070 for the Town Hall Maintenance Fund.
- Article 14. To see if the voters will vote \$2,800 to support the Planning Commission.
- **Article 15.** To see if the voters will vote \$250 to support the Conservation Commission.
- **Article 16.** To see if the voters will vote to have the taxes collected by the Treasurer and to fix the dates for payment of the same.
- Article 17. To recommend members-at-large for the Budget Committee for 1 year.
- **Article 18.** In case of unanticipated State Aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year, shall the Town appropriate such funds for these projects?
- Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Corinth, Vermont, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Corinth:

Allen W. Locke, Chairman

Chris Groschner

Ryan Dodge

Received for record this

day of January, 2014 at 9:00 (a.m./p.m.

Nancy J. Ertle, Town Clerk

## **NEKWMD Warning, Report, and Budget**

## **WARNING**

#### NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE MARCH 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$ 694,978.00?

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#### **Executive Committee Report**

The NEKWMD finished 2013 in solid financial condition. Recycling markets were fair to good throughout the year. Stronger than expected revenues for recycling, scrap metal, and the surcharge on trash allowed us to end the year with a surplus of \$49,302.46. Spending for the year was \$7,014 more than budgeted, while revenues exceeded projections by over \$56,317. The sale of recyclables generated \$158,072 in revenues for 2013. That figure represents approximately 25% of the 2013 budget. While strong recycling markets were responsible for some of the excess revenue, surcharge revenues exceeded projections by \$38,069.

The NEKWMD is entering 2014 with a proposed budget of \$694,978 - an increase of 2.2%. However, due to the addition of several towns over the last 2 years, the surcharge on non-recycled waste (trash) will drop \$0.55 per ton to \$22.00 per ton in 2014. Our surcharge on trash remains just below the State average.

The District welcomed the town of Topsham in 2013. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The Vermont legislature passed Act 148 early in 2012. This piece of legislation includes, among other things, mandatory pay-as-you-throw for trash disposal and phased-in landfill bans for certain recyclables, leaf and yard wastes, and source separated organics. In 2014 the NEKWMD will be looking to assist our members in complying with the provisions of Act 148, strengthen outreach to businesses and seasonal residents, and promote greater participation in recycling programs throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2013. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and sets the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since fees for NEKWMD membership (the surcharge on trash of \$22.00/ton) are based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

The 50,500 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

#### **NEKWMD Executive Committee**

## **NEKWMD Proposed Budget**

Winds BUDGET ITEM	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL thru 12/31/13	2014 PROPOSED BUDGET	2013-2014 % Change
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				70 0110119
Advertising	\$750.00	\$1,703.90	\$1,000.00	33%
Audit Financial	\$3,200.00	\$6,700.00	\$3,400.00	6%
Audit Waste Haulers	\$5,000.00	\$5,766.50	\$6,000.00	20%
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$49.57	\$0.00	-100%
Books & Subscriptions	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	09
Cleaning	\$1,680.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,700.00	19
Copier	\$1,550.00	\$1,285.99	\$2,000.00	29%
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$2,500.00	\$3,049.84	\$2,700.00	89
Heating Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$866.94	\$2,000.00	09
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$13,000.00	\$16,845.00	\$14,621.00	129
Planning	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	150%
Legal Fees	\$1,000.00	\$5,815.59	\$6,000.00	500%
Postage	\$2,100.00	\$2,211.18	\$1,500.00	-299
Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$4,807.26	\$2,500.00	0%
Telephone - Office	\$3,300.00	\$2,770.78	\$3,000.00	-99
Water/Sewer	\$1,900.00	\$946.47	\$1,500.00	-219
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$42,655.00	\$54,619.02	\$53,046.00	249
BUILDING EXPENSES				
Improvements	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	09
Electricity	\$8,500.00	\$7,217.71	\$8,500.00	09
Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$650.97	\$2,000.00	-33%
Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$269.95	\$1,000.00	09
Trash Removal	\$2,200.00	\$1,909.92	\$2,000.00	-99
TOTAL BUILDING	\$16,200.00	\$10,048.55	\$15,000.00	- <b>7</b> 9
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES				
Purchases	\$1,000.00	\$45.00	\$1,000.00	09
Baler Repairs	\$8,000.00	\$11,190.61	\$8,000.00	09
Baler Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$5,908.01	\$7,000.00	0%
Forklift Fuel	\$2,500.00	\$2,917.19	\$2,500.00	09
Forklift Repairs	\$7,000.00	\$4,267.82	\$6,000.00	-149
Miscellaneous Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$3,566.00	\$1,000.00	0%
Skidsteer Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,440.08	\$1,000.00	100%
Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$68.57		09
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$2,000.00	
TrucksDiesel	\$28,000.00	\$2,196.63	\$2,000.00	339
		\$33,038.04	\$33,200.00	199
TrucksRepairs	\$7,000.00	\$7,105.71	\$7,000.00	09
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$66,000.00	\$71,743.66	\$71,700.00	99

BUDGET ITEM	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL thru 12/31/13	2014 PROPOSED BUDGET	2013-2014 % Change
Gross Wages	\$300,000.00	\$297,036.30	\$311,606.00	4%
Overtime Wages Warehouse	\$4,000.00	\$3,677.96	\$5,000.00	25%
Fica (Employer Match)	\$18,335.00	\$18,557.43	\$19,010.00	4%
Medi (Employer Match)	\$4,288.00	\$4,339.87	\$4,446.00	4%
State Unemployment Insurance	\$10,000.00	\$11,629.44	\$11,200.00	12%
VMERS (Retirement)	\$13,900.00	\$13,837.31	\$14,940.00	7%
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$12,000.00	\$15,909.00	\$13,500.00	13%
Health Insurance/Health Savings	\$89,000.00	\$76,135.35	\$80,000.00	-10%
Mileage - Employee	\$5,000.00	\$5,636.40	\$6,300.00	26%
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$4,000.00	\$5,908.11	\$5,500.00	38%
Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$103.29	\$500.00	0%
Training	\$1,000.00	\$424.00	\$1,000.00	0%
Travel	\$200.00	\$34.62	\$200.00	0%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$462,223.00	\$453,229.08	\$473,202.00	2%
ROGRAMS EXPENSES				
Advertising	\$3,000.00	\$2,621.96	\$3,300.00	10%
Permits & Fees	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-100%
Composting	\$14,500.00	\$17,595.91	\$7,000.00	-52%
Composter/Bin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	
Education Outreach	\$12,000.00	\$6,547.00	\$14,230.00	19%
Electronics Recycling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hazmat Disposal	\$28,000.00	\$36,508.24	\$20,000.00	-29%
Hazmat Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$8,599.00	\$6,000.00	-25%
Special Collections	\$4,000.00	\$1,323.81	\$1,500.00	-63%
Tire Disposal	\$11,000.00	\$12,055.90	\$11,000.00	0%
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$80,800.00	\$85,251.82	\$70,030.00	-13%
SUB-TOTAL	\$667,878.00	\$674,892.13	\$682,978.00	2%
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS				
Interest				
Principal TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION				
CAPITAL FUND				
APITAL FUND				
Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0%
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0%
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$679,878.00	\$686,892.13	\$694,978.00	2%
TOTAL NEW EXPENSES	φυι 3,010.00	φυσυ,σ <b>32</b> ,13	φυσ <b>4</b> ,σ10.00	270

BUDGET ITEM	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL thru 12/31/13	2014 PROPOSED BUDGET	2013-2014 % Change
GrantsSt of VT	\$49,000.00	\$47,067.00	\$55,000.00	12%
HaulingRecycling Pick-ups	\$2,000.00	\$2,579.90	\$3,000.00	50%
Hazardous Waste (CEG Fees)	\$3,500.00	\$3,542.52	\$2,000.00	-43%
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$25.62	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000.00	\$124.20	\$0.00	-100%
Program SalesComposter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$96.00	\$1,000.00	0%
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$500.00	0%
Sale of Recyclables	\$137,000.00	\$158,072.36	\$145,000.00	6%
Compost Income	\$1,000.00	\$947.30	\$1,000.00	0%
Electronics Income	\$7,778.00	\$8,554.08	\$10,000.00	29%
Scrap Metal Income	\$22,100.00	\$25,229.10	\$22,500.00	2%
Battery Income	\$3,500.00	\$2,362.00	\$3,000.00	-14%
Tire Income	\$14,500.00	\$13,250.90	\$14,500.00	0%
SurchargeWaste Haulers	\$436,000.00	\$474,068.61	\$437,478.00	0%
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$679,878.00	\$736,194.59	\$694,978.00	2%



## 3. Financial Reports

## **Town Budget Committee**

The Town Budget Committee recommends the following budgets:

	<u>Budget</u>	To Be Raised
	_	
General Fund	\$360,790	\$229,455
Highway Fund	671,075	502,050
Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund	117,925	102,925
Bridge Reserve Fund	0	15,000
Hall Maintenance	12,070	12,070
Planning Commission	3,000	2,800
Conservation Commission	250	250

Respectfully submitted, Allen Locke, Selectman Chris Groschner, Selectman Ryan Dodge, Selectman Nancy Ertle, Town Clerk Susan L. Fortunati, Treasurer

Irene Mann, Member-at-Large Russ Pazdro, Member-at-Large Lee Porter, Member-at-Large



Birdi Kaplow - Corinth Center area

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	7/1/12	7/1/12	7/1/13	7/1/14
	to	to	to	to
	6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/14	6/30/15
GENERAL FUND - INCOME				
Current Tax Levy - TOWN	186,616.00	218,830.98	210,381.00	229,455.
Fund Balance Surplus	54,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	10,000
Fees Due Town	7,000.00	19,700.47	10,000.00	12,000
Interest Late/ Delinq Tax	10,000.00	35,388.13	10,000.00	20,000
Education Tax Billing Fee	0.00	3,985.90	0.00	1,200
Liquor & Tobacco Licenses	120.00	50.00	50.00	185
Restoration of Records	550.00	1,661.50	1,000.00	05.000
Hold Harmless Money	80,000.00	85,812.00	85,000.00	85,000
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,248.00	1,200.00	(
Hall Rental Household Haz Waste Grant	1,000.00	1,385.00	800.00	800
	2,000.00	617.40	0.00 1,400.00	2,000
Misc. Gen. Fund Income	800.00 50.00	2,037.65 185.57	75.00	
Interest on savings-GF	50.00	185.57	/5.00	150
TOTAL	\$343,436.00	\$370,902.60	\$344,906.00	\$360,790
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HICHWAY, INCOME				
HIGHWAY - INCOME  Current Tax Levy - HIGHWAY	477,700.00	477,700.00	514,530.00	502,050
Fund Balance Surplus	20.000.00	0.00	0.00	13,000
FEMA Reimbursement Irene" 2011"	0.00	17,035.64	0.00	13,000
Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	5,421.68	0.00	(
Misc Grants	0.00	1,242.03	0.00	(
Highway State Aid	155.000.00	163,980.24	155,000.00	155,000
Specical Highway State Aid	0.00	42,363.00	0.00	133,000
Highway Receipts, Miscellaneous	0.00	745.00	0.00	500
Weight Permits	400.00	375.00	400.00	375
Interest Earned - Highway	200.00	148.90	400.00	150
TOTAL	\$653,300.00	\$709,011.49	\$670,330.00	\$671,075
TOTAL	========	=======================================	========	=======
HIGHWAY CAPITAL EQUIPMENT - INCOME				
Surplus	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	15,000
Current Tax Levy - CAPITAL EQUIP	94,300.00	94,300.00	79,250.00	102,925
Proceeds of Notes	0.00	278,692.00	0.00	102,725
Interest Earned - Highway Capital Equip	0.00	107.31	0.00	(
TOTAL	\$94,300.00	\$373,099.31	\$114,250.00	\$117,925
TOTAL	=========	=======================================	=======================================	ψ117,92c
FEMA - INCOME				
FEMA Reimbursement	0.00	10,434.12	0.00	(
Interest Earned - FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	(
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$10,434.12	\$0.00	•••
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$10,434.12	\$0.00	\$(
BETTER BACK ROADS - INCOME				
Better Back Roads Grants	0.00	12,444.02	0.00	(
Interest Earned-Better Back Roads	0.00	(0.66)	0.00	(
Interest Earned-Detter Dack Roads		(0.00)		
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$12,443.36	\$0.00	\$0
TOTAL	*			

		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
		7/1/12	7/1/12	7/1/13	7/1/14
		to	to	to	to
		6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/14	6/30/15
	DGE RESERVE - INCOME				
	Current Tax Levy - BRIDGE RESERVE	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.
	Bridge Reserve Interest	0.00	68.99	0.00	0.
	Misc Income, Bridge Reserve	0.00	3,700.00	0.00	0.
	TOTAL	\$15,000.00 =====	\$18,768.99 =====	\$15,000.00 =====	\$15,000.
ALl	L "OTHER" FUNDS - INCOME				
EM	ERGENCY GENERATOR - INCOME				
	Current Tax Levy - EMERGENCY GENERATOR	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	0
	Topsham's share of project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	Emergency Generator Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.
	Interest Earned-Emergency Generator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00 =====	\$0.
	WN HALL MAINTENANCE - INCOME				
	Current Tax Levy - HALL MAINT	35,570.00	35,570.00	20,570.00	12,070
	Interest Earned-Hall Maintenance	0.00	25.09	0.00	0
	TOTAL	\$35,570.00	\$35,595.09	\$20,570.00	\$12,070.
	E STATION STUDY - INCOME				
	Current Tax Levy - FIRE STATION STUDY	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.
	Interest Earned-Fire Station Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00 =====	\$0.
PL/	ANNING COMMISSION - INCOME				
	Current Tax Levy - PLANNING COMM	500.00	500.00	0.00	2,800.
	Plan Comm Permit Application Fee	0.00	195.00	0.00	200.
	Interest Earned-Planning Commission	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.
	3				
	TOTAL	\$500.00 =====	\$696.06 =====	\$0.00	\$3,000
CO	NSERVATION COMMISSION - INCOME				
	Current Tax Levy - CONSERVATION	750.00	750.00	250.00	250
	Misc Income	0.00	1,312.20	0.00	0
	Interest Earned-Conservation Comm	0.00	5.51	0.00	0
1			0.0		
	TOTAL	\$750.00	\$2,067.71	\$250.00	\$250
SCI	HOOL Current Tax Levy TOTAL	\$0.00	\$1,935,494.00	\$0.00	\$0
	HOOL Current Tax Levy TOTAL TORY BOOKS - INCOME	\$0.00	\$1,935,494.00	\$0.00	\$0
HIS		\$0.00	\$1,935,494.00	\$0.00	\$0
HIS	TORY BOOKS - INCOME Corinth History Book Sale				•
HIS	TORY BOOKS - INCOME Corinth History Book Sale Oral History (Elder Bks)	100.00	270.00	0.00	0
HIS	TORY BOOKS - INCOME Corinth History Book Sale	100.00 100.00	270.00 50.00	0.00	0

			Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
			7/1/12	7/1/12	7/1/13	7/1/14
			to	to	to	to
			6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/14	6/30/15
REAPPRAISAL - INCOME						
State Grant-Reappraisal			9,800.00	9,794.50	9,800.00	9,800.00
Lister Education			0.00	393.32	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned - Reappra	nisal		0.00	75.48	0.00	0.00
	TC	TAL	\$9,800.00	\$10,263.30	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00
	10	TAL	=======================================	=======================================	=======================================	=======================================
   HOME IMPROVEMENT - I						
Home Improvement Loa			2,000.00	2,452.32	1,500.00	2,000.00
Home Improvement Inte	rest Income		0.00	74.55	75.00	75.00
	TC	OTAL	\$2,000.00	\$2,526.87	\$1,575.00	\$2,075.00
BLAKE LIBRARY - INCOM	ME TO	OTAL	0.00	17.72	0.00	0.00
FX SHEA TOWN FOREST	- INCOME					
Open Space Conservancy	Grant Grant		0.00	6,163.11	0.00	0.00
State Grant - Kiosk			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned - Town F	orest		0.00	8.75	0.00	0.00
	TC	OTAL	\$0.00	\$6,171.86	\$0.00	\$0.00
250th ANNIVERSARY - IN						
Current Tax Levy - 250th			0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Interest Earned - 250th	Anniversary		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TC	TAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
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TOTAL "OTHER" INCO	OME		\$48,820.00	\$1,993,157.15	\$64,195.00	\$27,195.00
	NCOME		\$1,154,856.00	\$3,487,817.02	\$1,208,681.00	\$1,191,985.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	7/1/2012	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014
	to	to	to	to
	6/30/2013	6/30/2013	6/30/2014	6/30/2015
GENERAL FUND - EXPENSE	0/30/2013	0/30/2013	0/30/2011	0/30/2013
SELECTMEN				
Selectmen's Salaries	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Administrative Board Clerk	2,000.00	1,050.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Selectbrd Financial Assistant	1,200.00	1,213.32	1,500.00	1,500.00
Soc Sec	430.00	344.03	430.00	430.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	79.26	200.00	100.00
Meetings	500.00	300.00	500.00	300.00
Discretionary Fund Select		0.00	300.00	200.00
Discretionary Fund Select	300.00	0.00	300.00	200.00
TOWN DEPORT 6 AUDITORS	\$7,030.00	\$5,386.61	\$6,830.00	\$6,430.00
TOWN REPORT & AUDITORS	11.500.00	2.400.00	44.000.00	40.400.00
Hired Services-Town Audit	11,600.00	9,100.00	11,000.00	10,100.00
Postage, Town Report	550.00	307.43	550.00	500.00
Printing, Town Report	2,750.00	2,874.30	3,000.00	3,000.00
	\$14,900.00	\$12,281.73	\$14,550.00	\$13,600.00
ELECTIONS				
Payroll	2,700.00	2,322.00	1,000.00	0.00
Soc Sec	100.00	37.87	75.00	0.00
Retirement	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Supplies & Printing	300.00	132.19	100.00	150.00
	\$3,120.00	\$2,492.06	\$1,195.00	\$150.00
LISTERS				
Payroll	17,000.00	15,637.80	17,000.00	20,000.00
Soc Sec	1,300.00	1,076.27	1,300.00	1,530.00
Hired Services	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	600.00	189.80	600.00	600.00
Postage	200.00	181.11	200.00	200.00
Software Fees	2,325.00	2,296.01	2,235.00	1,750.00
Consultants, Tax Map Maintenance	2,500.00	1,010.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	888.75	1,000.00	1,300.00
Dues & Meetings	500.00	520.00	1,000.00	500.00
Mileage	400.00	372.38	400.00	1,200.00
Appeals	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Computer Equipment	500.00	807.99	1,300.00	1.000.00
Furniture & Equipment	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Turneure & Equipment	200.00		200.00	200.00
	\$26,625.00	\$22,992.11	\$27.835.00	\$30,380.00
PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR	\$20,023.00	\$22,772.11	\$27,033.00	\$50,500.00
Payroll	1,200.00	36.00	0.00	0.00
Soc Sec	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soc Sec	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	\$1,300.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$1,300.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Soc Sec	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.00
Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00

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COWAL OFFICE	6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/14	6/30/15
TOWN OFFICE	25,500.00	25 500 00	25,500.00	26,000
Town Clerk Salary		25,500.00		26,000
Asst't Town Clerk Salary Town Treasurer Salary	5,100.00	4,428.00	5,100.00 26,000.00	3,000
	25,500.00	25,500.00	/	27,040
Ass't Town Treasurer Salary	2,100.00	1,797.00	2,100.00	2,100
Soc Sec	4,450.00	4,343.42	4,445.00	4,450
Retirement	2,550.00	2,553.44	2,700.00	2,850
Health Insurance	16,250.00	13,996.34	17,475.00	14,700
Restoration of Records	2,500.00	4,671.00	2,500.00	2,500
Microfilming	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000
Supplies	3,500.00	2,915.14	2,500.00	2,500
Postage	2,800.00	2,661.09	3,000.00	3,000
Computer - Supplies, M&R	0.00	1,611.14	0.00	(
Mileage	200.00	182.87	200.00	200
Computer Consultant	500.00	371.25	0.00	500
Internet	450.00	511.66	450.00	700
Telephone	1,000.00	1,685.21	1,200.00	1,700
Meetings & Dues	660.00	370.00	660.00	500
Contracts	2,000.00	2,562.58	3,000.00	3,000
Furniture & Equipment	1,000.00	315.94	500.00	20,000
	\$96,060.00	\$95,976.08	\$97,330.00	\$115,740
LEGAL & INSURANCE				
Legal Notices	500.00	145.20	500.00	500
Workmens Comp Gen Fund	150.00	(290.34)	150.00	150
Unemploy/Catamount Health	0.00	0.00	0.00	120
Bonds and Insurance	9,000.00	8,905.96	9,200.00	11,500
Legal Services	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00	500
	\$11,150.00	\$8,760.82	\$10,850.00	\$12,770
SERVICES				
Abated Taxes	1,000.00	755.20	1,000.00	1,000
Ambulance Services	28,000.00	32,124.50	39,650.00	45,115
Central VT Humane Society	2,000.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500
Animal Control	3,000.00	1,374.00	1,500.00	1,500
BCA Expense	35.00	0.00	35.00	(
Blake Memorial Library	1,370.00	1,370.00	1,370.00	1,370
County Tax	30,000.00	28,624.97	30,000.00	35,000
CTERT	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,750.00	6,750
Debt Service	100.00	0.00	0.00	(
Fire Services	56,000.00	56,000.00	60,000,00	55,000
Fire Warden Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	500
Emergency Mgr Coord	1.445.00	1.655.12	1,600,00	(
E-911 Locatable Addressing	0.00	0.00	0.00	(
Vt League of Citie & Towns	2,180.00	2,180.00	2,200.00	2,375
Two Rivers - Dues	1,700.00	1,709.00	1,710.00	1,765
1 WO KIVEIS - Dues		1,707.00	1,710.00	1,700
	\$133,330.00	\$133,492.79	\$147,315.00	\$151,875
APPROPRIATIONS	7 - 20 , 20 0 0 0 0	4.00,152115	4111,010111	4101,071
Central VT Adult Basic Education	800.00	800.00	800.00	400
Central VT Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	150
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	250
Council on Aging	400.00	400.00	400.00	200
Mentor Proj of Upper Valley	500.00	500.00	500.00	250
Visiting Nurse Alliance	6,250.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	6,000
Clara Martin Center			2,177.00	
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APPROPRIATIONS (continued)	6/30/13	6/30/13	6/30/14	6/30/15
Northern VT RC & D	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0
Vermont Green Up	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.0
Stagecoach	1,000.00	1,000.00	1.000.00	500.0
Orange East Senior Center	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	1,100.0
Green Mountain Economic Development	684.00	684.00	684.00	0.0
Northeast Slopes	1.460.00	1.460.00	1,460.00	1,460.0
Orange County Diversion Program	150.00	150.00	150.00	1,460.0
New Hope Foodshelf	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.0
Orange County Parent Center	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.0
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	300.00	300.00	150.0
Safeline Safeline	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.0
			400.00	200.0
Sugar Maple Preschool	400.00	400.00		
Topsham-Corinth Little League	0.00	0.00	500.00	250.0
VT Center for Independent Living	170.00	170.00	170.00	100.0
Little Rivers Health Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.0
	\$20,891.00	\$20,891.00	\$21,391.00	\$13,860.0
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL				
Solid Waste Contract	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Attendant-Transfer Station	0.00	2,670.00	3,120.00	3,120.0
SS & MCare-Transfer Station	0.00	199.67	240.00	240.0
Misc Expense	0.00	1,353.17	500.00	250.0
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LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$12,000.00	\$4,222.84	\$3,860.00	\$3,610.0
Constable, Payroll	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Hired Safety Services	8,000.00	8,217.50	8,000.00	8,000.0
Soc Sec & Medicare	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Supplies Supplies	50.00	223.00	0.00	0.0
Mileage	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Willeage	30.00	0.00	0.00	
	\$8,640.00	\$8,440.50	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.
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Soc Sec & Medicare	1,650.00	1,445.97	765.00	1,500.
Retirement	1,075.00	1,020.06	500.00	1,000.
Tax sale costs	0.00	(0.08)	0.00	0.0
Meeting etc	100.00	0.00	135.00	125.0
Meeting etc				
	\$2,825.00	\$2,465.95	\$1,400.00	\$2,625.
HEALTH Pavroll	100.00	0.00	0.00	0
	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.
SS & Medicare	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Meetings	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.
Health Officer Expense	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
CEMETERY				
Supplies	350.00	371.09	350.00	350.
Cemetery General Support	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	0.
	\$5,350.00	\$5,371.09	\$4,350.00	\$350.
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	\$343,436.00	\$322,809.58	\$344,906.00	\$360,790.0

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IGHWAY		0.00.00		0.00.00
ADMINISTRATION				
Administration payroll	1,950.00	1,950.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Uniforms & Safety Clothes	4,100.00	4,457.85	4,200.00	2,200.00
S.S. & Medicare	11,225.00	11,024.48	12,000.00	12,000.00
Retirement	6,200.00	6,124.27	7,725.00	6,600.00
Property & Casualty Insur	5,400.00	6,298.16	5,700.00	6,500.00
Health Insurance	47,000.00	40,298.43	49,125.00	50,000.00
Holidays	3,300.00	3,360.00	6,100.00	3,600.00
Unemployment insurance	1,000.00	604.00	750.00	600.00
Leave Time	9,000.00	8,177.90	9,450.00	10,775.00
Workers Comp Insurance	8,200.00	7,218.54	8,000.00	8,500.00
Highway meetings	500.00	60.00	500.00	500.00
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HIGHWAY LABOR	\$97,875.00	\$89,573.63	\$105,950.00	\$103,675.00
Labor, undistributed	07.500.00	100 127 42	100 425 00	104 500 00
Labor, overtime	97,500.00 18,000.00	100,137.43 17,709.71	100,425.00 18,540.00	104,500.00 19,000.00
Temp Part Time, Labor	17,000.00	12,776.25	20,000.00	14,000.00
Temp Fart Time, Labor	17,000.00	12,770.23	20,000.00	14,000.00
	\$132,500.00	\$130,623.39	\$138,965.00	\$137,500.00
GRAVEL	\$132,300.00	\$130,023.39	\$136,903.00	\$137,300.00
GRAVEL, undistributed	30,000.00	2,356.79	27,500.00	27,500.00
CII Gravel	0.00	9,482.86	0.00	0.00
CIII Gravel	30,000.00	27,000.62	27,500.00	27,500.00
CIV-Gravel	5,000.00	935.20	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mud Season-Gravel	0.00	33,836.95	0.00	0.00
Hud Season Glaver			0.00	
	\$65,000.00	\$73,612.42	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
PATCH AND PAVE	700,00000	4.0,0.2	400,00000	4,
Paving	145,000.00	0.00	145,000.00	140,000.00
Blacktop Patch CII & CIII	0.00	137,074.28	0.00	0.00
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	\$145,000.00	\$137,074.28	\$145,000.00	\$140,000.00
CHLORIDE	¢12,000,00	\$6.474.69	\$10,000,00	\$7,000.00
CHLORIDE	\$12,000.00	\$6,474.68	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00
SALT	\$38,500.00	\$35,180.40	\$36,500.00	\$36,500.00
SAND	\$35,000.00	\$31,221.92	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
STONE				
Stone, undistributed	3,000.00	1,680.32	3,000.00	2,500.00
C-II Stone	0.00	150.50	0.00	0.00
	\$2,000,00	\$1,830.82	\$2,000,00	\$2.500.00
	\$3,000.00	\$1,830.82	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
POSTS & GUARD RAILS	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
OTHER MATERIALS	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
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CULVERTS	\$8,000.00	\$5,523.06	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00

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SIGNS				
Signs	2,000.00	157.64	2,000.00	3,200.0
Signs, CII	0.00	63.11	0.00	0.0
Signs, CIII	0.00	2,882.82	0.00	0.0
Signs - PVT Drives	0.00	49.09	0.00	0.0
	\$2,000.00	\$3,152.66	\$2,000.00	\$3,200.0
SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT	\$0.00	\$2,828.76	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.0
	40.00	Ψ2,020.70	\$1,000.00	Ψ1,000.
HIRED SERVICES				
Hired Services	15,000.00	3,010.00	15,000.00	15,000.0
CII-Hired Services,summer	0.00	5,422.50	0.00	0.0
CIII-Hired Service,summer	0.00	3,660.00	0.00	0.0
CIV Hired Services	0.00	2,130.00	0.00	0.
CAPACE	\$15,000.00	\$14,222.50	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.0
GARAGE Supplies, Garage	150.00	103.40	150.00	150.
Office Supplies	50.00	110.58	50.00	100.
Office Equipment	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.
Repairs & Maint.	1,000.00	1,446.21	1,000.00	2,500.
Equip Purchase	0.00	260.00	0.00	2,300.
Rubbish removal	275.00	325.48	315.00	350.
Electric	2,000.00	2,603.75	2,500.00	2,700.
Telephone	1,600.00	1,370.12	1,600.00	1,600
Heat	1,000.00	290.00	1,000.00	1,000
Tout				
OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$6,225.00	\$6,509.54	\$6,765.00	\$8,550.
Diesel only	46,000.00	62,030.72	50,000.00	62,000.
Gas, Oil, chainsaw chains	150.00	131.32	150.00	150
Small tools & equipment	1,500.00	1,313.93	1,500.00	1,500
	\$47,650.00	\$63,475.97	\$51,650.00	\$63,650
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		·		-
Equipment Maintainence	37,500.00	4,866.61	37,500.00	37,500
Mileage	500.00	517.46	500.00	500
Generator parts & maint	0.00	0.27	0.00	0
M & R Grader	0.00	7,316.94	0.00	0
M & R 2012 International	0.00	4,598.99	0.00	0
M & R '99 Loader	0.00	4,369.76	0.00	0
M & R Chain Saws	0.00	113.94	0.00	0
M & R Mack 2006	0.00	10,607.75	0.00	0
M & R York Rake	0.00	923.56	0.00	0
M & R Plows & Wings	0.00	4,393.24	0.00	0
M & R Trailer	0.00	99.99	0.00	0
M & R Sanders	0.00	498.62	0.00	0
Small parts & equipment	2,000.00	1,136.03	2,000.00	2,000
M & R 2013 International	0.00	4,432.54	0.00	0
M & R Radios / Repeater	0.00	1,501.61	10,000.00	10,000
M & R Sand Screen	0.00	1,665.06	0.00	0
M & R 1996 International	0.00	809.78	0.00	0
M & R Water Pump	0.00	43.80	0.00	0
1988 John Deere Backhoe	0.00	317.10	0.00	0
M & R Excavator	0.00	806.74	0.00	0
M & R Liquid Chloride Sys	0.00	569.69	0.00	0
M & R Ford 2010 F-550  M & R New Holland Tractor	0.00	2,253.61 6,672.61	0.00	0
Children Holland Hactor				
	\$40,000.00	\$58,515.70	\$50,000.00	\$50,000

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OTHER	0/30/13	0/30/13	0/30/14	0/30/13
Trans Suplus to Equip Res	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Purchase of Radios	550.00	462.80	0.00	0.0
Purchase of Others	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.0
	\$50,550.00	\$962.80	\$0.00	\$0.0
CII-COOKEVILLE BOX CULVERT	\$50,550.00	\$702.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Materials	0.00	1,873.21	0.00	0.0
Hired Services	0.00	47,295.75	0.00	0.0
	\$0.00	\$49,168.96	\$0.00	\$0.0
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$703,300.00	\$710,151.49	\$670,330.00	\$671,075.0
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HICHWAY CADITAL FOUNDMENT				
HIGHWAY CAPITAL EQUIPMENT Truck Purchase	0.00	119,788.00	0.00	0.0
Purchas New 2013 Truck	35,000.00	179,741.19	40,550.00	37,400.0
Purchase New Loader	0.00	0.00	23,300.00	31,275.0
Purchase Cat Grader	23,300.00	23,287.50	0.00	0.0
Purchase Hitachi Excavato	0.00	15,349.65	15,400.00	15,350.0
Purchase New 2012 Truck	36,000.00	35,812.68	35,000.00	33,900.0
TOTAL HIGHWAY CAPITAL EQUIP	\$94,300.00	\$373,979.02	\$114,250.00	\$117,925.0
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FEMA (Aug 2008)				
Materials-Eagle Hollow Rd	0.00	1,521.14	0.00	0.0
Materials-Backway Rd FEMA	0.00	8,912.98	0.00	0.0
TOTAL FEMA EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$10,434.12	\$0.00	\$0.0
BETTER BACK ROADS	0.00	2.000.06	0.00	0.4
Material-Maplewood Stone Lined Ditch	0.00	3,980.86	0.00	0.0
Hired Serv-Maplewood Stone Lined Ditch	0.00	8,462.50	0.00	0.0
TOTAL BETTER BACK ROADS	\$0.00	\$12,443.36	\$0.00	\$0.0
BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	0.00	02.06	0.00	0.4
Jordan Bridge Engine Ser Chicken Frm Brdg-Eng Serv	0.00	93.96 9,335.26	0.00	0.0
Chicken I Im Big Eng Serv				
TOTAL BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	\$0.00	\$9,429.22	\$0.00	\$0.0
"OTHER" FUNDS - EXPENSE				
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE				
Facility Manager Salary	2,500.00	693.00	2,500.00	0.0
Facility Manager Assistan	1,500.00	450.00	1,500.00	0.0
Janitor Salary	2,500.00	1,626.00	2,500.00	4,000.0
Soc Sec & MediCare	500.00	198.27	500.00	0.0
Supplies	350.00	275.40	350.00	350.0
Maintenance	6,000.00	1,427.84	6,000.00	0.0
Paint Academy Building	15,000.00	11,743.73	0.00	0.
Rubbish Removal	120.00	110.00	120.00	120.
Utilities	6,500.00	6,714.51	6,500.00	7,000.
Contracts	600.00	1,100.00	600.00	600.0
	\$35,570.00	\$24,338.75	\$20,570.00	\$12,070.0

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FIRE STATION STUDY	\$0.00	\$3,559.10	\$0.00	\$0.0
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Admin Asst Salary	0.00	36.00	0.00	650.0
Soc Sec	0.00	2.75	0.00	50.0
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.0
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.
Other expense	350.00	48.05	0.00	0.
Postage	150.00	30.55	0.00	50. 300.
Meetings  Computer equipment	0.00	60.00 0.00	0.00	1,300.
Computer equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.
	\$500.00	\$177.35	\$0.00	\$3,000.
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$0.00	\$616.66	\$0.00	\$250.
SCHOOL	\$0.00	\$1,935,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.
HISTORY BOOKS	\$0.00	\$258.00	\$0.00	\$0.
 REAPPRAISAL/PARCEL MAINT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
HOME IMPROVEMENT	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0
BLAKE LIBRARY EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0
FX SHEA TOWN FOREST				
Contract Services	0.00	4,760.00	0.00	0.
Other expense	0.00	1,411.86	0.00	0
	\$0.00	\$6,171.86	\$0.00	\$0
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TOTAL ALL "OTHER" FUNDS EXPENSE	\$36,070.00	\$1,977,615.72	\$20,570.00	\$15,320.
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE ALL FUNDS	\$1,177,106.00	\$3,416,862.51	\$1,150,056.00	\$1,165,110.
Excess Revenus over (Expenditures)	(\$22,250.00)	\$70,954.51	\$58,625.00	\$26,875.
General Fund		48,093.02	0.00	0
Highway	(50,000.00)	(1,140.00)	0.00	0
Highway Capital Equipment	0.00	(879.71)	0.00	0
FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Better Back Roads Bridge Reserve Fund	0.00 15,000.00	9,339.77	0.00 15,000.00	15,000
Emergency Generator		0.00	16,000.00	15,000
Town Hall Maintenance		11,256.34	0.00	0
Fire Station Study	0.00	(3,559.10)	15,000.00	0.
Planning Commission	0.00	518.71	0.00	0
Conservation Commission	750.00	1,451.05	250.00	0.
		0.00	0.00	0
School		66.54	0.00	0.000
History Books			0.000.00	
History Books Reappraisal	9,800.00	10,263.30	9,800.00	
History Books Reappraisal Home Improvement	9,800.00 2,000.00	10,263.30 (4,473.13)	1,575.00	2,075.
History Books Reappraisal Home Improvement Blake Memorial Library	9,800.00 2,000.00 0.00	10,263.30 (4,473.13) 17.72	1,575.00 0.00	2,075.
History Books Reappraisal Home Improvement	9,800.00 2,000.00 0.00	10,263.30 (4,473.13)	1,575.00	9,800. 2,075. 0. 0.

	Cumulative	Cumulative	
	Fund Balance	Fund Balance	
	at 6/30/12	at 6/30/13	
	Surplus (Deficit)	Surplus (Deficit)	
General Fund	110,483.59	158,576.61	
Highway	45,011.59	43,871.59	
Highway Capital Equipment	68,192.30	67,312.59	
FEMA	0.00	0.00	
Better Back Roads	0.00	0.00	
Bridge Reserve Fund	50,103.19	59,442.96	
Emergency Generator	0.00	0.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	804.70	12,061.04	
Fire Station Study	0.00	(3,559.10)	
Planning Commission	644.69	1,163.40	
Conservation Commission	4,076.17	5,527.22	
School	0.00	0.00	
History Books	7,353.19	7,419.73	
Reappraisal	67,112.01	77,375.31	
Home Improvement	19,012.34	14,539.21	
Blake Memorial Library	2,885.96	2,903.68	
FX Shea Town Forest	0.00	0.00	
250th Anniversary	0.00	0.00	
	\$375,679.73	\$446,634.24	
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### **Delinquent Tax Report** as of December 31, 2013

Total Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2012	\$	71,525.60
Plus 2012-2013 Delinquent Taxes effective February 13, 2013	<u>+</u>	+ 268,772.49
Total Delinquent Taxes to collect in 2013	\$	340,298.09
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Less total taxes collected		260,974.13
Less total taxes collected Less abated (or adjusted taxes due)		,

Due to the recent decision made by the Vermont Supreme Court declaring certain tax information confidential, it has been recommended only the owner's names of Delinquent Tax parcels be listed in the Town Report. Therefore, amounts associated with individual parcels are not being included.

The following owners have delinquent taxes owing at December 31, 2013.

Adams, Daniel & Patrick Southworth Agnone, Gregory & Andrew Alexander

Appleton, William Ashline, Gloria Bicknell, Gary

Billian, Keith & Lori Lynn Braman

Blodgett, Joseph & Bonnie

Boccuzzio, Richard Bowen, Frank & Peggy

Bowen, Frank

Brinkman, Stanley (2) Carter, Robert & Christine

Coburn, Daniel

Crelan, John & Timothy Crocker, Stephen

Crocker, Stephen

Danforth, Michael & David Danforth, Robert & Annette Davidson, Durand & Jinx Rozell

Delloro, Dino & Mary DHDK Realty Inc.

Donovan, Shawn & Diana Dickinson

Duprey, Clyde & Ellen

Ertle, Nancy

Flye, Jerrold & Beverly Fryar, Eileen & Nicholas Fuoco, Marc & David Golschneider, Erich Griffen, Lawrence Gross, Daniel Guenther Elizabeth Hazlett, Joseph Johnson, Cole

Kendall, Laura & Richard

Larabee, Jessie & Shawn Comstock

Lombardi, Arthur

Jones, Marie

Lydem, Wayne & Margaret MacRitchie, Kenneth & Sidonie

Mahmood Family Trust Myer, William & Patricia

Osgood, Derrick

Osmer Sr., Harold & Rose Pyron, Wayne & Margaret

Quaglini, Paul

Sarantos, James & James Economos

Tavera's Farm & Tavera Tile

Thurston, Carol Thurston, Francis (2) Underhill, Georgette

Wasielewski, Robert & Andrea

Welch Jr, Gene Willard, Jeffrey Wilson, Sherry

A tax sale was conducted March 12, 2013. Seven parcels sold at the sale of which five parcels have currently been redeemed. In accordance with 32 VSA 5260 the remaining two parcels may be redeemed within one year from the day of the sale. However, "when the time for redemption has passed and the land is not redeemed, the collector or his or her successor shall execute to the purchaser a deed, which shall convey to him or her a title against the person for whose tax it was sold and those claiming under him or her." Pursuant to 32 VSA 5261

Pursuant to 32 VSA 5254b, the owner of a property being sold for taxes may request in writing, not less that 24 hours prior to the tax sale that a portion of the property be sold. Such request must clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and must be accompanied by a certification from the District Environmental Commission and the Town Zoning Administrative office that the portion identified may be subdivided and meets the minimum lot

size requirements. Taxpayers may request an abatement of taxes pursuant to 24 VSA 1535 by written request to Corinth Board of Abatement c/o Corinth Town Office, PO Box 461, Corinth, VT 05039.

NOTE: The collection of current year taxes and delinquent taxes are two separate functions of the town and the individual(s) responsible for collecting these taxes may be two different individuals. Therefore, separate checks are necessary and required when making each of these different type payments.

The following policy was established for the collection of delinquent taxes. It is mailed with both the February and March Delinquent Tax Collectors Notice and as necessary thereafter.

# TOWN OF CORINTH POLICY FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES FEBRUARY 17, 2000

- 1. As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month thereafter, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will send a notice to each Delinquent Taxpayer. Interest is assessed at 1% for the first three months and at 1.5% thereafter on any unpaid principal tax amount. A one-time penalty of 8% will be assessed on all unpaid delinquent 1<sup>st</sup> installment principal tax amounts. A 3% penalty will be assessed on all unpaid 2<sup>nd</sup> (final) installment delinquent principal tax amounts. The month following the final installment due date, an additional 5% penalty will be assessed on all remaining unpaid 2<sup>nd</sup> (final) installment delinquent principal tax amounts. In accordance with 32 VSA 1674(2)(3)(A).
- 2. Make payments payable to <u>Town of Corinth</u>. Mail to: Separate checks are required when paying delinquent taxes and current year taxes do **NOT** combine payment into one check.

Susan L. Fortunati
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
440 Rollie Day Road
Corinth, Vermont 05039

- 3. Payment(s) that would leave an unpaid balance due of less than \$100.00 will not be accepted.
- 4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due; the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the penalty.
- 5. If a check is returned due to insufficient funds, acceptance of personal/business checks will be at the discretion of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and the Collector may require payment to be made with guaranteed funds (i.e. cash, bank or treasurer's check or postal money order.)
- 6. There will be a \$25.00 "return check" fee imposed for each check returned unpaid by the bank. Any acceptable payment received, will first be applied to cover the return check charge, remaining funds will then be applied as outlined in item #4 of this policy.
- 7. Post-dated checks are not acceptable.
- Taxpayers may request an abatement of taxes pursuant to 24 VSA 1535 by written request to the Corinth Board of Abatement c/o Corinth Town Office PO Box 461 Corinth. VT 05039
- 9. Payment arrangement requests to avoid tax sale must be submitted in writing to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will furnish a written response either accepting or denying the request.
- 10. Once accounts have been submitted to the Attorney in preparation for tax sale, payment must be by cash, money order, bank, treasurers or certified check. Personal checks <u>will not</u> be accepted. Call <u>before</u> sending final payment to insure the correct amount. 32 VSA 4874

11. Pursuant to 32 VSA 5254b, the owner of a property being sold for taxes may request in writing, not less than 24 hours prior to the tax sale, that a portion of the property be sold. Such request must clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and must be accompanied by a certification from the District Environmental Commission and the Town Zoning Administrative Office that the portion identified may be subdivided and meets the minimum lot size requirements.

Revised – February 12, 2003

Revised – January 1, 2004

Revised – April 25, 2005

Revised – February 13, 2008

Susan L. Fortunati Collector of Delinquent Taxes 440 Rollie Day Road, Corinth, VT 05039 802-439-6179 (phone & fax)

E-mail: slf@tops-tele.com

## **Comparative Grand List & Taxes**

	Grand List figure as of Dec 31, 2009			Grand List f	igures as of D	ee 31, 2010	Grand List	figures as of De	e 31, 2011	Grand List	figures as of Dec	31, 2012
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		2009-2010	1		2010-201			2011-2012			2012-201	3
	\$1,450,273.46		273.46		\$1,452	,667.77		\$1,448,	694.59		\$1,456,423.79	
			Non	l		Non	1		Non			Non
	Homestead Residential			Homestead	Residential		Homestead	Residential		Homestead	Residentia	
		% of	% of		% of	% of		% of	% of		% of	% of
		Total	Total		Total	Total		Total	Total		Total	Total
General Fund	0.1636	9%	8%	0.1636	9%	8%	0.1643	9%	8%	0.1533	8%	8%
Homestead	1.2897	69%		1.2897	69%		1.1754	67%		1.3099	70%	
Non-Residential	1.3470		70%	1.3470		70%	1.3605		70%	1.3446		71%
Highway	0.4121	22%	21%	0.4121	22%	21%	0.4055	23%	21%	0.4028	22%	21%
Local Tax Agreement	0.0048	0%	0%	0.0048	0%	0%	0.0047	0%	0%	0.0051	0%	0%
Total Homestead Tax Rate	1.8702		-	1.8702			1.7499			1.8711		
tal Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.9275			1.9275			1.9350			1.9058		

## **Home Improvement Loan**

Two home owners took advantage of this program in fiscal year 2013 resulting in loans totaling \$7,000 being issued. There are five open loans on the books with three of those loans actively being repaid. Anyone interested in applying for this low interest loan may request an application by contacting any one of the committee members.

The Home Improvement Loan fund ended fiscal year 2013 with \$13,843 in loan receivables and a cumulative surplus fund balance of \$14,539.

The Loan Committee members as of April 2013 are – Brenda Carter, Nancy Ertle, Susan Fortunati, Chris Groschner, Russ Pazdro and Linda Weiss.

Respectfully submitted, Susan L. Fortunati Loan Committee Treasurer

#### Requirements

- 1. Applicant(s) must be a Corinth resident and will be required to complete and file an application form, provided by the Loan Fund Committee. Applications are available at the Town Treasurer's Office.
  - a. The Committee may require a co-signer if deemed necessary.
- 2. Applicant(s) must be within the approved financial guidelines set and approved by the Loan Fund Committee to qualify for a low interest loan.
- 3. Funds must be used only for "home improvement" projects on property located in Corinth.
- 4. Maximum loan amount issued will be \$5,000.
- 5. No loan shall be issued for the payback period to exceed a maximum of 48 months.
- 6. Only one loan per applicant(s) may be maintained at any one time (i.e. John Smith and Mary Jones have a current joint loan; neither John Smith nor Mary Jones may qualify for a second loan individually nor with another party as long as their name is associated in any way with a current outstanding loan).
- 7. Subordination agreements will not be granted.
- 8. Financial documentation such as the most current income tax return(s) and other sources of income may be required for review by the Committee members.
- 9. Current loan obligations, monthly expenses, and any other reasonable information may be required for review by the Committee members.
- 10. The applicant shall provide a file copy of adequate insurance to the Town upon receipt of the approved funds.

#### **Bylaws**

- 1. The "Loan Fund Committee" shall be comprised of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, one Selectboard member as well as three community members appointed by the Selectboard to serve one -1 year term; one -2 year term and one -3 year term.
- 2. The Town Clerk shall be the Committee Secretary and the Town Treasurer shall be the Committee Treasurer. The minutes and financial records shall be kept at the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A Chairman shall be elected for a term of three years.
- 3. The Committee will meet at least twice a year and on an as need basis.
- 4. A meeting may be called by any member of the Loan Committee to address and review loan applications, bylaw changes, etc.
- 5. A meeting of the Committee members shall be called to review any and all loan applications. A majority of the Loan Committee members is required for a quorum.
- 6. A quorum majority vote of the Loan Committee is required on any and all actions taken by the Committee (i.e. loan approvals/denials, bylaw changes, etc.)
- 7. The Selectboard shall be asked to replace any Loan Committee member(s) (other than the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer or Selectboard representative) missing three or more consecutive meetings.
- 8. Annual interest rate shall be 1%
- 9. Russ Pazdro is designated as the authorized person to sign the Mortgage Discharges.

## **Independent Audit**

Sullivan, Powers & Co. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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January 7, 2014

Selectboard Town of Corinth P.O. Box 461 Corinth, Vermont 05039

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Corinth, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office (or on the Town's website @www.corinthvt.org).

Sullivan, Powers & Company

## **Statement of Taxes Raised**

Town of Corinth Statement of Taxes Raised Fiscal Year 2013

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Total

Grand List:	
Gross Real Estate	161,511,500
Less: Veterans, Current Use and Contracts	(15,869,121)
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Taxable Grand List	145,642,379
Tax Rates:	
Residential	1.8711
Non-Residential	1.9058
D : IN T D'II	2745 ((0.00
Revised Net Tax Billings	2,745,660.00
Taxes Accounted for as follows:	
Less Collections	
School Homestead Taxes	(1,140,962.00)
School Non-Residential Taxes	(787,104.00)
School - Local Agreement	(7,428.00)
Highway Fund	(477,700.00)
Highway Capital Fund	(94,300.00)
Bridge Fund	(15,000.00)
Town Hall Maintenance Fund	(35,570.00)
Planning Fund	(500.00)
Conservation Fund	(750.00)
General Fund	* (186,346.00)

The total delinquent taxes as June 30, 2013 for all years was \$108,351 Refer to Note IV B of the auditors report

(2,745,660.00)

<sup>\* \$103,209</sup> of this amount was not collected as of June 30, 2013

## 4. Town Reports 2012-2013

#### Selectmen

As the 250th anniversary of Corinth's founding approaches, the Town is in a strong position to face the future. The Town's finances are in excellent condition and for the first time, under the able guidance of our Treasurer, have been brought into full compliance with national financial accounting standards.

The Planning Commission, under new leadership and an influx of new committed members, is bringing our land use regulations into compliance with State and Federal requirements. An innovative partnership between Corinth and Topsham has accomplished installation of an emergency generator at the Waits River School to serve the School's needs and to support possible use of the School building as a Red Cross emergency shelter serving both towns.

The Highway Department has modernized its fleet of equipment and thereby reduced the perennial burden of maintenance costs. With leadership by our Road Commissioner, Frank Roderick, and Road Foreman, Joe Blodgett, the Town's roads are in generally excellent condition. Several long-standing trouble spots have been remediated this year by taking advantage of various grant programs. Other upgrades are in the works.

Certainly not least in a list of accomplishments, hard work by the Listers this year has kept the Town clear once again of the need to reappraise all properties in town, despite a very unstable real estate market throughout Vermont.

In 2014, we will bring forward the results of the Fire Station feasibility study authorized at Town Meeting 2013. We will ask the voters to consider whether to proceed with construction and, if so, to authorize issuance of a bond to finance the project. Our Fire Chief, Ed Pospisil, has dedicated himself to creating a modern, well-equipped and -trained volunteer Fire Department, and it is time to consider the need for an equally high-quality support facility.

It is unfortunate that we have had to reach outside our town to fill some important service positions. In the course of the year, we lost the valuable services of Norm Collette and Connie Longo, on whom we relied to keep the Town Hall in good condition. Diana Perry, who served the Town so well as Animal Control Officer, found it necessary to give up that position. We have had to resort to the open labor market, at higher cost, to fill these positions.

As always, we encourage all residents to consider service to the Town in whatever form they can undertake. Our elective and appointive positions are becoming increasingly demanding. Put simply, we all need to contribute in some way to keep the Town strong and responsive to its citizens' needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Dodge

Chris Groschner

Allen Locke, Chairman

#### **Treasurer**

The General Fund ended fiscal year 2013 with a \$48,093 surplus. The \$48,093 surplus consists of \$27,467 more in total revenues received than budgeted coupled with under-expending the total General Fund budget by \$20,626.

Total revenues budgeted were \$343,436 which included the use of \$54,000 surplus from the prior year cumulative fund balance; therefore, only \$289,436 was expected to be collected in revenues. The actual revenues collected were \$370,903 or \$81,467 more than anticipated.

The largest share of the \$27,467 in excess revenues were derived from property taxes, interest on late and delinquent taxes, education tax billing fee, the hold harmless funds and fees due town, less the budgeted use of \$54,000 surplus money.

Likewise, \$343,436 was budgeted for expenditures with only \$322,810 actually being spent resulting in a savings of \$20,626. Every department under-spent their budget with the exception of "Services" and "Cemetery". Those were over spent by \$163 and \$21 respectively. The largest savings came from the Selectmen with \$1,643. The Town Report & Auditors, Listers and Legal & Insurance had a combined savings of \$8,640. The Solid Waste budget was under-spent by \$7,777. The remaining departments include Elections, Planning Administrator, Town Office, Law Enforcement, Delinquent Tax Collector and Health, those savings total \$2,750.

The 2013 surplus along with the cumulative surplus of \$110,483 carried forward from prior years results in a \$158,576 cumulative surplus fund balance for the General Fund.

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The general Highway fund ended the fiscal year with a \$1,140 deficit. The cumulative surplus fund balance at June 30, 2013 was \$43,871 (\$45,011 prior year cumulative surplus less this year's \$1,140 deficit).

Total revenues budgeted for the Highway fund were \$653,300. This included \$20,000 in surplus money to be used from the previous year's cumulative surplus. Therefore, only \$633,300 was expected to be received in Highway revenues. Actual revenues received were \$709,011 or \$75,711 more than anticipated. The excess funds came from unbudgeted revenue sources – FEMA Reimbursement funds (\$17,035), Better Back Roads grant (\$5,421), Special Highway State Aid (\$42,363) and miscellaneous grants and income (\$1,912). Eight thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$8,980) of the excess revenue was received in Highway State Aid funds.

The categories that account for the budget over-expenditures include – Gravel, Signs, Safety Equipment Grant, Garage, Operating Supplies (diesel fuel), Repairs & Maintenance, and the Cookeville Box Culvert. The total expenditures for these categories equal \$96,389. On the other hand savings totaling \$89,538 came from the remaining categories – Administration, Labor, Patch & Pave, Chloride, Salt, Sand, Stone, Posts & Guard Rails, Other materials, Culverts, Hired Services and Other.

Total budgeted expenses of \$703,300 plus \$96,389 in over expenses less unexpended savings of \$89,538 equals \$710,151. Total revenues received of \$709,011 less \$710,151 in total expenses equal the \$1,140 deficit for the year.

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The Town Hall Maintenance fund received \$35,595 in revenues (\$35,570 from taxes raised, \$25 in interest). Of that total income only \$24,339 was spent, creating a surplus for FY'13 of \$11,256. The largest expense was the cost of painting the Academy Building (\$11,744). Utilities, Maintenance; Supplies; Rubbish Removal & Contracts totaled \$9,628. The remaining \$2,967 was for payroll and payroll tax expense. This fiscal year ends with a

At the March 5, 2013 Town Meeting \$15,000 was voted to do a feasibility study in fiscal year 2014 of the Town building and leasing to the East Corinth Volunteer Fire Department a fire station on donated land adjacent to the Fairground in East Corinth. Based on that approval, funds were expended in fiscal 2013 for work performed in late June by the Architects, EHDanson to begin the study. The expenditure created a deficit of \$3,559 in this fund that will be offset by the money voted at the March 2013 Town Meeting to fund the project in fiscal 2014.

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There was minimal fiscal activity by the Planning Commission for fiscal year 2013. \$500 was raised in taxes to support this fund with an additional \$196 coming in from Permit Application Fees and interest earned. Expenses totaled \$177. The fiscal year ended with a \$519 surplus, increasing the \$645 cumulative surplus from the prior year to \$1,163 as of June 30, 2013.

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The Conservation Commission raised \$1,312 in donations, again mostly through the bottle redemption program; \$750 came in from monies raised through property taxes and \$5 in interest was earned. The program had expenses of \$616 creating a surplus of \$1,451 for fiscal year 2013. This surplus added to the cumulative surplus of \$4,076 carried forward from the prior year results in an overall cumulative surplus of \$5,527.

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Three hundred twenty dollars (\$320) worth of history books were sold (18 Corinth History books = \$270 and 10 Eyes of Our Elders books = \$50 made up the total sales) and additional \$4 came from interest earned on this fund, making the total revenues \$324. After booking \$258 in expense to adjust the book inventory to actual a surplus of \$66 resulted. The History Book fund now has a cumulative surplus fund balance of \$7,419 (\$7,353 prior year cumulative surplus plus \$66 FY'13 surplus).

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Again this year there were no expenses for the Reappraisal Fund. \$10,188 in revenue came from the State of Vermont and \$75 was received in interest on this fund bringing the total revenues received to \$10,263. Fiscal year 2013 ended with a cumulative surplus of \$77,375 (\$67,112

from prior years plus fiscal year 2013 surplus of \$10,263). The monies in this fund will be used in the future when the Town does a reappraisal.

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The Home Improvement Loan Fund had a \$4,473 deficit fund balance for the fiscal year. Income totaled \$2,527 with \$2,452 coming in as principal payments received and an additional \$75 received in interest on the fund. Two new loans were issued totaling \$7,000. But the fund ended with an overall cumulative surplus fund balance of \$14,539 at June 30, 2013 (\$19,012 prior year cumulative surplus less \$4,473 current year deficit).

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The Town is holding money in trust for Blake Memorial Library. Those funds have been deposited into a CD account in the Northfield Savings Bank. The interested earned on the CD is turned over to the Library. The current surplus fund balance at June 30, 2013 is \$2,903.68 (\$2,795.66 principal plus \$108.02 interest earned.)

As noted in last year's Town Report, the auditors made an entry to show unexpended grant money from the Open Space Conservancy as "deferred revenue". This is a liability essentially showing the money as received and committed but not yet spent. In fiscal 2013 there was \$6,172 in expenses to the FX Shea Town Forest fund, therefore, the auditor made an entry again this year to show \$6,163 of "deferred revenue" as received to offset actual expenses for the year. The remaining \$9 in expense was covered by interest received on the fund. The FX Shea Town Forest ends fiscal year 2013 with a remaining "deferred revenue" balance of \$2,739.

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Highway Capital Equipment fund – The town purchased a 2013 International Dump Truck in July 2012 for a total cost of \$186,802. The Town borrowed \$168,692 for this purpose from People's United Bank in July 2012 at 3% interest for a term of five years. In January 2013, we refinanced \$110,000 with the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, at a rate of 2% for five years, and re-wrote the July loan with People's United Bank for \$58,692 (at 3% interest) for a five-year term. Overall we expended \$20,837 in fiscal year 2013 from the budget to make this purchase. (\$168,692 Peoples loan + \$110,000 State Loan - \$112,727 loan repayment to People's - \$186,802 paid to Clark's & Viking-Cives for truck purchase = \$20,837)

Term payments were also made on the Caterpillar Grader, Hitachi Excavator and the 2012 International Dump Truck totaling \$74,450.

The total expenditures from this fund were \$373,979:

\$186,802	2013 International Dump Truck purchase
112,727	Loan repayment to People's United Bank (re: 2013 International)
23,287	Caterpillar Grader payment (4th/final installment)
15,350	Hitachi Excavator payment (1st installment)
35,813	2012 International Dump Truck payment (2nd installment)
\$373,979	

Total revenues received were \$373,099:

\$168,692	People's United Bank
110,000	Vermont Municipal Loan
94,300	Current Tax Levy
107	Interest earned
\$373,099	

The net result is an \$880 deficit to this fund for fiscal year 2013 and a cumulative surplus balance at June 30, 2103 of \$67,312 (prior year cumulative surplus \$68,192 less current year deficit of \$880).

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A stone-lined ditch project totaling \$12,444 was done on Maplewood Road through the Better Back Roads program. The auditors wrote a journal entry to recognize last year's \$7,866 of unspent grant money as revenue in this fiscal year. An additional \$10,000 in Better Back Roads grant money was received, of which \$4,578 was used to offset the balance of the Maplewood Road project expenses. The remaining \$5,422 of the \$10,000 grant money was recorded in the general Highway fund as revenue and expense for completing the stone-lined ditch project on Cookeville Road. Therefore, no fund balance exists in the Better Back Roads fund.

There was some activity in the Bridge Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2013. \$15,000 was raised in taxes to support this fund; \$69 was earned in interest and an additional \$3,700 was received from the sale of some I-Beams salvaged from the Jordan Bridge project. Ninety-four dollars (\$94) for state engineering expenses was paid out on the Jordan Bridge project and \$9,335 was also spent for engineering services on the Chicken Farm Bridge project. The net result of revenues (\$18,769) over expenses (\$9,429) was a surplus of \$9,340. Fiscal year 2012 ended with a cumulative surplus fund balance of \$50,103, and this year's surplus of \$9,340 brings the new cumulative surplus fund balance to \$59,443 at June 30, 2013.

Annually I like to recognize and extend my appreciation to my two Assistants – Brenda Carter and Karen Galayda. Brenda, as most of you probably know, helps during tax collection time. Karen is a more of the behind the scene Assistant. She does payroll and accounts payables primarily once a month. It is critical to have good help that is reliable, competent, detail oriented and can multitask to mention a few of the necessary qualities – these two individuals meet all of these needs and more, and we are lucky to have them. Thank you both for your service to the Town and to me.

Respectfully submitted, Susan L. Fortunati. Treasurer



## **Cemetery Commission**

Aside from general care and maintenance of the cemeteries, improvements and repairs continue when possible on the cemeteries that we are responsible for. Funding for the maintenance of cemeteries under our care mainly comes from the sale of lots and from principal and interest from donated funds established in years past. The town's Treasurer takes care of the accounts through approved written warrants from us, and the town pays for the flags. Since private donations to the cemetery investment funds and interest from these funds have both declined considerably over the years, a few years back we started to ask for some additional annual financial support from the town to help maintain and improve cemeteries under the commission's care. And in so doing, we hope to maintain the cemeteries' investment fund, and thus help minimize how much we ask of the taxpayers in the future. We sincerely hope the town continues to support us annually since costs on a busy year can run as high as \$8-\$9,000, and in some years more, especially if we have to take on any other cemeteries presently not under our care.

Projects in the works or completed over and beyond basic cemetery lawn maintenance:

New veteran grave markers, ongoing: We, with the help of the CHS and others are working to help locate our veterans of war and make sure each grave is marked in a permanent and consistent way. Many of the old wooden flag holders have deteriorated and been discarded over the years.

Our Civil War Veterans have all been listed and organized by the cemetery they are laid to rest in, thanks to the late Judy Drury's research work. We hope to complete this project in the next few years so that veterans of all the wars are clearly marked and flagged each year. But we could use more help. Some cemetery organizations are now removing the flags shortly after Memorial Day due to the cost of flags, but we still and keep the tradition of leaving flags out after Memorial Day.

- 1. **East Corinth's newer Cemetery**: Road improvement leading up into the cemetery, some fence work and lower tree limb cutting are ongoing improvement needs. East Corinth's Older Cemetery: Had some stone repairs completed with more to do and tree trimming needed as well.
- 2. **Corinth Center**: Needs dirt and stone removed from years of stockpiling it in the roadway near the back center of the cemetery, the main road into the newer section needs its water drain pipe under the road repaired, and the main road needs new stay pack material. Additional sunken holes in the cemetery need filling. Memorials need repair and some fence and tree work needs attention.
- 3. **Corinth Corner**: Needs fence work and some holes filled as well as minor tree work, brush work and some river bank stabilization due to damage from Irene, as well as memorial stone repairs.
- 4. **Munn-Rowell, South Corinth**: Has had its old gate and granite posts re-located this year with special thanks to Werner Wenisch who had his hired hand Bruce Slack relocate and set the posts and gate in their new location. Mr. Wenisch, who passed away this year, donated much time and expense over the years to keeping up the Munn Cemetery. His quiet, devoted and generous care of this cemetery will be greatly missed!
- 5. **West Corinth**: Same comments as line # 6 below. Both are West Corinth Cemeteries.
- 6. **Darling**: Much improved with the work done a few years back making mowing easier but still needs tree, fence line and stone wall work, as well as grave stone repairs.
- 7. **McCrillis Cemetery: Waits River**, is in improved condition but still needs some grave marker and stone wall repair.
- 8. **The South Meadow Cemetery**: Has always been under the care of the Meadow Meeting House Association, being "The Second Free Will Baptist Church of Corinth Vermont", since its founders and parishioners are laid to rest in it. This is likely to change in the coming year.

Donations of any kind to the Cemetery Commission are greatly needed and much appreciated! Corinth's cemeteries are special places. They abound in history with beautiful artwork, interesting inscriptions, shade trees, special plantings, flowers and great views. Please respect them, and those laid to rest in them!

We thank you for your support! Town of Corinth Cemetery Commissioners; Norm Collette, Raymond Moulton and David Carrier

#### **Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission organized three fun, educational events in and about the Town Hall. In August, Peggy Willey took a group out on Tenney Road to search for wild edibles and medicinal plants. In January, naturalist and retired veterinarian Alcott Smith led two tracking sessions into the cold and snowy woods around Tenney and Maplewood Roads. And a few months later, in March, veterinarian Charlie Berger transported many of us to the even colder and snowier world of the Iditarod, to explore the incredible physical stamina and journey of sled dogs. These events were attended and enjoyed by many Corinthians.

This year, in addition to maintaining the Clement Loop and Roaring Ridge trails with the help of many generous volunteers, the Commission began work on a significant expansion of the Clement Loop trail with the help of Carl Demrow, Ed Sayers, and the Cherington family. The new trail will depart from the western portion of the Clement Loop and climb up onto the open and inviting ridge above. It will end just above the copper mine area, affording an expansive view to the northeast. Once the trail is complete, has been signed, and the maps updated, we will announce an inaugural hike for interested community members. We thank our volunteers and participating landowners, including the Cheringtons and Dartmouth College, as well as the Upper Valley Land Trust. We hope people are using and enjoying the trails, and welcome your feedback. Maps for both trails are available on the town web site, http://www.corinthyt.org/conservation.php.

The Commission would also like to thank Louise Sandberg and Virginia Barlow for keeping things running at the Cookeville Mall. This is the free, reuse store next to the Corinth Post Office, which you can visit Saturday mornings (hours depend on the season) in order to bring your items that need new homes, or to find items you need (or didn't know you needed).

Green Up Day 2013 was a great success, thanks to coordinator Becky Buchanan's organizational and motivational skills. As a town, we picked up ½ ton of trash and 57 tires from our roadsides. We learned that Casella will no longer take Green Up bags for free, and is charging \$6.00 per tire. The Selectboard generously covered the collection cost this year, but next year, it's likely the responsibility will fall to the Commission.

We appreciate the efforts of everyone in town to put Vermont-returnable bottles and cans in the designated bins at the transfer station, which we take turns bringing down to Bradford each week in order to support the Commission's activities. We welcome anyone who would like to take a turn now and again assisting with this task to be in touch. Also, please let us know if you can adopt a tree or two planted by the Commission around town over the years.

Finally, we said goodbye to Emily Rowe. Emily, thank you for your service. We welcome others in town to consider participating in the Commission. We're only as strong as our participation, and we're happy to grow! Give any of us a call or come to one of our regular meetings on the first Monday of the month at the Town Hall. We appreciate your support and look forward to doing our part to help keep Corinth clean, green, and vibrant.

Anne Margolis



#### **Corinth 250 Committee**

#### Happy Birthday Corinth!

At last year's Town Meeting the voters approved \$1,000 to fund the celebration of the town's semiquincentennial, aka "Corinth 250". The Select Board also approved the expenditure of funds generated from the sale of Corinth history books at the Town's 200th year celebration (in 1964). Net proceeds from the sale of Corinth 250 commemorative merchandise will be used to reimburse the history-book fund.

Over the last year the committee has planned a series of activities and events for our anniversary year. Look to the Corinth 250 Facebook page, the back cover of this report, or on the Town's webpage to follow the roster of events, and enjoy the celebration!

I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the committee: Penny Andrew, Jane Conner, Judy Drury, Nancy Ertle, Janice Harwood, Lois Jackson, Lisa Locke, Anne McKinsey, Jennifer Spanier, and Dan Wing. We would particularly like to recognize Judy Drury, who passed away in December. Judy worked tirelessly to make the self-guided historic building tours a reality. She is missed.

Come out and celebrate our wonderful town!

Respectfully submitted, Chris Groschner, Committee Chair



## **Corinth Historical Society**

The CHS continues to be a very active and productive organization in Corinth and is most appreciative for the continued support from the town and from folks near and far.

The annual meeting of the Corinth Historical Society was held on September 21st, 2012 at the Corinth Town Hall in Cookeville. The evening began with a social time during which attendees were able to view some of our newest acquisitions. Following the potluck supper and business portion of the meeting, there was a slide show presentation of the work which was done on the Corliss – Prescott House and surrounding landscape at the Agricultural and Trades Museum in East Corinth Village.

The third season of our Cookeville Café fundraiser, utilizing local musicians and talent, ran from November through May this year and gave us the opportunity to treat the community to a wide range of musical venues and talent. Some performers also shared the history of their instruments, their songs or the type of music they play. A rearrangement of the hall space allowed us to better accommodate those who wished to dance without blocking the view of those who wished to sit and listen. A wide variety of refreshments were made available as well. This event was made possible only through the dedication of many volunteers who contributed supplies, materials, food items and many hours of time and labor and the faithful and generous audiences. We are deeply appreciative to all who participated in any way. Unfortunately the event had to be suspended for the time being while we study issues of space rental and insurance coverage, as well as the direction we would like to see the event take in the future.

Our annual Town Meeting Luncheon fundraiser fell in the middle of this busy season, but thanks to our dedicated cooking, prepping, serving and clean-up volunteers it went very well. Once again we were very fortunate indeed to have some Corinth students from WRVS work with us this year. They were most helpful and a pleasure to work with. Also, throughout the winter, a number of history meetings were held. These meetings are for gathering to work on and review projects, study new acquisitions and tell stories. Much history was discussed and enjoyed.

Our Museums received a lot of special attention this year. Starting in May and due to the inclement weather stretching into July, the Corinth Academy Museum received a full exterior painting and the cleaning and painting of the window sash was begun. At the Agricultural & Trades Museum site the eagerly awaited, historically recreated porch was added back on to the Corliss – Prescott House. Our summer Café/ Open Museum season was held off for several weeks at the Corinth Academy Museum due to the painting project and after two of our usual Saturday morning events had to be canceled we decided to move the festivities to the East Corinth site. Many folks appreciated the additional opportunity to visit this Museum as it has only been open on Labor Day in the past. In August we were able to return to the Corinth Academy Museum. As well as the usual fine food, fun and folk at this site the second Cookeville Student Reunion was held on the last Saturday in August with special exhibits and over 50 former Cookeville students in attendance. On Labor Day, in East Corinth, attendees viewed and enjoyed the new porch as well as the usual activities.

An unexpected opportunity to open the Agricultural and Trades Museum, beyond the normal season, presented itself when a fourth grade teacher from the Waits River Valley School contacted us with an interest in addressing Vermont history through a Local means. On October 2nd we had a wonderful gathering at this museum with six CHS guides showing the various museum collections to 13 eager fourth graders, their teacher and several parents. Each student selected an item in the collection to photograph, research and document. We will continue to work with these students on this project and very much look forward to doing other projects with the WRVS. We send out several newsletters a year and answer numerous letters, e-mails and phone calls from individuals with an interest in Corinth history.

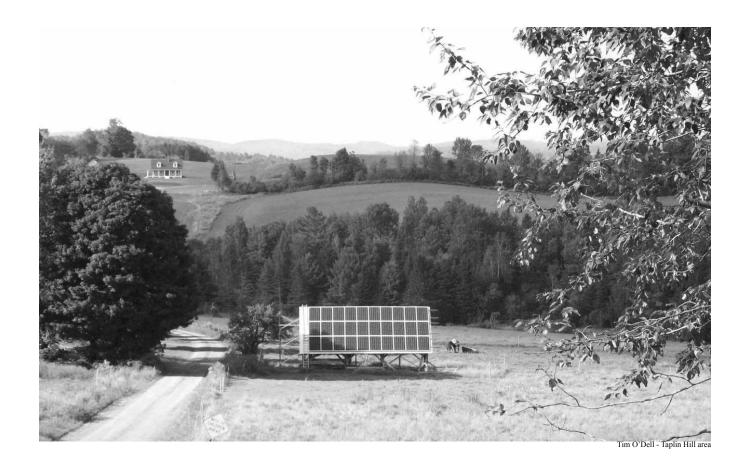
Respectfully Submitted, Consiglia Longo, President

## **Energy Coordinator**

Town committees generally receive funds from the Town, have scheduled and warned meetings, and file minutes of those meetings. I have not been able to recruit enough Corinth citizens to operate an Energy Committee in that way, and I have requested no funds from the Town. If an energetic person would like to step up to recruit and run such a committee, I would be glad to join it. It the meantime, however, I have pursued the energy agenda defined at the 2013 Town Meeting, of 1) getting Corinth designated as a Property Assessed Clean Energy District (PACE District) and 2) enrolling the Town with the Efficiency Vermont (EV) program for making PACE loans.

The Selectboard completed the designation in Spring 2013 and, as of late October, is awaiting clarification of the legal and administrative issues involved before signing contracts with EV to start the loan process. This was not complete in time for the first round of funding. (That has been true of most towns, primarily because of the complexity of the documents.) The Town newsletter will contain details of the property owner sign-up procedure when the Town's enrollment is complete. Initial loans in other towns have been limited to energy efficiency projects, but renewable power generation may qualify in the future.

Dan Wing, Energy Coordinator



#### F.X. Shea Town Forest

The F.X. Shea Town Forest is in its third year and the Town Forest Committee is finishing up the draft Management Plan in an effort funded by a grant from the Open Space Conservancy. The Management Plan will describe operation, plans and goals for the Town Forest for the next 15-20 years and beyond. Once the draft is complete, it will be presented to the Selectmen for their input and then to the public at a hearing. After the Selectboard and public comments, the Plan will be finalized and the Selectboard will decide to accept and enact it as the controlling document for the Town Forest. The Management Plan will be reviewed and updated every five years.

We have continued our program of events during the past year, which included:

- Multiple seasonal trail-clearing and marking days
- Summer walk and picnic 2012
- Winter tree identification walk 2013
- Winter interpretative walk with naturalist Ted Levin February 2013
- Full Moon snowshoe hike and picnic February 2013
- Bird identification walk with John Sutton June 2013
- Hunter's Moon Hike and Howl October 2013

On November 3, 2013 a team assembled and erected a timber-frame kiosk which will hold a 3 by 6-foot bulletin board which will present a trails map, welcoming messages, forest use guidelines, notices and a log book for comments. The kiosk was funded by a grant from the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation. The timber frame was crafted by Adam Miller of East Corinth. While the kiosk was being erected, another team was clearing multiple blow-downs that were blocking the Orange Trail and a third was cutting brush and flagging a remote section of the Blue Trail. Please visit the Town Forest for a hike this year.

We invite everyone to join our activities at the Town Forest, our other events and our monthly meetings. We want to make the Town Forest a vibrant resource for recreation and education for all. Events and meetings are announced on the Corinth website (www.corinthvt.org/Shea-Town-Forest.php). We also post our events on the Local Resource Network, in the Journal Opinion, with public posters and through our E-mail list. Let us know if you want to be on our E-mail list.

I would like to thank those who were active with the Town Forest Committee this year: Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois, Courtney Haynes, Penny Andrew, Laura Brill, Ginny Barlow and Val Stori, our Coordinator. Also, we thank all who took part in our events.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Roderick, Co-Chairman

#### **First Constable**

#### 1st Constable Joe Hill / 2nd Constable John Farrow In an Emergency call 911

Phone: (802) 439-6848 E-mail: JOSEPH.HILL@GMAIL.COM

Orange County Sheriff's Dept. 685-4875 State Police, Bradford: 222-4680

Anonymous tip line web page: http://orangecountysheriff.com http://orangecountysheriff.com

The amount spent on payroll, supplies, meetings, and mileage FY'13 (July 1st 2012 to June 30th 2013) was \$0.00.

Please remember that no Town roads are open to ATV operation.

The state is moving to digital radios next year and I will look to see if a grant is available to replace the current radio.

The total number of calls received: 39.

#### **Complaint Summary**

ATV complaints 4 Welfare checks 2 Residence checks 1 Noise complaints 2 Animal issues 3 Suspicious Vehicle 4 VIN checks 5 Speeding 3 Snowmobile 1 Threatening 1 Illegal Burn 1 Trespassing 2 Suspicious Person 3 Blocked road 1 Storm/Power related 4 Internet related: 2



Dina DuBois - Cookeville area

The July 4th parade traffic control and the Halloween night foot patrol in the village were worked as Orange County Sheriff's Dept. (time donated).

Some complaints were worked in cooperation with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Vermont State Police.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Hill, First Constable

#### Listers

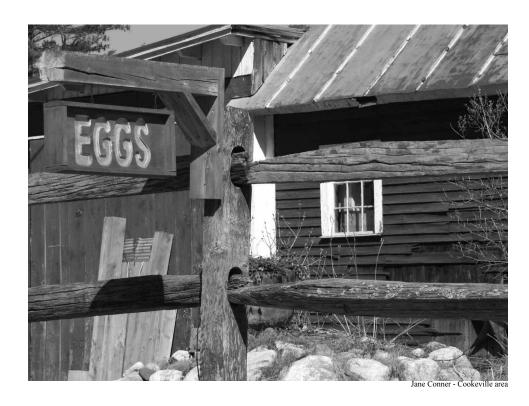
The good news is that the real estate market is responding positively to the banks' willingness to again invest in the housing market. Most of the foreclosure properties have been returned to private ownership. The number of sales has increased, but we have a large backload of properties that have been on the market for much longer than the expected six months. Properties that have sold over the past two years have brought less than their listed value. We are awaiting the State's decision to see if a reappraisal will be necessary this year; by the time you read this that decision will have been delivered.

In the meantime, we are continuing to take a very close look at each property we visit to ensure that we have all the data correct. We are also gathering all the permits (driveway, septic/potable water, subdivision if applicable and FEMA requirements for properties in the floodplain) needed into each file for all new construction.

In this space last year we reminded everyone that it is now necessary to file the homestead declaration EVERY year. There were many who did not heed this warning (or perhaps did not read this report) and failed to file a timely declaration. There is a penalty if your declaration is not filed on time.

Current use applications and updates need to be to the State by September 1st for inclusion the following year. The State requires that all information on the application be kept current or they will not allow the adjustment to the property's value. If there is any alteration to either excluded or included acres, the State will need three copies of the new map (to program standards). If there is any change, through deed, to the owner's name (for example through marriage or transfer to trust, as well as sale) a new application will need to be submitted to the State.

Jen Brooks-Wooding Karen Galayda, Chair Melisa Mahony



#### **Planning Commission**

The 2013 Planning Commission is working on updating the floodplain regulations, subdivision regulations, and town plan. Keeping these documents current ensures that Corinth residents have input into the quality and character of the Corinth landscape. (The regional commission, district environmental commission and state agencies make land use decisions on our behalf in the absence of up-to-date land use ordinances; development regulation is increasingly consolidated at the state level).

We found that, as an institution, the Corinth Planning Commission had lost continuity due largely to complete turn over after the 2012 "Proposed Unified Development Bylaws" was defeated two years ago. We are working hard to restore procedures and institutional memory. Thank goodness new Commissioner Linda Buonanduci is an experienced process analyst. Linda has begun a record of the steps required for subdivision review so that future participants would have the benefit of a handbook with explanations. That project continues and we are grateful for Linda's efforts. In addition to documenting procedures, the Planning Commission hosted Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission representatives for an on-site training in bylaws and hearings, and Sacha Pealer of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation for a discussion of floodway regulations. Conflict of interest procedures and bylaw standards were also reviewed with all commissioners.

Property owners who wish to transfer a portion of their property, even to an abutting landowner, must apply to the Commission for review of the lot line change. Sometimes a hearing and a permit are required. In each case the Commission issues a Memorandum of Municipal Action to document in the land records that the transfer complies with the Bylaws. There are two types of applications. The first, Exempt Lots, involves the division of one parcel into two parcels if the parcel has not been subdivided since March 8, 1995. The second type, Non-Exempt Subdivisions, involves dividing one parcel into two or more parcels and requires a more detailed application and public hearing. Copies of the Subdivision Bylaws are posted on the Town webpage, or the Bylaws and application forms can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Commission has focused efforts on updating the Flood Zone Ordinance, which was originally passed in November 1988. Failure to update and enforce the floodplain ordinance may lead to ineligibility of Corinth's residents for the National Flood Insurance Program. Presently floodplain property owners are eligible to benefit from the federal insurance program (approximately 67 properties with structures are in the 100-year floodplain). The State's Department of Environmental Conservation reviewed Corinth's ordinance against current federal flood insurance standards and found multiple deficiencies, especially with regard to enforcement.

In 2014 the Planning Commission will begin review of the Town Plan to align it with current state requirements. Want to help? We need your vision and input. Don't hesitate to contact any present Planning Commissioner to discuss our work. Meetings are generally held for 2 hours at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall, with additional meetings as required.

Thank you,

Holly Groschner, Chair Corinth Planning Commission

#### **Road Commissioner**

The construction season has ended and the roads have frozen up. Heavy equipment is cleaned and put away until spring. Our attention is now on plowing and sanding. This year we retired our ten-year old bucket loader and bought a Caterpillar 930 K loader with a tool carrier attachment that allows the bucket to be changed out for another tool by only pulling on a hydraulic valve. This key machine not only loads our trucks in all seasons but also lifts heavy objects and acts as a rescue vehicle when trucks get stuck or break down. We can also attach a snow plow to clear heavy drifts or to push back snow banks when they get too high.

This year the road crew replaced a number of failed culverts, repaved Chelsea Road to Eagle Hollow Road, and graveled Dearborn and Abe Jacobs Roads. A Better Back Roads grant funded a ditch improvement project on Maplewood Road in the East Orange area. The ditch is prone to eroding and silting up the pristine stream at the foot of the hill. The ditch was reshaped, lined with geotextile fabric and lined with heavy erosion stone to contain runoff and to prevent washing out the road. This should protect our road and the stream and prevent any harm to the trout habitat downstream of the road. New highway standards require that our ditches in steep terrain control runoff and prevent any silt from degrading the pristine waters that we are blessed with in this area.

Corinth is blessed to have a great road crew with many years of experience. All the men are skilled in road maintenance and construction as well as all being knowledgeable mechanics. This combination allows them to keep the fleet in top condition while conducting road projects. Weather conditions always have a big influence on operations and the crew's experience helps them to anticipate and respond to conditions as they develop. Timing actions in response to weather is always critical in road maintenance.

When you hear the snow plow rumble by in the night, see the trucks hauling gravel to the latest project or rejoice to find the potholes gone after the grader has done its work on your gravel road, remember that the men in those machines are working to keep us all safe and to keep our roads in the best condition possible. They like what they do and take pride in serving us all. Give them a wave and smile when you see them at work.

#### 2014 Road Plan

- Paving one mile of either Brook Road or Cookeville Road.
- Gravel retreatment up to one mile of road as determined after Mud Season
- Guard Rail Repair damage and add some new railing on Eagle Hollow Road
- Bridges East Corinth -deck repair on Box Shop Bridge and begin replacement of Chicken Farm Bridge

Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner

#### Town Clerk

It has been a good year in the office. After six years I am still enjoying my job and am glad to be here serving you, the community. You help to make this job interesting! I also love the history of our town, which will be 250 years old on February 4, 2014.

The Town Clerk's office has seen a change of staff this year. I appreciate the help Karen Galayda and Suzanne Hansen provided in the past. A new assistant, Marin Haney, has taken over the recording and is completing the data entry for the computerization of the Land Records book indexes.

All of the card index files and the book index for Book 29 forward are now computerized, a 6-year job. The book and page numbers for every document can now be found in one place. The mobile home bills of sale, the attachments, the map index, and the land records are all found in one bound index. In the past all this information was in multiple locations. Researchers tell us how well organized it is and how relatively easy it is to find things in this office.

It has been quiet as far as recording deeds and mortgages. There haven't been too many sales in town, but there have been a few foreclosures. Most of the recording we have done have been refinances of current mortgages.

This year we will resume the microfilming of our land records, which hasn't been done since the State stopped filming them for towns years ago. A lot of our records were done in the past and are kept in a State storage facility. The problem some other towns had during Irene has prompted me to start this up again. We are relatively safe from flooding here and there isn't too much that would affect our vault, but we should have a back up copy of these important documents.

It would be good to have all the land records computerized. There are companies that come in and scan everything for towns and they create an index to go with it. Then no one has to touch the books in the vault. All the vital records and old records people look at for genealogy including the land records would be available on line and could be printed directly from the computer. Some of the vital records books in our vault go back to the 1700s. It would be better for those records to not be touched, opened, photocopied etc. anymore. This process is costly, however, and wouldn't help with the new records coming in.

Technology has affected our processes over the last few years. Some towns like Thetford have their own scanning machines and scan their records in, just the way we photocopy them into the books. They actually have a host and the scanned records can be accessed online in a Cloud based program. Researchers can purchase and print the information they need directly from the website. This is a costly process, but I believe the scanning of records and the use of a computer to access them would be good so that people aren't handling our 250-year-old books anymore. These scanning machines cost \$3500-6000, and are something to think about for the future.

If you aren't registered to vote in the town of Corinth you may do so until Wednesday, February 26th. The law requires that all town clerks are open on that Wednesday before an election from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm for people to register to vote. For absentee ballots come in the office or give me a call. The last day to request an absentee ballot is March 3rd. Please keep in mind that date would be too late to mail one, so you should request one earlier if it is to be mailed. Also keep in mind that you may pick one up for yourself to fill out but may not pick one up for another person. I hope to see you at Town Meeting, and even if you can't come for the day make sure you come to the polls and vote. They are open from 8:30 am until 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy J. Ertle Corinth Town Clerk

#### **Transfer Station**

Since 2012, the Town of Corinth has been a member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD). The municipal solid waste and single stream recycling operations are contracted to Casella Waste Management. The NEK district has been providing expanded recycling since September of 2012. (See NEKWMD Report on page five of Town Report).

The Transfer Station is open and staffed from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

The NEK district provides services from a budget funded by fees collected from all member towns. A small portion of the bag fee Corinth residents pay to Casella for municipal solid waste goes toward the NEK district operating budget. Member towns vote on the total proposed budget by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The NEKWMD Board of Supervisors meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Bob Sandberg is Supervisor from Corinth and Susanne Smith is the alternate Supervisor.

#### **Total expanded recycling for 2013: 8.64 tons**

#### Breakdown by category:

Aerosol containers: .02 E-Waste: .14 Ag film/Bale wrap: 1.87 Oil filters: .20 Automotive battery: .25 .20 Oil/Oil Mix: Plastic bags: .19 Tires: 5.77

#### Average Monthly Tonnage – data from Casella Waste Management and NEKWMD

Year	Trash	Single Stream Recycling	Combined
2011	16.90 tons	3.50 tons	20.40 tons
2012	22.10 tons	5.74 tons	27.84 tons
2013	19.20 tons	7.37 tons	26.57 tons

Total 2013 waste oil collection for Town Garage boiler is approximately 200 gallons.

The Town would like to thank Transfer Station attendants Joan Hayward and Bill Farr for their assistance with the expanded recycling facility and also thanks Road Foreman Joe Blodgett and the Road Crew for their on-site logistical support.

Susanne Smith

#### 5. Local Services

#### **Blake Memorial Library**

676 Village Rd., POB D, East Corinth, VT 05040 (802) 439-5338 blakemem@tops-tele.com blakememorial.org

Mon., Wed.: 2:00-8:00 pm; Thurs. 9:00-noon;

Fri.: 2:00-6:00 pm; Sat. 9:00-noon

The Blake Memorial Library is a publicly supported non-profit public library operating under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Financial support for the library comes from trust income, from individual donations, from fundraising events held by the library, from grants, and from the support of the residents of Corinth and Topsham.

We are a public library offering resources and services free of charge to everyone in our region. Primary among the resources we offer is a collection of more than 20,000 books, videos, and audiobooks. Last year, we loaned about 12,000 items, and added about 1,200 to the collection. In addition, we make several computers (including a Mac with photoshop), printers (including a color photo printer), and a copier available to the public; we provide free internet access (including wireless access) and help accessing internet resources; we maintain a public space for individuals and community groups to use (at no charge); we make several periodicals available for circulation; we offer a rotating collection of videos and audiobooks from the Libraries of the Upper Valley Co-op; and we host a variety of programs. Every Thursday morning, we host a children's program of stories and crafts. We facilitate book discussions and poetry meetings, and in partnership with the East Corinth Congregational Church we host discussions of philosophical, spiritual, and religious texts. In cooperation with Waits River Valley School, we circulate summer learning bags. Through the Vermont Department of Libraries, we provide interlibrary loan service, we make large print books available, and we offer materials for patrons with special needs. We also display the work of local artists, so stop in and have a look.

Through our website, we provide access to an ever-increasing collection of resources. Through a partner-ship with the Green Mountain Library Consortium, we offer access to a collection of thousands of downloadable audiobooks and e-books. With support from the Vermont Department of Libraries, we offer access to Universal Class, a service offering over 500 online continuing education courses in a variety of subjects. Also through our affiliation with the Department of Libraries, we are able to provide access to the Vermont Online Library (VOL), a reference tool for all ages offering databases of encyclopedic information, both archived and current newspapers (including The New York Times), academic publications, medical and business information, and much more. New to the VOL collection is an expanded offering of language learning tools that can help you learn Italian, Spanish, French, German, Mandarin, English, Korean, Japanese, or Russian. Also new to the collection is complete access to the Chilton Auto Repair Database, which includes animations, video content, and advanced diagnostics.

To raise funds this past year, we held plant and book sales in the spring and fall. Led by Lisa Locke, in June we hosted another wonderful Secret Garden Tour. In September, thanks to the town of Corinth for making the town hall available, the hard work of Chef Spencer Cone, the musical talent of The Wall-Stiles, and the contributions we received from many local individuals and businesses, we were able to feed and entertain about 100 people at a very successful and fun Harvest Supper.

With the help of grant funding from the Vermont Arts Council, we renovated our bathroom this past year, making it wheelchair accessible and bringing it into compliance with the latest ADA standards. We also improved our driveway and parking area. Soon, we'll be making major improvements to our catalog and integrating it with the catalogs of about 50 other Vermont libraries. By transitioning to the open-source cataloging system Koha and joining the Vermont Organization of Koha Automated Libraries (which includes such libraries as the Brownell Library in Essex Junction, The Burnham Memorial Library in Colchester, and the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library in Williston) we'll soon be opening the door to a much larger collection.

We thank the town for its continuing support of Blake Memorial Library. We also give special thanks to all the volunteers, whose contribution of about two thousand hours annually helps the library serve the community so well.

Board of Trustees: Nancy Kittridge (president), Lisa Locke (treasurer), Linda Weiss (1st vice president), Lora Nielsen (secretary), Laura Waterman (2nd vice-president), Emily Heidenreich, Greg Renner, Jane Conner, Shirley Montagne; Staff: Ken Linge, Director

#### **Corinth Topsham Emergency Response Team**

POB 58, West Topsham, VT 05086

We have had another very busy year. Our first responders have responded to over 160 calls in our coverage area of Corinth, Topsham, and Orange. We have responded to motor vehicle accidents and fires, along with medical and trauma calls. Some of these calls have involved numerous victims. Many of the fire calls have required us to spend many hours on scene.

The Vermont EMS system has been undergoing many changes. Our Vermont certification levels are now reflective of the National (NREMT) standards. We are also required to have many more continuing education hours than in the past in order to maintain our certification.

We are always looking for new members. It is very hard to find volunteers willing to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact any of our members, or email ctert58@yahoo.com. We will pay for your education when you have received your certification and remained a member in good standing through your probationary period.

We currently have 10 members:
Richard Dolan NREMT-B: Chairman
Natania Sewall NREMT-B, FF: Co-Chairman
Annie Dolan NREMT-B, VT EMT 1-03: Clerk, VT Dist 6
Representative
Larry Eastman NREMT, VT EMT 1-03
Christine Eaton NREMT-RN: Treasurer
David Danforth Jr NREMP/Paramedic, FF: Training Officer
Karen LaFlamme NREMT
Pamela Cook NREMT-B, VT EMT 1-03, RN
Rene Schmauder NREMT,FF
Susan Barnes NREMT: VT Dist 6 Alternate

We would also like to thank the towns we serve for their continued support. We are grateful for the many generous people who have supported us with their donations. If you would like to donate, donations may be made to: CTERT, P.O.Box 58, West Topsham, VT 05086.

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	Oxygen	\$546.73		
	Insurance	\$2461.99		
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	Telephone	\$171.20		
	Supplies	\$291.36		
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	Total: \$23,749.56			

#### **East Corinth Volunteer Fire Department**

POB 294, East Corinth, VT 05040

The Corinth Volunteer Fire Department has had a very busy year.

Our training has been ongoing. On Nov. 3 and 4, we trained in a live burn at the old McDonald Farm. The training involved Search and Rescue, and Ventilation. A live burn consists of lighting a room on fire, training, putting the fire out, and lighting it again and again, until all members have been trained.

We also had 10 members travel, at their own expense, to Colchester, CT twice this year for training in live burns, operations, and safety. Also included in their training were Rapid Intervention Team training operations that help our brother and sister firefighters in need if they get trapped. It would be their job to get them out. This service will be available to all surrounding towns. We are also re-training members in cold water rescue. We also trained Piermont and West Newbury Fire Departments in cold water rescue.

The runs we make and fires we went to are up this year, along with medical assists and accidents. This year we had five building fires and are proud to say the families are all back in their homes. They did not have to relocate their homes because of the great job the members accomplished.

At this time we are operating with three engines, a heavy rescue with all kinds of equipment and a forestry truck. Our tanker is out of operation; we are looking for another one. We have one engine on loan to the Tri-Village Fire Department. To date, the town of Corinth has received approximately one million dollars' worth of equipment and vehicles from Connecticut at no cost to the taxpayers.

It is sad to say that all over Vermont, Departments are losing volunteer members. I am glad to say that we are gaining qualified, trained members that are moving into town. So if you are new in town, we would love to have you join us!

Coming from a professional department after 34 years, I feel very comfortable with what these men and women are doing. What we really need is a new firehouse with bathrooms and running water to be able to keep our equipment in running order. A new firehouse that can also be shared with the community!

Soon our junior firefighters will be stepping up to Firefighter 1. Sadly, one, Kodie Pittman, will be leaving for college. But his brother, Kyle Pittman, will be able to fill his shoes! What is so unique is that we have a brother and sister, a father and two sons, and two brothers on our fire department.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with donations and coin drops. We were able to buy a gas meter, a vent saw, nozzles, and a cascade system used to fill our breathing apparatus, so that we are always ready to go. If you have any questions, please call me at 439-6074.

Here to Serve You, Chief Ed Pospisil Corinth Fire Department

#### **Upper Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.**

POB 37, 5445 Lake Morey Rd., Fairlee, VT 05045

(802) 333-4043, (800) 683-9196, info@uppervalleyambulance.com, uppervalleyambulance.com

To the Citizens of the Nine Communities We Serve,

We are pleased to present our 23nd annual report. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to its member towns since July 1, 1990. This past year, UVA responded to 988 emergency calls. Of these, 379 calls (38 %), resulted in no patient being transported, therefore no bill was generated to help offset the costs of responding. This is higher than the national average of 29-32%.

The Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors continues to discuss the many challenges of operating a rural emergency ambulance service. There are several factors which contribute to these challenges, the most pressing being increased operating expenses and declining revenues. Costs increasing beyond our control include: dispatch fees, fuel, medications and supplies. The Affordable Care Act has made it difficult for budget planning. Not only are we uncertain of reimbursement levels, we are unclear about our own healthcare costs for our employees.

Despite the increase in calls, reimbursement for, and revenue from our services is declining. Seventy five percent of our patients have either Medicare, Medicaid or are uninsured. Medicare and Medicaid are a fixed scheduled reimbursement, regardless of the actual charges. This reimbursement is 11% to 34% below our costs of providing the service. Current legislation at the State and Federal level would further reduce these reimbursement levels. While the Affordable Care Act should reduce the number of our patients without insurance, most will still end up with a high deductible plan that essentially leaves them uncovered for ambulance service.

For more than 21 years Upper Valley Ambulance had been able to keep costs down by providing other services such as non-emergency services for Norris Cotton Cancer Center, DHART, other DHMC departments and Upper Valley businesses. These contracts are no longer available, and there is increased competition for all non-emergency services. This has significantly reduced income from these sources.

Given all of the challenges with increasing costs, fixed and decreasing reimbursements, and limited opportunities for growth, the Board of Upper Valley Ambulance has set the 2014 funding request at \$31.00/per capita. We will continue to search for grants, donations, and any other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service, and we want that to change. The yearly membership fee of \$50 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee. We will be sending information on this program to every household this spring.

Long time Field Supervisor Kevin Cole of Strafford retired after 22 years of service. For budgetary reasons, the Board chose not to fill his position, and instead are transitioning to a different leadership model that will allow the staff more autonomy.

We are proud of our accomplishments over the last 23 years, and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Larry Lancaster, Chair

#### 6. Appropriations

#### **American Red Cross Regionwide Services**

www.RedCross.org/Vermont•

**MISSION:** The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Red Cross chapters provide services across the entire state of Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley. All disaster, military, and international services are provided completely free of charge and are made possible by donations from the people of the region. In the last fiscal year (2011-2012), your Red Cross performed the following services:

#### Disaster Services:

Disaster Services provides timely, innovative and effective planning, preparedness and relief from disasters in Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley Region and is executed by trained and dedicated volunteers. These disasters include everything from a single family house fire to a large scale event like a flood or ice storm requiring a mass care response. Mass care responses generally involve opening a shelter in a community, bulk distribution of food or clean-up materials or hydration and rehabilittion for emergency workers (police, fire, EMTs) on the scene. Individual client assistance varies case-by-case but usually includes food for a week, clothing, storage containers and helter in a hotel. After immediate needs are met, many clients receive assistance with rent and/or a security deposit for a new apartment and bedding/linens.

Disaster incidents in the region: 137

Individuals assisted (includes 236 families): 2.884\*

\*Does not include sheltering and related services during Tropical Storm Irene

Disaster related course participants: 307

Volunteers: 431

Orange County overall assisted: 9 families, 8 incidents, 36 people. Average client assistance:

\$813/family

Disaster Action Team Volunteers in Orange County: 4

#### **Central Vermont Adult Basic Education**

24 Barton St., PO Box 917, Bradford VT 05033 (802) 222-3282
---Local Partnerships in Learning---

• Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the basic education and literacy needs of Corinth adults and teens for forty-eight years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16-90+) in:

- •basic reading, writing and math literacy
- •English language skills for immigrants and refugees
- •college and employment readiness skills
- •GED (General Equivalency Diploma) and high school diploma preparation and assessment



CVABE has six welcoming learning centers located throughout the organization's tri-county service region, including centrally located sites in Bradford, Randolph and Barre City. We collaborate closely with schools, libraries, employers, and a great number of other community resources to make our unique service locally accessible. Our welcome extends to everyone.

Over the past 10 years, an average of seven to eight residents of Corinth have enrolled in CVABE's free programs annually. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a unique education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving one's job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.

In recent years, CVABE has provided free instruction to approximately 700 people annually in its overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. Nearly all students are low income. It currently costs CVABE \$2,080. per student to provide a full year of personalized instruction. A cadre of 120 community volunteers works with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We are deeply appreciative of Corinth's voter-approved past support. This year, your level support of \$800. is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, or we could not help many of the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's basic education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact: www.cvabe.org

#### **Central Vermont Community Action Council**

59 North Main Street, Suite 200, Barre, VT 05641 (802) 479-0531 cvcoa@cvcoa.org

Central Vermont Community Action Council respectfully requests a budget allocation of \$300 from the citizens of Corinth to be determined at the next Town Meeting. Our request remains the same as last year; we are not seeking an increase.

Central Vermont Community Action Council helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development. We work to alleviate the effects of poverty, help people move out of poverty, and advocate for economic justice. Each year Community Action serves approximately 20,000 Vermonters, the majority of whom live in the 56 central Vermont communities that comprise our primary service area. Our staff often works with a family in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. In recent years, demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance have continued to grow, and our work has expanded to providing front-line flood relief and recovery support in the aftermath of the 2011 floods. Hand-in-hand, we help Vermonters develop the skills to tackle problems, identify goals, find the resources and take control of their futures. We offer housing counseling, financial education, home weatherization, early childhood education, green job skills training, business counseling and more. Together, we create economic opportunities for all Vermonters.

Thank you for your continued support.



#### **Central Vermont Council on Aging**

59 N. Main St., Ste 200, Barre, VT 05641-4121 (802) 479-0531, Senior Help Line: (800) 642-5119, cvcoa.org

#### Central Vermont Council on Aging 2014 Report of Services to the Town of Corinth

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For forty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Corinth.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are case management; information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp and fuel assistance outreach; and help with household tasks. We sponsor the Senior Companion program. We served 26 Corinth clients with Case Management services and responded to 64 calls from Corinth residents on our Senior Helpline in 2013.

Older residents of the town of Corinth often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Corinth is Christina Ducharme who can be reached at 802/476-2667.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the town of Corinth.

#### **Clara Martin Center**

1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 222-4477

Clara Martin Center (CMC) provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services.

Clara Martin Center continues to enhance a broad range of programming. The Agency continues to increase access to services for at risk young adults while contracting with partnering schools to deliver services for students and families. Clara Martin Center also provides mental health and substance abuse services within its Criminal Justice Program and for returning veterans and their families.

We here at CMC are embracing the challenges and continue to adjust to the changes that have occurred throughout this fiscal year. The launch of the Vermont Health Exchange is one. The other is the new "Hub and Spoke" model. CMC contracts with CVSAS and other healthcare providers to create a coordinated, systemic response to the complex issue of opiate and other addictions in Vermont.

Town funds support services to the under and uninsured and allows the Clara Martin Center to assist the community in its service needs as a whole. It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these successes.

FY13 TOTAL SERVED BY CMC: 4126 TOTAL SERVED FROM Town of Corinth: 70 \*CSP is our community support program that serves the chronically mentally ill population. 2015 Town Appropriations Request= \$2,177.

#### **Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation**

171 Bridge St., Suite 206, White River Junction, VT 05001 (802) 295-3710 gmedc@gmedc.com

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) works in collaboration with 30 local communities to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses. GMEDC exists to support value-added businesses with retention and expansion strategies, and regular visitations to targeted businesses in order to respond to their needs. GMEDC facilitates manufacturing, technology and business forums that focus on the issues and opportunities of the region's businesses. It utilizes the resources within the Department of Economic Development (DED) to assist with retention and expansion needs, providing rapid support to communities and businesses.

GMEDC, together with the assistance of DED, works to find appropriate sites for businesses to locate and expand.

GMEDC assists businesses with financing, working collaboratively with the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities such as USDA – Rural Development. GMEDC also manages revolving loan funds to provide gap financing not met by private lenders and VEDA.

GMEDC works with DED to provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies that are interested in expanding or relocating to Vermont. Large and small businesses alike receive individualized attention on matters such as site location, finance options, training programs, tax incentives and more.

Together with DED, GMEDC works to facilitate the management of permit processes for value-added businesses at the local, regional and state level.

GMEDC works with DED, Vermont Department of Labor, The Vermont Workforce Development Council and other partners to assist value-added businesses and their employees with advancing their workforce training needs through the Vermont Training Program, the Vermont Workforce Employment Training Fund and other state and federal programs. In addition, GMEDC assists the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), a community collaborative comprised of employers, educators, state agencies and other stakeholders, to advance workforce education and training in the region.

GMEDC works collaboratively with the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) and with the municipalities to advance appropriate land use, transportation and programs that focus upon maintaining healthy and vibrant communities for Vermonters.

#### **Green Up Vermont**

P.O. Box 1191 Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191

(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259 greenup@greenupvermont.org www.greenupvermont.org

#### Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 4, 2013

(This is available as a downloadable word document on the "About Us" page of our website).

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

Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!



#### Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.

720 Village Rd. E. Corinth, VT 802-439-5321

Calendar year 2012 was extremely busy and challenging for Little Rivers and this certainly seems to be the rule and not the exception for health care organizations these days. The major highlights of the year included implementing an Electronic Health Record (EHR), becoming certified as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), The Vermont Blueprint for Health project expansion, facilities improvements, and strategic positioning for payment reform.

Dramatic changes are also occurring all around us, on the state and federal levels, with regard to changes in the health insurance marketplace and reimbursement methodologies. Little Rivers has been an active participant in all the stakeholder groups informing those two major reform efforts. We strongly believe that primary care needs to be at the center of these discussions because it is where we have the best opportunity to improve the health system in this country. We are fortunate to be in Vermont where the importance of primary care is acknowledged.

#### Services Provided in FY 2012 (last full year at the time of this report):

Little Rivers served a total of 5520 patients in 2012, who came in for a total of 20,205 visits. Of these patients, 25% were Medicare beneficiaries, 23% Medicaid beneficiaries, 42% had private insurance, and 11% were uninsured. In addition to traditional primary medical care, residents in our communities have access to after-hours urgent care, wrap-around services such as assistance with health insurance applications, discount medications, and wellness and chronic disease management programs. Our mobile dental van for children continues to visit our area schools and served 261 children last year.

In 2012, Little Rivers provided services to 35% (478) of Corinth's residents. This represents approximately 1,750 visits.

In order to provide comprehensive, well-coordinated care, Little Rivers collaborates with many other service providers in our communities. Through these partnerships, we have been able to provide services such as the pediatric dental van mentioned above, a farm outreach program, and onsite primary care services at Clara Martin Center and Valley Vista. Additionally, our care coordinators provide an important link to other community resources; over 300 people were connected to various state and local service providers in 2012.

#### **Ensuring Continued Access to Health Care Services**

Inadequate access to primary care is a growing problem in this country, especially for rural areas like our own. Research indicates that medical students who train in rural areas are more likely to later practice in a rural area. Little Rivers clinicians understand this and take personal responsibility for nurturing the next generation of care-givers by hosting medical and nursing students on a regular basis.

A total of 17 medical and nursing students did rotations at Little Rivers under the guidance of our clinical practitioners.

We look forward to continuing to serve our communities in the very best ways that we can. We appreciate the support from our towns that helps make this possible.

Meg Burmeister, Board Chair

Gail Auclair, CEO

Administration and Billing: 46 Mill Street, Bradford, VT 802-222-4637

#### The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley

POB 237, Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 439-3562, (802) 222-1624, mentoring projectuv.org

#### **Mission Statement:**

Our Mission is to encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children & adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers, based on trust and respect.

The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley (TMP) is a community-based one-to-one mentoring program focused in the Towns of Bradford, Newbury, Fairlee and Corinth. A community adult volunteer is matched with a young person with similar interests and geographic location who has applied to have a mentor. Mentor applicants are carefully screened before being accepted into the program. Once accepted, they receive training in listening skills, conflict resolution, fostering good decision-making, confidentiality, etc. Once matched with a young person, the team spends about 6 weeks together and then decides whether to make a commitment to spend 4 - 5 hours per month together for at least one year.

TMP strives to maintain the mentor/mentee match through high school graduation. Two mentees graduated in 2013, having been with their respective mentors since 7th grade. The desired outcomes of TMP are to: enhance mentee self-esteem; increase mentee accountability for his or her actions; promote fun and healthy life choices through safe, creative activities. TMP provides gift cards for food and activities in our area and has outdoor recreation equipment for teams to use. A newsletter goes out to participants each month, featuring fun and positive activities of specific teams or the group.

Whole group activities are scheduled at least 4 times per year. In 2013 those activities included a visit to the VT Statehouse and History Museum, a tour and treats at Limlaw's Sugar House, a tour of Copeland's Furniture Factory followed by lunch at Bradford Pizza, and trail work on Wrights MT, followed by a hike to Devil's Den. One activity per year is also scheduled to include mentors, mentees and their families, staff and Advisory Board members.

According to national studies close connections with mentors can foster improvements in an adolescent's ability to connect with others, especially their parents, and that a good mentoring relationship instills hope and positive expectations. In terms of educational achievement, studies reveal that mentored youth have better attendance, and a better chance of going on to higher education. In terms of health and safety, mentoring appears to help prevent substance abuse and reduce some negative youth behaviors.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jones, Drew Perry,

Mentor Coordinator Advisory Board President

#### **Northeast Slopes**

10397 Rte. 25, East Corinth, VT 05040 (802) 439-5789

The 2012 – 2013 ski season at Northeast Slopes wasn't as snowy as we would have liked, but it was still lots of fun. We saw many new (and familiar) faces on the hill, and our three off-season fundraisers provided the additional revenue we needed once again to avoid increasing day-ticket and season pass prices. In addition, to provide even better value in 2013/4, we extended our Wednesday afternoon hours and allowed any student 18 & under to take advantage of the \$6 mid-week ticket price.

Cold temperatures in January 2013 allowed us to make the most of an early winter storm and late season storms kept our doors open through March. We were open a total of 35 days, which is a little more than our average. As usual, we cannot report on the precise number of skier visits to Northeast Slopes this past year. This is because many skiers and riders hold season passes, which are much harder to track. Nevertheless, we estimate it was around 1500. On top of this, there were additional visitors attending fundraising events or just stopping by for coffee or a Nor'easter burger throughout the season.

We are mindful of the Town's request for the number of Corinth residents served by Northeast Slopes. Given the ski hill's location in East Corinth it is not unreasonable to expect at least one-third of these skiers and riders live in Corinth. This number should be added to the non-skiing visitors to have a sense of how Northeast Slopes directly impacts the Town's residents.

In addition to managing the ski hill's regular operations, the Board organized a number of special events designed to draw in new skiers and riders as well as spectators. These included a cardboard box derby, an on-hill treasure hunt and speed challenge (where we broke our 2012 record with Wade Pierson setting the new up hill land speed record of 27.5mph).

One particularly exciting happening at the tow was the making of United We Ski, a documentary made by Elliot and Tyler Wilkinson-Ray about the importance of small ski areas in our communities. NES was featured and many people came out to view the film when it was shown this past fall at the Bradford Academy.

By opening as many days as weather allows, organizing these fun local events and seeking financial support beyond our immediate community, the Board believes Northeast Slopes provides Corinth with an important and affordable community service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months.

#### **Summary of Funding Request**

In closing, the Board would like to thank the Town of Corinth for its generous support of \$1,460 last year. Our request for the upcoming fiscal year remains the same despite potential increases in our operating costs such as fuel and electricity. We will continue to strive to rely on our own operations and independent fundraising efforts to keep the old rope spinning, rather than increase the taxpayer burden.

With that said, we hope to see you on the Slopes!

Northeast Slopes' Board of Directors

#### **Orange County Court Diversion Program**

POB 58, Chelsea, VT 05038 (802) 685-3172

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

A citizen Review Board, comprised of volunteers throughout Orange County, interviews each offender. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for amending the wrongdoing. Approx. 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

The Orange County Court Diversion program also administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for civil offenses of underage drinking.

A total of 170 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2013. Of this amount, 67 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 103 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. During FY13, OCCDP processed five cases in which the offender either resided in Corinth, and/or the offense occurred in Corinth. OCCDP's FY13 operating budget was \$107,698.00

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Corinth appropriated \$150.00 for FY13 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation request for FY14.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

#### **Orange County Parent Child Center**

25 Forest St., Unit 1, Randolph, VT 05060

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Infant/Toddler Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 21 families from Corinth including 34 adults and 25 children.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director

#### **Orange East Senior Center**

176 Waits River Rd., Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 222-4782

Thanks once again to Corinth residents for their annual appropriation to Orange East Senior Center. A huge thank you to our volunteers who donated 4,481 hours assisting us on-site, and our volunteer drivers who drove 14,227 miles, ensuring those in need received hot meals. This year we served 1,455 meals to Corinth residents.

We serve congregate meals here five days a week. We broke our record of serving 16,351 meals last year by serving 18,603 meals this year, a new record year for OESC. We served meals to an ever increasing number of citizens that seek an affordable nutritious meal. With food prices on the rise we continue to appreciate and need the support of the six towns we serve.

OESC continues to make available hearing aid, flu and foot clinics, wellness clinic, exercise class, balance class, line dancing, tai chi class, exercise room, Wii Game System, donated medical equipment, as well as income tax preparation, Reiki clinic, Medicare Part D and Medicaid, Living Will Assistance, and workshops of interest to senior citizens. We have added a weekly computer class with two computers with internet access available to the public to use during open hours. We continue to make space available to cribbage, AA, ALANON and now Weight Watchers. We raised funds by sponsoring raffles, penny auction, community picnics, Holiday Bazaar, Holiday Brunches, bake sales, Texas Hold'em games and renting our space for functions.

Our strengths lie in our ability to offer various events and activities to the public; however, a major area of improvement lies in sparking support from the public for these events and activities. Donated and appropriated funds, as well as our activities and events helps ensure our goal and ability to honor our commitment to see that no senior in our service towns goes hungry or is placed on a waiting list for Meals on Wheels.

Everyone is welcome for meals and events, young or old.

Respectfully submitted, Victoria R. Chaffee, Executive Director

#### Oxbow Senior Independence Program Adult Day Services

Main St., Newbury, VT 05051 (802) 866-5465, osipads@gmail.com

Adult Day Services are an important, cost-effective component of the long-term care system in Vermont. Adult Day is one of the primary community-based programs dedicated to the care of the elderly and disabled among us, giving them a safe and supportive place to stay during the day. Given the choice, most people want to remain in their own home or, if not at home, at least in the community for as long as possible. Adult Day programs help make that happen while saving the State of Vermont thousands of dollars each year in health care costs.

OSIP Adult Day Services provides services for men and women who come from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Thetford, Newbury, Ryegate, Topsham, and Wells River, giving individuals from each town the community-based care so important to them and providing much needed respite for their cargivers.

Participants who attend OSIP Adult Day Services benefit in many ways. They receive care for their basic medical needs as well as health monitoring, advocacy and counseling. They socialize and reminisce with peers in a welcoming, stimulating and safe environment that includes art, crafts, day excursions, music, exercise and games. They are provided hot, nourishing meals prepared on site to their specific dietary requirements. The program advocates for participants, helping them and their caregivers manage life situations or cope with difficult life changes. Caregivers have peace of mind knowing their loved ones are safe and secure during the day. They are able to work, run errands or just have some time off, which helps to avoid caregiver burnout. Our program is open weekdays (M-F) from 8AM until 5PM.

In fiscal year 2012-2013 we provided over 13,000 hours of direct-care service and over 1,000 hours of volunteer and uncompensated service. Be assured that your contribution directly supports a relative, friend, neighbor, or community member who lives near you.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

President, M. Robin Barone; Vice President, Paul Sachs; Secretary/Treasurer, Ann Kitson; Cindy Batten; Shelly Blodgett; Robert Haradon; Alison Kidder; Steve Long; Wayne Richardson; Yvette Tomlinson; Carly Wade. ADULT DAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Ellen Serra

#### Safeline, Inc.

POB 368 Chelsea, VT 05038

(802) 685-7900, 24-hr HOTLINE: (800) 639-7233

Safeline is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County, Vermont.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, Safeline staff and volunteers provided approximately 1,119 services and worked with 387 individuals. Of that number, approximately 18 services for six victims and survivors were residents of Corinth. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referral through Safeline's 24/7 Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Victims can also choose from a wide array of other free and confidential services including legal advocacy, advocacy while at the hospital, economic empowerment programming, financial literacy, and day shelter services. This co-location of services is enormously beneficial to service users who have safety concerns, transportation issues, limited financial resources and/or difficulty finding childcare.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline acts as a resource to the community and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline also offers a full range of prevention education activities, media resources and training curricula.

#### **Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc.**

Depot Square, POB 356, Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-3773, (800) 427-3553

Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc. requests an appropriation in 2014 of \$1,000. in support of the public transportation services provided to Corinth residents.

The public transportation services which the Stagecoach provides to Corinth include:

Setting up rides for the elderly and persons with disabilities to reach shopping opportunities and essential services; arranging daily rides using volunteer drivers for medical appointments, counseling, and prescription pick-ups at Little Rivers Health Care, Cottage Hospital, Clara Martin Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and other regional medical facilities; transporting local citizens to the Oxbow Senior Independence Program; transporting Corinth residents to Upper Valley Services programs and job opportunities; commuter rides aboard the River Route bus, offering three daily round trips from the Route 25 Park-and-Ride in Bradford to work sites in the Upper Valley.

Over the past year, Corinth residents received 600 1-way trips through Stagecoach services. These figures do not include the River Route service, as the town of residence is not tracked for commuters.

#### **Sugar Maple Preschool**

Waits River Valley School Campus 439-5731 sugarmaplepreschool@yahoo.com

Sugar Maple Preschool is a non-profit cooperative preschool for children ages 3-5 from the Topsham-Corinth area. Sugar Maple serves 11 Corinth families and a total of 24 area families in the 2013-2014 school year. Our school offers a morning preschool program as well as a full day extended care program five days a week during the school year. Our preschool is located in a classroom within the Waits River Valley School building and our playground is on the backside of the school building. We currently have three employees. We pride ourselves in our ability to help our youngest community members prepare for their academic careers. Our school brings area families closer together through a mutual purpose and is important in the preserving of the community link in the

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program, please give us a call.

#### **Topsham- Corinth Little League**

45 Forest Lane, Bradford, VT 05033

Topsham-Corinth Little League was created by caring parents who wanted to provide a sports program for children in the towns of Topsham and Corinth. The league is open to boys and girls from ages 5- 12. Our non-profit organization supports and fosters teamwork, community, and a love of baseball. We were fortunate last year to have a major league baseball team, two minor league teams, a newly created major league softball team, a minor league softball team and two instructional tee-ball groups.

The Topsham-Corinth league is the fastest growing league in the CVNLL area. With seven teams our expenses have greatly risen. We are trying to limit how much of this is pushed onto families as many have more than one child playing in our program. We would like to request \$500. to help with field maintenance, insurance costs and equipment.

For the 2013 season, TCLL provided baseball and softball instruction to over 87 children from the towns of Top-sham (41) and Corinth (46). We hope to be able to continue our program as it is a positive way to encourage our children to be team players and stay physically active.

Thank you from the TCLL board, parents and the players.

Sincerely, Kristin Ball TCLL Secretary /Treasurer

younger generation.

#### **Vermont Center for Independent Living**

11 East State St., Montpelier, VT 05602 (802) 229-0501 www.vcil.org

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 tool and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.



Preliminary numbers for our FY'13 (10/2012-9/2013) show VCIL responded to over 1,400 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 258 individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including ten peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and 11 peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 156 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications, 47 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 155 individuals with information on assistive technology; 40 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment, 396 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

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

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

#### Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH

66 Benning St., Suite 6, West Lebanon, NH 03784 (800) 575-5162

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNAVNH) is a compassionate, non-profit health-care organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNAVNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNAVNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNAVNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, VNAVNH made 753 homecare visits to 48 Corinth residents. This included approximately \$38,759. in unreimbursed – or charity – care to Corinth residents.

- Home Health Care: 488 home visits to 32 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Long-Term Care: 207 home visits to six residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: nine home visits to one resident who was in the final stage of their life.
- Maternal and Child Health Services: 49 home visits to nine residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNAVNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Corinth's annual appropriation to the VNAVNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

#### 7. State and County Services 2012-2013

# County of Orange, Vermont Chelsea Courthouse

(802) 685-2113 orange.county.vt@gmail.com

The county budget supports the county courthouse and the sheriff's department and jail. By statute the county must provide the sheriff's department with sufficient funds to run the department but does not pay for the salaries of the sheriff or deputies.

#### Significant Expenditures for the Sheriff's Department:

Nearly \$30,000 was expended at the Sheriff's department to replace the boiler, the roof and renovate workspace for the dispatch center. This new boiler is quite a bit more efficient than the old one which required numerous repairs in the last couple of years. The dispatch office was upgraded to improve functionality. The Sheriff's Department is the only law enforcement facility in the county staffed 24/7 and available to the public. The county also provided the \$26,000 matching portion for a grant received by the Sheriff. (By statute the county must provide the matching portion of any matching grants obtained by the Sheriff.)

#### Changes at the Courthouse

The biggest changes to the county began back in 2012 when the state approached us about bringing our hand-icapped entrance into full compliance with current ADA regulations. After months of work to find the best location for a new entrance and parking, the county purchased the former Wellspring school building and land that abuts the courthouse to the north to provide the room for this project. The courthouse now has two designated handicapped parking spaces connected by a short pathway to the new covered entrance. This entire project was paid for by previously allocated state funds.

Orange County maintains a reserve fund for capital projects. We have increased this amount for 2014 because we are looking to perform a major repair of the courthouse bell tower during construction season this year. The county is very pleased to have received an \$18,000 Historic Preservation matching grant to help with this project. We also anticipate a costly replacement of the courthouse boiler in 2015 and the capital reserve fund will give us something to draw on for that expenditure as well.

The county has tried to hold the line on spending every year. Both buildings are now on the way to being well repaired and maintained and when the bell tower and boiler projects are completed we anticipate no further major spending. As always, support for the Sheriff's Department is the major portion of the overall Orange County budget.

We encourage more interest and participation in the budgeting process. The preliminary budget hearing is in early December and the annual meeting in mid-January. As per statute, we send notices of these meetings, as well as the proposed budget, to town clerks and selectboards and publish notices in *The Journal Opinion* and *The Herald* of Randolph.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E. McKeeman Victoria N. Weiss

Assistant Judge from Corinth Assistant Judge from Tunbridge

#### **Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission**

3117 Rose Hill, The King Farm, Woodstock, VT 05091 (802) 457-3188 trorc.org

TRORC is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont and is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. Our primary goals are to advocate for the needs of our member towns, and to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. The Commission's staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits and businesses. This year, TRORC provided the following services:

#### **Technical Assistance**

TRORC's staff helped revise numerous town plans, wrote flood regulations, and provided maps of public infrastructure to local and state officials. Additionally, TRORC's staff met with 1/3 of our communities for an enhanced consultation in which we reviewed their municipal plans for consistency with state and regional planning goals and policies. These meetings have resulted in the resolution of conflicts between local plans and state policy in a number of communities.

#### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

TRORC has continued to convene regular meetings and emergency preparedness workshops for the Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 which is comprised of emergency responders and town officials, and has worked with towns on updating their Basic Emergency Operations Plans. TRORC has assisted several communities in revising their Mitigation Plans and in applying for Hazard Mitigation grants. TRORC continues to serve as the statewide coordinator of federal assistance for buyouts of flood damaged properties, including 71 structures in the region.

#### Working Landscape and Economic Development

As part of the East Central Vermont sustainability planning effort, TRORC is undertaking a regional economic development planning effort in order to focus development priorities and mesh them with ongoing community development, transportation and telecommunications efforts. The Regional Commission's brownfields assessment program brought three properties to the redevelopment stage this year.

#### Transportation

Our Transportation Advisory Committee has discussed VTrans programs (project prioritization, park and ride municipal grants, transportation alternative grants, high risk rural roads, and culvert mapping) and public transit. Our Orange/Windsor County Road Foreman meetings continue to discuss regulations, sign and culvert inventories, new town road and bridge standards, and Class 4 road legal issues. TRORC also assisted towns in writing and implementing Better Back Road grants that improve water quality and mitigate road erosion problems.

We look forward to serving you in the future, and urge you to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

#### **Vermont Department of Health**

White River Junction, VT 05001 (802) 295-8820 or (888) 253-8799 healthvermont.gov

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

For example, in 2013 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Published a new resource guide for communities: Healthy Community Design – Active Living & Healthy Eating available at http://healthvermont.gov/family/fit/documents/active\_living\_healthy\_eating\_community\_design\_resource.pdf.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Corinth, 67 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: During the statewide outbreak of whooping cough in 2012 (645 cases total), we alerted health care providers and the public, promoted Tdap vaccine, and vaccinated 6,269 people on Dec. 19 at free district office vaccine clinics – 150 were vaccinated at the White River Junction district office.

Worked with the Agency of Agriculture to trap and test mosquitoes for West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in parts of Addison, Rutland and Chittenden counties. We created a new online Tick Tracker tool at www.healthvermont.gov/ticktracker where anyone can report tick sightings anywhere in the state. Working with the Agency of Natural Resources, we collected deer ticks during hunting season to test for Lyme disease. During the mosquito and tick season, we provided extensive public information and outreach.

This year we also responded to 92 cases of infectious disease in Orange County.

Promoted immunizations and healthy living: To improve childhood immunization rates, we launched www. oktoaskvt.org and social media to help parents of young children get answers to their questions about immunization. To encourage healthy eating and physical activity, we invited Vermonters to visit www.healthvermont.gov/mymoment.

Published Healthy Vermonters 2020 goals and performance dashboard: Launched a new online tool that will track real-time progress on more than 100 public health goals (such as smoking rates) and performance measures (such as calls to the quit line). Data can also be viewed on maps and as trends by county, district office area, and hospital service area. www.healthvermont.gov/hv2020

Your Health Department district office is in White River Junction at 226 Holiday Drive, telephone 802-295-8820. For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov. Join us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/vdhwrj and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

#### **Vermont League of Cities and Towns**

89 Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602 (802) 229-9111 vlct.org

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 145 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services—including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water—on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT answered nearly 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 23 workshops that attracted more than 1,500 attendees. Our new Municipal Dog Control Workshop, for example, drew an audience of more than 100. Additionally, MAC conducted 14 "on-site" workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics. Handbooks produced by MAC—including our new best-seller, "The Big Book of Woof," which explains municipal officials' responsibilities to dog issues—may be purchased or accessed free of charge on the Resource Library page of our website. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy. VLCT's Advocacy Department lobbies the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions such as lakeshore zoning and renewable energy generator siting, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2014 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level force more demand for services to the local level.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal unemployment, property, casualty, and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust continues to assist towns with Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damage resulting from Tropical Storm Irene and the storms of the summer of 2013 makes the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members painfully clear, as they benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. In 2010, our three Trusts were responsible for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

#### **Vermont State Police Bradford Barracks**

1594 Waits River Rd., Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 222-4680 dps.state.vt.us

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town.

Troopers responded to 144 calls for service in 2013 with a staff of seven Troopers and three Sergeants. Troopers responded to a broad range of calls and still remained active in the area schools and participated in a variety of community functions.

The Vermont State Police continue to ask all community members to stay vigilant and work together to keep our communities safe.

Enclosed is a list of incidents that the Vermont State Police responded to in your town from January 1, 2013 to December 01, 2013.

Stay safe and watch out for one another. LT Russell Robinson Station Commander

## Corinth Incident Report for Calendar Year 2013

CONSENT SEARCH	2
ACCIDENTAL DEATH	1
ASSAULT SIMPLE, NOT AGGRAVATED	2
BURGLARY FORCE RESIDENCE	3
BURGLARY NO FORCE RESIDENCE	2
LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	4
LARCENY ALL OTHER	1
LARCENY ATT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1
THEFT OTHER VEHICLE	1
FRAUD, EVAD FULL-SERVE GAS BIL	1
VANDALISM OF MOTOR VEHICLES	1
VANDALISM - MISC.	4
CARRYING DEADLY WEAPON	1
REGULATED DRUGS-POSSESSION OF	2
CONT SUBST/DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOL	1
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	2
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	5
CONDITION OF RELEASE VIOLATION	1
ANNOYING, HARRASS, SUSP PHONEC	1
ANNOYMOUS PHONE CALLS	1
THREATENING PHONE CALLS	1
TRESPASSING VIOLATION	2
ACCIDENT-DAMAGE - DMV REPORT	7
MOTOR VEHICLE, DISTURBANCES	3
CARELESS NEGLIGENT MOTOR VEH	1
DLS CRIMINAL	1
LITTERING	3
FIRE INVESTIGATION	2
ALARM	3
AGENCY ASSIST	11
ATV INCIDENT	1
CITIZEN DISPUTE	6
CITIZEN ASSIST	12
COMMUNICATIONS OFFENSE	1
DIRECTED PATROL	1
E911 HANGUP	4
FALSE ALARM	6
MOTORIST ASSISTANCE	5
NOISE DISTURBANCE	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/CIRCUMSTANCE	29
TRAFFIC CRASH NON-REPORTABLE	4
WELFARE CHECK	1
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# 8. Town Information 2013 Corinth Area, Population, Highways, and Map

Area: second in county, 16th in state: 30,943 acres (2008 VT Agency of Natural Resources)

Population — per 2010 Census: 1,367

Housing Units—per 2010 Census: 803 units (728 in 2000)

Highways:

Class 1 Town Highways: none

Class 2 Town Highways: 21.75 miles

Class 3 Town Highways: 48.69 miles

Class 4 Town Highways: 23.30 miles

Total Town Highways: 93.74 miles State Highway (Rte. 25): 3.963 miles

Grand Total Highways: 97.70 miles

**Town Map** 

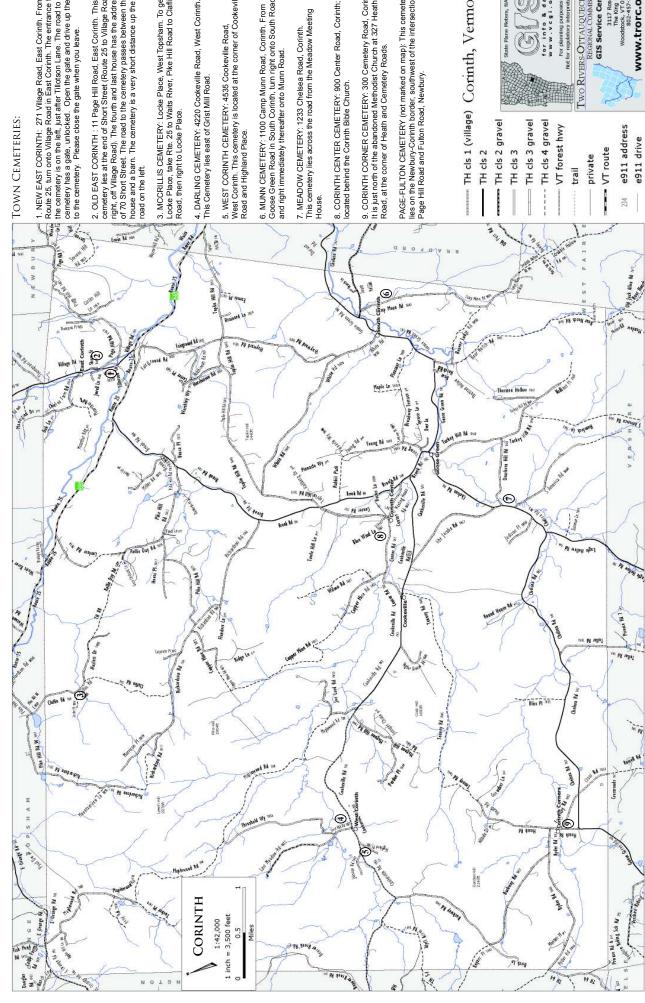
The Town Map, courtesy of the

Two-Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission, follows on pages 68 - 69. Numbers on the map refer to 911 street addresses. Not every address is shown for clarity. Corinth's cemeteries are numbered in ovals on the map,

with driving directions in the inset.



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# TOWN CEMETERIES:

- 1. NEW EAST CORINTH: 271 Village Road, East Corinth. From Route 25, turn onto Village Road in East Corinth. The entrance to the cemetery is on the left, just after Tillston Leane. The road to the cemetery has a gate, unlocked. Open the gate and drive up the hill to the cemetery. Please close the gate when you leave.
- 2. OLD EAST CORINTH: 11 Page Hill Road, East Corinth. This cemetery lies at the end of Short Street (Route 25 to Village Road; right, off Village Road). The fourth and last house has the address of 70 Short Street. The road to the cemetery passes between this house and a barn. The cemetery is a very short distance up the road on the left.
- 3. MCCRILLIS CEMETERY: Locke Place, West Topsham. To get to Locke Place, take Rte. 25 to Waits River, Pike Hill Road to Claffin Road, then right to Locke Place.
- 4. DARLING CEMETERY: 4220 Cookeville Road, West Corinth. This Cemetery lies east of Grist Mill Road.
- 5. WEST CORINTH CEMETERY: 4535 Cookeville Road, West Corinth. This cemetery is located at the corner of Cookeville Road and Highland Place.
- 6. MUNN CEMETERY: 1100 Camp Munn Road, Corinth. From Goose Green Road in South Corinth, turn right onto South Road and right immediately thereafter onto Munn Road.
- 7. MEADOW CEMETERY: 1233 Chelsea Road, Corinth. This cemetery lies across the road from the Meadow Meeting
- 9. CORINTH CORNER CEMETERY: 300 Cemetery Road, Corinth. It is just north of the abandoned Methodist Church at 327 Heath Road, at the corner of Heath and Cemetery Roads.
- PAGE-FULTON CEMETERY (not marked on map): This cemetery lies on the Newbury-Corinth border, southwest of the intersection of Page Hill Road and Fulton Road, Newbury.

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TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHER REGIONAL COMMISSION www.trorc.org **GIS Service Cente** For planning purposes or Not for regulatory interpretati

#### Dog and Wolf —Hybrid Licenses

General Requirements 20 VSA 3581

A copy of the complete dog law and rabies manual is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office. Any person who fails to follow the requirements of the law shall be fined in an amount not more than \$500.00. All unlicensed dogs need to be licensed.

#### Registration Deadline:

All dogs and wolf-hybrids three months of age or older must be registered on or before the first of April of each year. Dogs and wolf-hybrids licensed after April 1, 2014 will cost 50 percent (50%) in excess of the regular Town's share of fees.

#### **Dog License Fees 2014**

(These fees include the \$4.00 Vermont State Fee.) Altered Male or Female by April 1st \$8.00 – after April 1st \$10.00 Unaltered Male or Female by April 1st \$12.00 - after April 1st \$16.00

#### **CERTIFICATION OF SPAYING:**

In order to qualify for a neutered male or spayed female license, the owner must provide to the clerk a Certificate of Spaying signed by a Veterinarian showing that the dog has been sterilized.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF RABIES VACCINATION:**

An owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall deliver to the Town Clerk a Certificate or certified copy of a current Vaccination Certificate against rabies. For the purpose of this law, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

- 1. All dog and wolf-hybrids vaccinations recognized by State and Local authorities shall be administered by a licensed Veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed Veterinarian.
- 2. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.
- 3. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.
- 4. All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination with a U.S. Department of Agriculture approved 3-year vaccine product.

A rabies clinic is normally scheduled for sometime in March at the East Corinth Fire Department on Village Road from 6:30-7:30 pm. Watch the Journal Opinion for the actual date.

Dog License Report for Corinth 233 dogs were licensed in 2013

All dogs in Corinth must be licensed by April 1st of each year.

The exception to this is: If you have moved into town after April 1st with a dog that is licensed in another town, you need only bring your existing licensing paperwork, with the rabies certificate and spaying certificate (if applicable) to the Town Clerk. The existing previous Town's license will suffice in Corinth until April 1st of the following year.

#### **Insurance Policies and Bonds FY13**

#### **Buildings**

Town Hall and Contents, Multi-peril	\$861,858
Town Garage, Multi-peril	157,007
Corinth Academy Building	570,144
Salt Shed	25,315

# **Liability and Equipment**Liability on Buildings

Liability on Buildings \$10,000,000 Public Officials Liability 10,000,000

Workman's Compensation (standard) per statute
Contractors Equipment Coverage value of equipment
Business Auto Policy 10,000,000

Town Hall Contents20,000Town Crime Coverage500,000Garage Contents15,000

#### **Surety Bonds**

Public Employee Blanket Bond Issued to Town of Corinth, July 1, 1998

Money and Securities \$25,000 (1 year)

#### **Ordinances**

Copies of all Ordinances and applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

**All Terrain Vehicle Ordinance**: ATVs may not be operated on any town highway or trail in Corinth. Fees: First offense \$50, second offense \$100, third offense \$200.

**Animal Cruelty Ordinance**: Protects the welfare of animals in Corinth under the authority of 24 V.S.A. Ch. 61, SS2291 (21).

**Anti-nuclear Ordinance**: Banning the construction and operation of commercial nuclear reactors and/or mines for fissionable material or any other nuclear facility, and the transportation, storage, or disposal of radioactive wastes for such reactors and/or such mines in the land, air, or water of the Town of Corinth.

Dog Ordinance: All dogs and wolf-hybrids shall be licensed and restrained from running at large.

**Driveway Permit**: Required to develop, construct, or re-grade any driveway entrance or approach to a town highway.

**Flood Hazard Area Zoning Regulation**: Permits are required for all new construction, substantial improvements and other developments within all lands to which these regulations apply.

**Highway Ordinance**: Establishes municipal policy and practice on the maintenance and upgrading of existing Town roads and describes construction standards and procedures for accepting new roads into the Town highway system.

**Sewage Ordinance**: The Town's Sewage Ordinance has been replaced by State permit regulations. If you are building, replacing, or altering your septic system, contact the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Wastewater Management Division 1-802-241-3822, 103 South Main St. – Sewing Bldg, Waterbury, VT 05671-0405.

**Solid Waste Ordinance:** Regulates the collection and disposal of solid waste, including illegal dumping and open burning.

**Speed Ordinances**: There are several speed ordinances for the villages of this Town.

Stop Sign Ordinance: Regulates traffic in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Subdivision Bylaws**: Requires registration of all division of land in Corinth. Requires approval by the Planning Commission of all multi-lot or serial subdivision.

**Subdivision Permit**: Application for approval of a proposed subdivision shall be made to the Corinth Planning Commission.

**Zoning Ordinance**: There is no zoning ordinance in effect for areas outside of FEMA-designated flood hazard zones.

### **Town Highway Department Equipment**

Machinery and Equipment  Date			
Description	Model #	Serial #	Acquired
1,000 Gallon Fuel Tank	1,000 Gal Double Wall		9/7/2008
Air Compressor	82348VAt	13744	12/8/2010
Bandit Model 100 Chipper	100	13744	6/25/1996
Broom attachment	100		6/30/1992
Chloride System			20030630
Culvert Thawer with Pressure Was	har		3/7/2000
Echo Brush Cutter	SHCI		6/30/1992
Flammable Cabinet	237285		10/18/2011
Husqvarna Chainsaw	357XP		9/25/2001
Husqvarna Chainsaw	137		12/18/2006
Hydraulic Hose Coupler Machine	T-4822	2628	11/18/2011
Impact Wrench	IR261	9998	11/18/2011
Jonsered Chainsaw	2159	<i>393</i> 0	11/17/2009
Jonsered Chainsaw	630		10/3/2010
Kenwood Mobile Radio	030	B1100453	3/29/2011
Kenwood UHF Mobil Radio	TK-8360HUK	B1C00458	1/26/2012
Kenwood UHF Portable Radio	TK-3312K	B1503469	9/27/2011
Land Pride Rotary Mower	111 331211	216138	9/1/2009
Mig Welder	Mil 903868 360	210130	4/30/2004
OptiPlex 745 Minitower Computer		HHK6RD1	9/24/2007
Plasma Cutter	opul iun / iu minuu // u	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	10/27/2009
Pneumatic tool & compressor		W13N93 2033 0091 B 382	7/17/2012
Semi Trailer Van		W18MUF11450002A	9/1/2011
Sign Post Driver	1804533	G003332	11/18/2011
Stihl Chainsaw	MS290	279075149	11/18/2011
Trimmer	245R		8/4/2003
York Rake			6/30/1992

#### Vehicles

		Date
Year Description	Model #	Acquired
1988 John Deere Backhoe	4239DCD05	1/16/2008
1996 International Dump Truck	4900 4x2	6/22/1995
1999 Caterpillar Wheel Loader	928G	6/14/1999
2000 New Holland Tractor	B100C6	7/19/2010
2006 Caterpillar Grader	143H Motor	1/25/2008
2006 Mack Dump Truck	CV712	3/28/2006
2010 Ford F-550	F-550	3/15/2010
2011 Hitachi Excavator	ZX120-3	5/15/2012
2012 International Dump Truck	7600	6/27/2011
2013 International Dump Truck	7600	7/9/2012
Plow One way full trip	TCO-11S-55	2/18/2012

#### **Town Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2013**

Burton Cooper, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Holly Groschner, and the singing of "America the Beautiful" by Marian Cawley.

The Moderator went over the rules and procedures for Town Meeting, using Robert's Rules of Order. He reviewed the Articles and how they would be voted on.

Article 1. To elect the following by Australian ballot.

Elected: Moderator for 1 year: Burton Cooper; Selectman for 3 years: Ryan Dodge; Lister for 3 years: Melisa Mahony; Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year: Susan Fortunati; First Constable for 1 year: Joseph Hill; Second Constable for 1 year: John Farrow; Grand Juror for 1 year: Richard Cawley; Town Agent to Deed Real estate for 1 year: Richard Cawley; Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for 1 year: Richard Cawley; Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years: Raymond Moulton; School Director for 3 years: Pamela Doyle

Article 2. To see if the voters will accept the various Officers' Reports as presented in the Town Report.

Earl Kooper-Kamp moved the motion; Bob Sandberg seconded. The Moderator read the heading of each report in the Town Report and asked for comments; there were none. He called for the vote; the motion passed.

Article 3. To see if the voters will vote \$670,330 to support the Highway Fund.

Gary Apfel moved the motion; Raymond Moulton seconded. Road Commissioner Frank Roderick explained the budget for gravel, patch and pave, truck and equipment costs and loans and grants for them. There was discussion on repaving and mud season. Gary Apfel called the question and the vote was positive. The vote for the main motion was called then to approve \$670,300 to support the highway fund, and the motion passed.

Article 4. To see if the voters will vote \$114,250 to support the Highway Capital Equipment Fund.

Marian Cawley moved the motion; Sue Parmenter seconded. Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner, spoke about this fund for the trucks and equipment. Moderator Cooper called for the vote, and the motion passed.

Article 5. To see if the voters will vote \$15,000 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.

Irene Mann moved the motion; David Danforth seconded. The Road Commissioner explained the Fund, and Treasurer Susan Fortunati noted there is \$50,103.19 in it now. The question was voted on and passed.

Joyce McKeeman moved to allow State Representative Phil Winters to address the Meeting, and Linda Weiss seconded. The motion passed at 10:50 am.

The Moderator called the meeting back to order at 11:10 am.

Article 6. To see if the voters will vote \$100 for the Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council (formerly the George Aiken Council).

David Danforth moved the question; Hal Drury seconded. Frank Roderick and David spoke in favor. The question was voted on, and passed.

Article 7. To see if the voters will vote \$500 for the Topsham-Corinth Little League.

Joyce McKeeman moved the question; Annette Hayward seconded. Mike Pittman told about the teams and fund raising. There was discussion of all the appropriations, their cost, and about kids and baseball. Irene Mann called the question, which passed. The Moderator called the main motion, which passed.

Article 8. To fix the compensation for elected and appointed Town Officers for the coming year, as follows: Selectman \$800 each per year, Listers \$12 per hour, Town Clerk \$25,500 per year and Treasurer \$26,000 per year. All other (excluding highway) \$12 per hour. Mileage is to be reimbursed at the State rate.

David Danforth made a motion to vote all of these as one; Gary Apfel seconded. Irene Mann amended the motion to have the clerk's salary be \$26,000; Hal Drury seconded. Nancy Ertle, Town Clerk, explained why her salary should not be the same as the Treasurer's. The Moderator called for the amendment vote, and it did not pass. He then called the main motion, which passed.

Article 9. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to support the General Fund.

Treasurer Susan Fortunati noted that with the earlier Articles voted on and passed, the new figure for supporting the General Fund would be \$344,306.

Raymond Moulton moved the Article; David Danforth seconded. Nancy Ertle asked that the General Fund be increased by \$600 to restore the money for Assistant Town Clerk cut by the budget committee. Discussion followed. Gary Apfel moved to amend the main motion to include the \$600; Linda Weiss seconded. Moderator Cooper called the amendment vote, which passed. He then called the main motion to support the General Fund in the amount of \$344,906, which passed.

Article 10. To see if the voters will vote \$250 for the Conservation Commission.

Dan Wing moved the motion; Jane Conner seconded. Anne Margolis thanked everyone for the returnable bottles they donate; such support helps the Town get grants. The motion passed.

Article 11. To see if the voters will vote \$20,570 for the Town Hall Maintenance Fund

Lisa Locke moved the motion; Linda Weiss seconded. Norm Collette, Facilities Manager, explained that the money was for painting the end of the building and puttying the windows. There was discussion on what the fund was used for last year. Dan Wing made an amendment to the motion requesting that the Selectboard make a capital need assessment of the building for the future; Gary Apfel seconded, and discussion followed. Earl Kooper-Kamp called the question. The Moderator asked for a vote on calling the question, which passed. He asked for a vote to add the amendment to the main motion, which passed. He then called the main motion with amendment, which passed.

Article 12. To see if the voters will vote \$1,000 to establish a Corinth 250th Anniversary Commemoration Fund.

Joyce McKeeman moved the article; Jane Conner seconded it. Selectman Chris Groschner spoke for the
Corinth 250 Committee and explained what the money would be used for. There were questions about the fund
and what would happen to the leftover money. Susan Fortunati, Treasurer, said the leftover money would be voted
on at a future Town Meeting to see where to put it. Moderator Cooper asked for a vote, which passed.

Article 13. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money not to exceed \$16,000 of grant-matching funds for installation of a power generator for an emergency shelter at the Waits River Valley School; expenditure of these funds to be contingent upon: (a) the voters of the Town of Topsham at the Topsham Town Meeting approving a like expenditure for the same purpose and; (b) authorization and approval by the school district on terms agreeable to the towns.

David Danforth moved the motion; Jack Gundy seconded. Joe Truss, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke on the need for a generator during power outages, an evacuation center, etc. Discussion followed on actual cost and needs. Linda Weiss called the question; the Moderator asked for a vote on calling the question, which passed. He then called for a vote on the main motion, which also passed.

Article 14. To see if the voters will vote \$15,000 to determine the feasibility of the Town's building and leasing to the East Corinth Volunteer Fire Department a fire station on donated land adjacent to the Fairground in East Corinth.

Judy Drury moved the article; Dina Dubois seconded. Fire Chief Ed Pospisil spoke about the Fire Department, its equipment and training, the costs of it all and the qualifications of the Firefighters and how far they have come. David Danforth reported that Joe Holland had sent a letter of intent to donate land for a new station at the fairground. There was discussion on location and about sites that have been checked into. Sue Parmenter called the question; the vote was in favor. Moderator Cooper called the main motion, which passed.

Article 15. Shall the voters designate Corinth, Vermont as a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and then pay back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax bill as provided by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.)?

Joyce McKeeman moved the article; Jane Conner seconded. Dan Wing spoke on how the program would work to help people. Discussion followed, then the Moderator called for a vote, which passed.

Article 16. To see if the voters will vote to renew the exemption granted to certain properties from Town property tax for a period of 5 years. To be voted individually:

Northeast Slopes: Holly Groschner moved the motion; Jack Gundy seconded. The motion passed.

Masons' Hall, East Corinth: Mary Hays moved the motion; Irene Mann seconded. Discussion ensued on the hall, what purpose it served in the community and questions were asked about the Masons, the disrepair of the hall, how much it was worth, and what it could be used for. The amount it is assessed for and the tax amount were brought up. Holly Groschner called the question and Moderator Cooper called for a vote, which passed. He then called the main motion, which passed.

Ball Field, East Corinth: Mary Hays moved the motion; Jack Gundy seconded, and the motion passed. Historical Society Museum: Annette Hayward moved the motion, Jane Conner seconded, and the motion passed.

Corinth Volunteer Fire Department (two buildings): Lillian Olsen moved the motion, Rachel Olsen seconded, and the motion passed.

Article 17. To see if the voters will vote to have the taxes collected by the Treasurer and to fix the dates for payment of the same.

Brenda Carter moved to have the taxes collected by the Treasurer in two installments on or before September 10, 2013 and on or before February 11, 2014. Raymond Moulton seconded. Dan Wing stated he didn't think the names of people with Delinquent Taxes should be listed in the Town Report. Susan explained that it helps new owners if they didn't get the tax bill from previous owners. Dan made an amendment to the motion to not publish the names if Statute permits it, and Gary Apfel seconded. Moderator Cooper called the amendment vote. It wasn't clear on the ayes and nays so Gary Apfel called for Division. The Moderator asked the ayes to rise, then the nays to rise; the nays won. There was discussion on postmarks and receiving taxes. Mike Pittman called the question; the Moderator called for a vote, and it passed. He then called the main motion to set the dates for collection of taxes, which passed.

Article 18. To recommend up to six members-at-large for the Budget Committee for 1 year.

Lisa Locke recommended Lora Nielsen; Louise Sandberg recommended all the current members. John Conner moved the recommendations, Jack Gundy seconded, and the motion passed.

Article 19. In case of unanticipated State Aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year, shall the Town appropriate such funds for those projects?

Gary Apfel moved the article; Louise Sandberg seconded. Road Commissioner Frank Roderick explained how this can happen. Moderator Cooper asked for a vote, and the motion passed.

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

John Conner reported that the mold inspector said there was no mold in the East Corinth Congregational Church. Rachel Olsen said she saw the report from Sugar Maple Preschool that said there was, and recommended the preschool not be in the building until it was cleaned. Dan Wing asked if any one wanted to be on the Energy Committee. Rik Sheridan thanked Susanne Smith for her service on the Board of Selectmen. Susan suggested that the Town Report Committee put a suggestion box out at Town Meeting to get ideas for the next year's Town Report theme. Ruth Fontaine thanked the Fire Department. Jane Conner wanted to know what could be done about the blue house on Cookeville Rd that burned. Selectman Allen Locke said the property isn't deemed a hazard to the public so there was nothing the town could do.

In closing, Tony Mason-Sherwood played guitar and led the song "This Land is Your Land".

Judy Drury moved to adjourn the meeting; Lisa Locke seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J Ertle, Town Clerk

#### **Vital Statistics**

MARRIAGES:	Date:
Jacquelynn Marie Swantak and Raymond Lawrence Moulton	June 15, 2013
Kelly Ann Howard and Guy Carlson Miller Jr.	July 24, 2013
Erin Elaine Smith and Jeremi Dean Seymour Larabee	September 21, 2013
Gerald Roland Wadle, Sr. and Steve James Briere	October 22, 2013

#### **BIRTHS**:

Child:	Date:	Parents:
Harper Lee Pierson	May 29, 2013	Liza and Ryan Pierson
Lillian Marie Dodge	November 15, 2013	Dawn St. Martin and Ryan Dodge
Olivia Christine Dodge	November 15, 2013	Dawn St. Martin and Ryan Dodge
Mairia Lyn McKinney	December 6, 2013	Ina and Joseph McKinney
Dawson Lochlan Keane	December 12, 2013	Jessica Linney and Joseph Keane

DEATHS:	Date:	Age:
June A. DeAlmeida	January 10, 2013	97 years
Guy C. Miller, Sr.	February 2, 2013	88 years
Gary W. Stone	February 11, 2013	63 years
Berton Sumner	May 7, 2013	83 years
William F. Henry III	June 16, 2013	27 years
Werner J. Wenisch	August 5, 2013	90 years
Helen Piersa	August 14, 2013	96 years
Norman Thurston	August 30, 2013	75 years
Susanne J. Learmonth	August 31, 2013	86 years
Barbara Jean Young	October 16, 2013	78 years
Judith B. Drury	November 23, 2013	67 years
Jack C. Blanchard	December 25, 2013	78 years