

*Please bring this report with you to*

**Town Meeting**  
**Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Community House

Note: The school portion will be first this year, followed by the town portion.

**Pre-Town Meeting Social**

Arrive at the Community House any time after 6:30 p.m. for dessert & coffee  
and a chance to meet your neighbors prior to the meeting.  
Call Barry King at 388-4082 for more information.

**Town Meeting Child Care**

At the Ripton Elementary School from 6:30 until the meeting ends.  
Call the school at 388-2208 for more information.

*Vote for town officers and other ballot items*

**Election Day**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**at the town office.**

*Other dates to remember*

If you want to participate at town meeting and vote on election day  
and you are not already on the voter checklist,  
**register to vote by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 29.**

If you want to vote absentee,  
**request an absentee ballot by 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 5.**

*See the warning for town meeting and a sample ballot later in this report.*

## TOWN CALENDAR 2012

### FEBRUARY

4 Coffee House  
 4 & 18 Recycling  
 6 School Board  
 11 Fire & First Response  
 14 Planning Commission  
 13 & 27 Selectboard

### MARCH

3 Coffee House  
 3 & 17 Recycling  
**5 TOWN MEETING**  
**6 ELECTION DAY**  
 10 Fire & First Response  
 12 & 26 Selectboard  
 13 Planning Commission

### APRIL

2 School Board  
 7 Coffee House  
 7 & 21 Recycling  
 9 & 23 Selectboard  
 10 Planning Commission  
 14 Fire & First Response

### MAY

5 Coffee House  
**5 GREEN UP DAY**  
 5 & 19 Recycling  
 7 School Board  
 8 Planning Commission  
 12 Fire & First Response  
 14 & 28 Selectboard

### JUNE

2 Coffee House  
 2 & 16 Recycling  
 4 School Board  
 9 Fire & First Response  
 11 & 25 Selectboard  
 12 Planning Commission

### JULY

2 School Board  
 7 Coffee House  
 7 & 21 Recycling  
 9 & 23 Selectboard  
 10 Planning Commission  
 14 Fire & First Response  
**28 TOWN PICNIC at Fire Station**

### AUGUST

4 & 18 Recycling  
 6 School Board  
 11 Fire & First Response  
 13 & 27 Selectboard  
 14 Planning Commission  
**28 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

### SEPTEMBER

**1 TAXES FIRST PAYMENT DUE**  
 1 Coffee House  
 1 & 15 Recycling  
 3 School Board  
 8 Fire & First Response  
 10 & 24 Selectboard  
 11 Planning Commission

### OCTOBER

1 School Board  
 6 Coffee House  
 6 & 20 Recycling  
**7 RIPTON RIDGE RUN**  
 8 & 22 Selectboard  
 9 Planning Commission  
 13 Fire & First Response

### NOVEMBER

3 Coffee House  
 3 & 17 Recycling  
 5 School Board  
**6 GENERAL ELECTION DAY**  
**8 TAXES FINAL PAYMENT DUE**  
**9 TAXES DELINQUENT**  
 10 Fire & First Response  
 12 & 26 Selectboard  
 13 Planning Commission

### DECEMBER

1 Coffee House  
 1 & 15 Recycling  
 3 School Board  
 8 Fire & First Response  
 10 & 24 Selectboard  
 11 Planning Commission

### JANUARY 2013

5 Coffee House  
 5 & 19 Recycling  
 7 School Board  
 8 Planning Commission  
 12 Fire & First Response  
 14 & 28 Selectboard

### FEBRUARY 2013

2 Coffee House  
 2 & 16 Recycling  
 4 School Board  
 9 Fire & First Response  
 11 & 25 Selectboard  
 12 Planning Commission

Meeting dates are according to established regular schedules and are subject to change. Check the town website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org) for the most recent meeting schedule for all boards and commissions, and for any special meetings or events that may come up during the year.

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**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

Monday: 2 to 6 p.m. / Tue, Wed, Thu: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Fridays and state holidays.  
 phone: 388-2266 fax: 388-0012 e-mail: townoffice@riptonvt.org website: www.riptonvt.org

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**All meetings are open to the public—you are encouraged to attend and participate.**

Selectboard: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office  
 School Board: 1st Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Ripton School  
 Ripton Fire & First Response Department: 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. at the Fire Station  
 Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment/Historic District Commission:  
 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office  
 Conservation Commission: Times will be posted

**DIRECTORY**

**ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

(for Middlebury Ambulance, Ripton Fire & First Response, State Police)

Ripton Elementary School	388-2208	Road Problems: Ron Wimett	388-7346
Ripton Town Office/Town Clerk	388-2266	Dog Problems: Chris Smith	388-0337
Fire Station (non-emergency)	388-4506	Zoning Permits: Ed Hanson	453-3785
Burn Permits: Erik Eriksen	388-3629	Cemetery Info: Bonnie Swan	388-6687

<b>Town Boards/Commissions</b>	<b>Name (term expires)</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Selectboard	Lauren Cox, Chair (14) Ronald Wimett (12) Richard Collitt (13)	388-7820
Board Clerk	Alison Joseph	388-2266
Ripton Elementary School Directors	Carol Ford, Chair (12) Michael Hussey (13) Willem Jewett (13) Amy McGlashan (12) <i>Open position</i> (14)	388-7804
Union School Director	Jerome Shedd (14)	
Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, and Historic District Commission	Warren King, Chair (14) Alison Joseph, Vice Chair (12) Jorene Doria , Secretary (14) George Phinney (14) Charles Billings (13)	388-4082
Zoning Board, Alternate Members	Marlene Harrison (13), James Kater (13) Leonard Tiedemann (13), Amy McGlashan (14)	
Board of Listers	Alison Joseph, Chair (14) Erik Eriksen (13) Bruce Malhotra (12)	388-2266

<b>Town Boards/Commissions</b>	<b>Name (term expires)</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Conservation Commission	Warren King, Chair (12)	388-4082
	Frank Wolf, Treasurer (14)	
	Sally Buteau, Becky Purdum (12)	
	Barry King, Jay Harrington, Martha McCaughin (13)	
	Ned Horning, Nola Kevra (14)	
Justices of the Peace	Anza Armstrong (12)	388-3646
	Joyce Dicianna (12)	388-7895
	Richard "Kim" Kimler (12)	388-0083
	Warren King (12)	388-4082
	Jane Ogilvie (12)	388-3567
<b>Town Officers/Appointees</b>		
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Sally Hoyler (13)	388-2266
Assistant Clerks	Alison Joseph, Joyce Henderson	388-2266
Zoning Administrator	Edmund Hanson	453-3785
Road Commissioner	Ronald Wimett	388-7346
Fire and First Response Chief	Erik Eriksen	388-3629
Animal Control Officer	Chris Smith	388-0337
Town Moderator	Joyce Dicianna (12)	388-7895
Delinquent Tax Collector	Kathleen Sullivan (12)	388-3471
Constable	Chris Smith (12)	388-0337
Town Agent	Chris Smith (12)	388-0337
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Willem Jewett (12)	388-0320
Town Grand Juror	Richard "Kim" Kimler (12)	388-0083
Health Officer	Tim Hanson	388-2266
Town Service Officer	Ceredwyn Alexander	388-7850
Emergency Management Coordinator	Erik Eriksen	388-3629
Fire Wardens	Erik Eriksen	388-3629
	Roland McGlashan	388-7080
Cemetery Sexton	Bonnie Swan	388-6687
Recycling Committee	Warren & Barry King, Dave Konopke, Steve Zwicky	388-4082
Regional Planning Delegates	Jeremy Grip; Marty Kulczyk, alternate	
Regional Transportation Delegate	Steve Zwicky	
Solid Waste District Delegates	Steve Zwicky; Jay Harrington, alternate	
Addison County Transit Delegate	Susan Prager	
Town Energy Coordinator	Warren King	
Tree Warden	Freeman Allen	
Fence Viewer	Gary Whitman	
Weigher of Coal	Richard Collitt	
Inspector/Lumber, Shingles, & Wood	<i>Open position</i>	

<b>STATE OFFICIALS</b>			
State Representative	Willem Jewett	wjewett@leg.state.vt.us	802-828-2228
State Senator	Claire Ayer	cayer@leg.state.vt.us	802-828-2228
State Senator	Harold Giard	hgiard@leg.state.vt.us	802-828-2228
Governor	Peter Shumlin	www.vermont.gov/governor	800-649-6825
Mail to: State House, 115 State Street, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633			

## Selectboard Report for 2011

This was the year when Ripton appeared to reap the benefits from projects done over the last decade. While it was not exactly luck to have suffered significant flooding events in the past, they left us better prepared for the levels of water that seem to be the new normal (for floods). Larger culverts, wider bridges, improved ditching and drainage, plus the river mitigation project in the town center, largely handled the ravages of Tropical Storm Irene at a time when we saw many neighboring towns devastated. We did sustain approximately \$200,000 in damage, however. The bank by the recently completed Goshen Road Bridge needed to be re-armored, there was a significant pile of debris in the river just downstream of the western bridge, and several town and private roads were damaged. Water again breached Peddler's Bridge Road near the town shed and eroded Dragon Brook Road and the Norton Farm Bridge area. While there will be some reimbursement from FEMA, the amount is not yet certain. More work will be done this spring and summer, but the scope of these projects will depend on the amount of FEMA assistance.

### Town Infrastructure Improvements

- **Flood Mitigation Project**  
Plantings along the river bank this spring were the finishing step of this project. High water mid-summer put it to the test, and the flooding by Irene pushed it further. Although a few of the armoring boulders shifted and some water did rise beyond the bank, on the whole it did the job for which it was designed. Remaining funds from the original project covered the cost of replacing the boulders this fall.
- **Community House**  
A new furnace was purchased early in the year, following the failure of the previous one. When it developed some problems this fall, it became evident that the cellar space where it is located flooded during Irene. This has undoubtedly happened before, and may well account for some of the furnace problems which have occurred over the years. This year we are looking to do some interior improvements. Included will be a new(er) refrigerator. As a reminder, the building is available for rental; contact Julie Allen at [communityhouse@riptonvt.org](mailto:communityhouse@riptonvt.org) if you are interested.
- **Town Office**  
After the vault door failed at the end of 2010, a new one was installed. Work was done on the

upstairs old "kitchen" space, where the roof had been repaired last year. It is now tight, dry, and warm. The addition of some paint and a new floor will make it a functional work space as well as storage space. There is a new bike rack outside, near the area where the ACTR bus stops. Combined funding from Addison County Regional Planning, the Preservation Trust of Vermont and a private donation, provided an historic survey by Jeremiah Parker and an energy audit by Jared Moats. The selectboard met with Warren King, town energy coordinator, and Bill Pierce, facilities manager, to review the reports and discuss future maintenance and energy efficiency needs for the building.

- **Streetlights**  
In 2012 we will participate in the CVPS/Efficiency Vermont Municipal Street Lighting Program to replace streetlights with LED lights at no cost, and save substantial energy.
- **Town Bridge 16**  
The first bridge on the Natural Turnpike has long been in need of repair, and a grant from the state (\$75,557.57) as well as town funds allowed us to get the work done this year. The concrete abutments were repaired, stones placed to minimize erosion, the beams were painted and new rails placed.
- **Lincoln Road**  
A Class 2 Road grant from the state (\$72,000.00) helped to support continued work on the Lincoln Road, with some paving near the village plus ditching and gravel farther out. New road signs to conform to state standards were also a part of this project, and fully paid for by a State grant of \$4,370.00
- **National Forest**  
The USFS replaced the bridge that washed out on FR 92 in 2008. The development of a new, 5 acre, controlled-access gravel pit off of FR 59 should begin this summer. When this occurs, gravel will be available to the town on a limited basis and during emergencies. Anyone with input on this project should contact the Forest Service office in Rochester, VT. We received full funding for the lands they hold in Ripton: \$53,670.

### Staff changes

In July, the selectboard accepted the resignation of their clerks, Deb and Pete Karpak. Alison Joseph was

## Selectboard Report for 2010 (continued)

appointed as the new clerk for the selectboard. She may be contacted at the town office or at [selectboard@riptonvt.org](mailto:selectboard@riptonvt.org).

### **PACE**

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a program that enables homeowners to access funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for their homes. The state has provided this program, which is run by Efficiency Vermont. Individual towns must set up a district because the homeowner repays the loan as an assessment on their property similar to their tax bill. All costs are carried by the participants, but the town may have a role in billing or collection. Because of this role, the voters are asked to approve the creation of Ripton as a PACE district. More information on this program is available at the town office and on the town website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org) or at Efficiency Vermont's website: [www.encyvermont.com](http://www.encyvermont.com).

### **Emergency Management and Planning**

The selectboard and Erik Eriksen, emergency management coordinator, agreed to meet this winter to do a post-disaster assessment and planning for any future emergency events. Personnel from the Bread Loaf Campus, Silver Towers Camp, and the US Forest Service will be invited to participate. Any meetings will be open to the public. Ripton is applying for hazard mitigation grants from FEMA to address areas of infrastructure that are vulnerable to continued or future flooding.

### **Private Roads Agreement**

The town drafted an agreement for owners of property on private roads. While we want to be able have roads be accessible to emergency vehicles as soon as possible after a disaster, the town will only undertake this work in the future if landowners have agreed in advance to pay their share of the cost. In some cases, FEMA will reimburse a share, but not all. In cases where there is no National Disaster declaration, the entire cost might need to be borne by the property owners.

### **Sand Hill Bridge**

VTrans will replace the Sand Hill Bridge on Route 125 in 2014. A recent informational meeting was held in Middlebury, and several Ripton residents and officials attended. They will be using Accelerated Bridge Construction, which will mean closing that portion of the road for a period of 4-6 weeks. It is not yet clear

whether there will be a signed detour for smaller vehicles around the Plains roads. Ripton can provide a preference as to the timeframe of this project during the construction season that runs from mid-April through mid-October. Anyone wanting to give input on this should contact the selectboard by March 31.

### **Delinquent Taxes**

The amount of delinquent taxes has continued to go down. If taxes are overdue for more than two years and there is not an agreed upon payment plan, property may well go to tax sale.

### **Middlebury College**

Under the terms of the town's agreement with the college, the town was paid \$ 75,428.58 as a gift-in-lieu of taxes as well as a gift-in-kind amount of \$16,000 in goods, services and cash. They also paid direct taxes on some properties. The current agreement with the college will continue for two more years, with a built-in increase each year.

### **Dog Licenses**

All dogs must be licensed by March 31 of each year. If you are aware of unlicensed dogs, urge the owner to get a license or make the town aware that follow-up is needed. Dog licensing is by state law and is for the safety of the community, because it requires that the dog be vaccinated against rabies.

### **Town Report**

The town report is now available electronically on the town website, [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org). Due to the cost of printing and mailing these reports, we are interested in finding out how accessible they are when presented in this way. Please check it out and give your feedback to the Board or the town clerk.

### **Financial Safeguards**

The town treasurer has made changes in how accounts are handled to provide more varied oversight of the town's finances. The selectboard is reviewing recommendations from the state as to what changes would make the most sense in our community. Ripton has had its accounts professionally audited for many years.

### **Auditing**

Angolano & Company audited Ripton's financial records on January 23, 2012, and their certifying letter is included in this report. Copies of the complete audit reports are available for review at the town office.

Laurie Cox, for the Selectboard

## Selectboard Budget Narrative for 2011

### Financial Status

The 2011 year-end combined fund balance was \$231,268 compared to \$355,910 at the end of 2010. The difference between the years is primarily due to timing of grant income and expenses. Balance sheets on the following pages show summaries of town funds. The narrative below is to help explain and compare the 2011 budget and expenses, and those budgeted for 2012.

### General Fund Expenses 2011

The amount budgeted for 2011 general fund expenses was \$285,241; the actual amount was \$267,673, for a balance of \$17,568 (under spent).

The listers spent less than budgeted for routine listing, reappraisal, and expenses. The delinquent tax collector earned more than budgeted because more delinquent taxes were collected than anticipated; her pay is directly offset by delinquent tax fee revenue. Town officers took advantage of many training opportunities and the amount budgeted for officer training was overspent.

Town office expenses were near budget, with two items over budget. Photocopier costs were high due to color copies made by the listers. The planning and zoning expense item was overspent by \$2,477 due to unanticipated legal costs regarding updating zoning regulations (by contrast, the regular legal expense line was under spent by \$1,528).

The property insurance cost was lower than budgeted due to incomplete information at the time of budgeting. Recycling costs increased because the charge per load increased. Ripton Elementary School used \$2,527 of gift-in-kind funds for ski programs, an amount that was not known until well after budgets were prepared.

Buildings and grounds expenses stayed under budget due to savings in town office fuel, and because the amounts budgeted for repairs and wages were not fully spent. Significant repairs were, however, made. These include a new vault door in the town office (paid from the Town Buildings Fund, not 2011 tax revenue), removal of old appliances, repair of a ceiling and roof leak, playground repair, a bike rack, and a new furnace in the Community House.

### Road Expenses 2011

A snowy winter, two major grant projects and floods resulted in significant road expenditures for 2011.

Winter work was over budget by \$9,566. Summer work was under budget by \$13,442. Summer work was not fully spent to offset the winter costs, because of grant work, and due to flood damage repair work from Irene. Flood repair expenses in 2011 were \$82,121, and more flood repair work remains to be done.

Of the two grant projects, the structures grant for repair of bridge #16 (the first bridge on Natural Turnpike) was the most expensive and under budgeted. The project engineer recommended an addition to the scope of work that increased the project cost, but should add years to the life of the bridge. The town's share of the project had been budgeted as \$8,000 but was \$66,627. The state share was \$72,000, for a total cost of \$133,627.

A state class 2 roadway grant for Lincoln Road paving, and right-of-way work to meet town road standards, stayed within budget. The town's share for this project was \$18,889, and the state's share \$75,558 for a total cost of \$94,447. New state standards for signs required replacement of all signs on the Lincoln Road. This was done as part of the project. The town paid \$4,370 for the signs in 2011, but will be reimbursed for them through a state grant in 2012.

It is not known how much reimbursement will be received for the \$82,121 paid to date for flood expenses. Staff from FEMA, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, are reviewing projects and determinations are expected in 2012.

An amount of \$60,000 was transferred from the Major Project Fund at the end of 2011 to help pay for road expenses, and the selectboard intends to increase the 2012 town payment to this fund to restore this loss.

### General Fund Expenses 2012

To help pay overall expenses late in 2011, the town deferred the final payment of education taxes totaling \$48,622 to the school district; this must be paid by March 2012. In most other regards the general fund budget is held near its 2011 projection. The total budget for town officers is lower for 2012 than 2011 primarily because the amount budgeted for reappraisal work is decreased. Some reappraisal work remains to be done, an amount approximately equal to that under spent in 2011, to be paid for from the Reappraisal Fund. The budget for selectboard clerk is increased because of work related to grants and office organization. The town clerk and treasurer increases reflect the annual cost of living increase voted in 2007.

## Selectboard Budget Narrative for 2010 (continued)

Because it is a presidential election year, the amount for elections is increased. The audit expense is high in 2012 because the ACSU business office discovered that they had not billed the town for an audit year. Therefore, two years of school audit will be paid in 2012. Ripton Elementary School is using gift-in-kind funds for both cross-country and downhill skiing. The budget for buildings and grounds is reduced from 2011, though some interior maintenance may be done.

Painting is planned for the stairwell and former kitchen in the town office building, and some upgrades are planned for the community house kitchen. The cost for street lights should go down when LED lights are installed, but the time frame for that is not yet set. The amount for updating tax maps is increased for the first time in approximately twenty years.

### Road Expenses 2012

Work will be done to repair surface gravel lost in flooding and to clear ditches that filled. The budget for ditching is increased as a result. Damaged guardrail is budgeted for replacement. The budgets for cutting brush, mowing, and class 4 road work are increased. Rain and ice have increased the need for gravel, and the gravel/spring thaw budget is adjusted accordingly. We do not know how much reimbursement we will get from FEMA for flood repair already done. Some repairs remain to be done. We hope to get approval for reimbursement for them from FEMA, but this work must be done, regardless. To that end we have put \$50,000 in the budget for flood repair. Hopefully it can be used as a match to FEMA dollars. Additionally we are applying for Hazard Mitigation grants to improve our preparedness for future events at areas known to be vulnerable. If awarded, these grants will require that we pay a share.

Laureen Cox, Chair  
Ronald Wimett  
Richard Collitt  
Selectboard for the Town of Ripton

## Road Commissioner Report

2011 started off as a normal work year with two large state-funded grants. One was for class 2 roads with \$55,000 to be used for paving and \$40,000 to improve areas on Lincoln Road. The second was for repairs to Bridge #16, the first bridge on Natural Turnpike.

Lincoln Road paving was done from south of Whitman Road almost to the Ripton School, with work done by D&F Paving. The second work area was from the intersection of the Lincoln and North Branch Roads, south approximately 1,000 feet. This area was ditched and widened to town standards, with stone-lined ditches and sloped banks. To receive these grant monies, we also replaced all traffic signs on the Lincoln Road, at a cost of \$7,200, of which we anticipate most will be reimbursed by the state.

The road commissioner is doing a road sign inventory and the selectboard will budget to replace all road signs by the year 2015. This is required to receive road grants in the future.

The grant work for Bridge #16 on Natural Turnpike was done by Parent Construction. This \$72,000 grant was to clean and paint beams and make repairs to the concrete abutment. The selectboard also used some of the Major Project Fund monies to replace the aging guardrails. These added repairs brought the cost to \$133,627.

Regular road work was on schedule and road gravel placement and grading were on track, when Tropical Storm Irene made a visit. Ripton was fairly lucky this time compared to other parts of our state. But with about \$200,000 in damages (about half of which was paid for in 2011) this is a lot of money for a small town. Most of the damage was on or near the main branch of the Middlebury River with damage also to Natural Turnpike, Barker Road, Chandler Hill Road, Frost Road, and the culvert near the town shed on Peddlers Bridge Road. Most of these areas have been repaired, including rock armor by the new Goshen Road bridge, armoring in the village and debris removal. These repairs were made by Champlain Construction.

FEMA, as twice in recent years, is working with the town. But it is very confusing as to whether or not we will be receiving monies. Their key word is maybe! Tim Bouton, our regional emergency management officer, is working very hard to get us answers and, hopefully, monies.

The selectboard is in agreement that other areas need to be repaired as well. So this year we will increase the road budget amounts to get these areas repaired.

## Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances for 2011

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds		Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Debt Service Fund	Totals
			Reappraisal Fund	Town Buildings Fund	Major Project Fund	Floods 08 Escrow	Fire Station & Bond Bank	
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Tax-Based Income	1,132,062	110,510						<b>1,242,572</b>
Other Income	18,390							<b>18,390</b>
Insurance Reimbursement	3,843							<b>3,843</b>
Fed & State Aid, Other Grants	39,209	246,462	4,228					<b>289,899</b>
Rent Income	4,025							<b>4,025</b>
Interest	223		10	2	153	8		<b>396</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,197,752</b>	<b>\$356,972</b>	<b>\$4,238</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$153</b>	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,559,125</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
General Town Expenses	297,563							<b>297,563</b>
Road Expenses		433,977						<b>433,977</b>
Voted Items	45,782							<b>45,782</b>
Taxes to Schools	847,630							<b>847,630</b>
Loans (Fire Station, Tanker Truck)								
Interest							11,165	<b>11,165</b>
Principal							47,650	<b>47,650</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,190,975</b>	<b>\$433,977</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$58,815</b>	<b>\$1,683,767</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$6,777</b>	<b>(\$77,005)</b>	<b>\$4,238</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$153</b>	<b>\$8</b>	<b>(\$58,815)</b>	<b>(\$124,642)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>								
Transfer From Other Funds	28,805	60,000	56	4,700	6,500		58,815	<b>158,876</b>
Transfer To Other Funds	(63,571)	(6,500)	(16,630)	(8,175)	(60,000)	(4,000)		<b>(158,876)</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>	<b>(\$27,989)</b>	<b>(\$23,505)</b>	<b>(\$12,336)</b>	<b>(\$3,473)</b>	<b>(\$53,347)</b>	<b>(\$3,992)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$124,642)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, JAN 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$143,720</b>	<b>\$51,997</b>	<b>\$21,808</b>	<b>\$8,701</b>	<b>\$113,682</b>	<b>\$16,002</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$355,910</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES DEC 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$115,731</b>	<b>\$28,492</b>	<b>\$9,472</b>	<b>\$5,228</b>	<b>\$60,335</b>	<b>\$12,010</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$231,268</b>

### Capital Budget Statement

The Major Project Fund, established in 1999 to help pay for large road projects, has received annual payments from the town general fund most years since. In December 2011, \$60,000 was transferred from the Major Project Fund to the general fund to help cover additional work on bridge #16 and the cost of flood repairs until federal and state funds arrive. The value of the Major Project Fund at the end of 2011 was \$60,335.

At the 2008 town meeting, the town voted to establish a reserve fund entitled Major Building and Equipment Fund, but as yet no monies have been deposited into this fund.

### Middlebury College Agreement

The town and Middlebury College are in the nineteenth year of a twenty-year agreement which determines how the college compensates the town for its properties in Ripton. This agreement has three components: straight taxes on some parcels: \$22,254.42 in 2011, a gift-in-lieu of taxes: \$75,428.58 in 2011, and a gift-in-kind sum of \$16,000 in goods and services for a total of \$97,843.00.

## Combined Balance Sheet for All Fund Types for 2011

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash	5,908		14,700	60,335	12,010	92,953
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	41,536					41,536
Delinquent Interest Receivable	1,998					1,998
Accounts Receivable - State	39,210	147,558				186,768
Accounts Receivable - Other	327					327
Due from Other Funds	119,066					119,066
Total Current Assets	208,045	147,558	14,700	60,335	12,010	442,648
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$208,045</b>	<b>\$147,558</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>	<b>\$60,335</b>	<b>\$12,010</b>	<b>\$442,648</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>						
Liabilities:						
Checking Acct balance Dec 31	158					158
Accounts Payable - Other	48,622					48,622
Due to Other Funds		119,066				119,066
Deferred Revenue (Del Tax/Int Rec'ble)	43,534					43,534
Total Liabilities	92,314	119,066	0	0	0	211,380
Fund Balances						
Unassigned	(27,969)					(27,969)
Committed	143,700	28,492		60,335		232,527
Restricted			14,700		12,010	26,710
Total Fund Balances	115,731	28,492	14,700	60,335	12,010	231,268
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$208,045</b>	<b>\$147,558</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>	<b>\$60,335</b>	<b>\$12,010</b>	<b>\$442,648</b>

## Federal and State Financial Assistance Received in 2011 and Estimated for 2012

Federal Assistance	Actual 2011	Estimated 2012
National Forest funds	\$53,670.00	\$54,000.00
GMNF road & bridge repair grant	\$39,266.76	\$0.00
FEMA (river project)*	\$110,489.04	\$0.00
FEMA (Irene)*	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,425.80</b>	<b>\$94,000.00</b>
State Assistance	Actual 2011	Estimated 2012
State aid for roads	\$58,310.24	\$34,782.00
Land use reimbursement	\$20,388.00	\$20,388.00
Listers' funding for reappraisal	\$4,227.50	\$4,237.00
Listers' funding for education	\$387.45	\$387.00
VT Clean & Clear grant (river project)*	\$10,288.00	\$0.00
Better Backroads grant*	\$9,906.00	\$8,250.00
Class II Road grant*	\$0.00	\$75,557.57
Structures grant*	\$0.00	\$72,000.00
Traffic signs grant*	\$0.00	\$4,370.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,507.19</b>	<b>\$219,971.57</b>

\*These grant funds are/were received in the year following the actual expense.

## Statement of Town Indebtedness

**Short-term debt:** No short-term debt was required in 2011. **Long-term debt:** The town continues to pay down long-term loans for the Fire Station and for 2008 flood expenses – detailed below.

<b>Fire Station Loan 2006-2016</b>					
\$176,500.00 at 4.32% interest					
	Payment Date	Principal	Interest	Payment Due	Payment Made
Loan Amount		\$176,500.00			
	5/22/07	\$17,650.00	\$7,624.80	\$25,274.80	\$24,815.22
Add'l Payment 2007	12/22/07	\$8,634.38	\$190.62	\$8,825.00	\$8,825.00
	12/22/08	\$17,650.00	\$6,489.31	\$24,139.31	\$24,235.58
	12/22/09	\$17,650.00	\$5,726.83	\$23,376.83	\$23,545.13
	12/22/10	\$17,650.00	\$4,964.35	\$22,614.35	\$22,781.00
	12/22/11	\$17,650.00	\$4,201.87	\$21,851.87	\$22,018.52
	12/22/12	\$17,650.00	\$3,439.39	\$21,089.39	\$0.00
	12/22/13	\$17,650.00	\$2,676.91	\$20,326.91	\$0.00
	12/22/14	\$17,650.00	\$1,914.43	\$19,564.43	\$0.00
	12/22/15	\$17,650.00	\$1,151.95	\$18,801.95	\$0.00
	5/22/16	\$9,015.62	\$389.47	\$9,405.09	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$176,500.00</b>	<b>\$38,769.97</b>	<b>\$215,269.97</b>	<b>\$126,220.45</b>

<b>Vermont Bond Bank 2010-2019 (for 2008 flood expenses)</b>						
\$275,000 at net 3.047251% interest cost						
	Payment Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Payment Due	Payment Made
Loan Amount	7/21/09	<b>\$275,000.00</b>				
	11/15/09		1.391%	\$2,605.02	\$2,605.02	\$2,605.02
	5/15/10			\$3,606.95		
	11/15/10	\$30,000.00	1.391%	\$3,606.95	\$37,213.90	\$37,212.90
	5/15/11			\$3,398.32		
	11/15/11	\$30,000.00	1.691%	\$3,398.32	\$36,796.64	\$36,796.64
	5/15/12			\$3,144.69		
	11/15/12	\$30,000.00	1.801%	\$3,144.69	\$36,289.38	\$0.00
	5/15/13			\$2,874.56		
	11/15/13	\$30,000.00	2.201%	\$2,874.56	\$35,749.12	\$0.00
	5/15/14			\$2,544.43		
	11/15/14	\$30,000.00	2.651%	\$2,544.43	\$35,088.86	\$0.00
	5/15/15			\$2,146.80		
	11/15/15	\$25,000.00	2.931%	\$2,146.80	\$29,293.60	\$0.00
	5/15/16			\$1,780.44		
	11/15/16	\$25,000.00	3.201%	\$1,780.44	\$28,560.88	\$0.00
	5/15/17			\$1,380.33		
	11/15/17	\$25,000.00	3.491%	\$1,380.33	\$27,760.66	\$0.00
	5/15/18			\$943.97		
	11/15/18	\$25,000.00	3.691%	\$943.97	\$26,887.94	\$0.00
	5/15/19			\$482.61		
	11/15/19	\$25,000.00	3.861%	\$482.61	\$25,965.22	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$275,000.00</b>		<b>\$47,211.22</b>	<b>\$322,211.22</b>	<b>\$76,614.56</b>

## REVENUES 2011 & Estimated 2012

SOURCE OF INCOME	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Variance	Budget 2012
Property Taxes	207,312.00	203,435.62	(3,876.38)	200,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	40,000.00	79,157.49	39,157.49	40,000.00
Delinquent Tax Fees	3,000.00	6,133.24	3,133.24	4,000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	4,500.00	7,189.10	2,689.10	4,500.00
Delinquent Tax Legal Fees	500.00	878.10	378.10	700.00
College Gift-In-Lieu / Town	58,741.00	75,428.58	16,687.58	84,550.00
College Gift-In-Kind	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00
National Forest Payment	52,000.00	53,670.00	1,670.00	54,000.00
Land Use Compensation	17,000.00	20,388.00	3,388.00	20,388.00
State Aid To Roads <sup>1</sup>	40,000.00	58,310.24	18,310.24	34,782.00
State Funds for Reappraisal	4,237.00	4,227.50	(9.50)	4,237.00
Lister Education Fund	387.00	387.45	0.45	387.00
Interest on Savings	335.00	386.74	51.74	300.00
Interest / Major Project Fund	450.00	153.57	(296.43)	75.00
Interest / Reappraisal Fund	0.00	10.20	10.20	8.00
Interest / Town Buildings Fund	0.00	0.64	0.64	1.00
Recording Fees	5,000.00	6,184.00	1,184.00	5,500.00
Copier & Vault Time	750.00	694.57	(55.43)	700.00
Dog License Fees	1,000.00	1,008.00	8.00	1,000.00
Liquor License Fees	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Zoning Permit Fees	1,000.00	1,757.50	757.50	1,200.00
Recycling Fees	3,500.00	2,993.43	(506.57)	3,000.00
Speeding Fines	2,000.00	2,002.00	2.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	500.00	924.00	424.00	500.00
Rent Upstairs Town Office	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
Rent Community House	3,000.00	1,625.00	(1,375.00)	1,625.00
Old Office Mortgage	2,304.00	2,304.24	0.24	2,304.24
Vtrans Structures Grant <sup>2</sup>	76,000.00	0.00	(76,000.00)	75,557.57
Vtrans Class 2 Road Grant	72,000.00	0.00	(72,000.00)	72,000.00
Better Backroads Grant	0.00	9,906.03	9,906.03	8,250.00
MUTCD Traffic Sign Grant	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	4,370.07
From Major Project Fund <sup>3</sup>	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
Private Road Repair	0.00	3,853.20	3,853.20	2,113.80
Fire Dept Share of Insurance	3,093.00	3,093.00	0.00	4,126.00
Road Comm Share of Insurance	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
River Project FEMA	110,489.00	110,489.03	0.03	0.00
Flood 2011 FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
From Reappraisal Fund	20,000.00	16,630.37	(3,369.63)	3,000.00
From Town Bldgs Fund <sup>4</sup>	8,175.00	8,175.00	0.00	0.00
From Floods 08 Escrow	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN INCOME</b>	<b>\$765,573.00</b>	<b>\$764,695.84</b>	<b>(\$877.16)</b>	<b>\$698,474.68</b>

1 Towns normally receive 4 payments per year, but the state paid the first 2012 payment early to help with Irene damage costs. Therefore, 5 payments were received in 2011, and 3 payments will be paid in 2012.

2 Work under this grant (and others listed beneath it) was performed in 2011, but the payments received in early 2012.

3 \$60,000 was "borrowed" from this fund in 2011 and will be repaid in 2012 (see under Road Expenses).

4 \$8,175 was transferred from this fund in 2011 to pay for the new vault door in the town office.

## EXPENDITURES 2011 & Budget 2012

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Selectboard	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00	1,950.00
Board Clerk	10,816.00	10,559.14	(256.86)	13,000.00
Town Clerk	18,395.00	18,395.14	0.14	18,800.00
Treasurer	11,956.00	11,956.08	0.08	12,200.00
Assistant Town Clerk	10,000.00	8,799.97	(1,200.03)	10,000.00
Elections	500.00	519.53	19.53	1,600.00
BCA Hearings	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	100.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,000.00	5,955.71	2,955.71	4,000.00
Listers	6,000.00	2,019.80	(3,980.20)	3,000.00
Reappraisal 2010-11 <sup>1</sup>	20,000.00	16,630.37	(3,369.63)	3,000.00
Lister Training	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	500.00
Planning Commission	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00
Zoning Administrator	3,102.00	3,785.50	683.50	3,800.00
Dog Warden	300.00	379.17	79.17	400.00
Other Officers	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00
Town Report Prep	2,500.00	2,490.03	(9.97)	2,500.00
Officers Training	550.00	983.01	433.01	1,000.00
Facilities <sup>2</sup>	7,872.00	2,050.25	(5,821.75)	8,500.00
Emergency Mngmt Coordinator	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Payroll Taxes	6,400.00	7,140.93	740.93	7,500.00
<b>Total OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$106,441.00</b>	<b>\$95,259.63</b>	<b>(\$11,181.37)</b>	<b>\$93,450.00</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>				
Office Supplies	1,000.00	947.60	(52.40)	1,000.00
Office Equipment & Furnishing	500.00	381.87	(118.13)	350.00
Photocopier	1,360.00	1,542.90	182.90	1,500.00
Computer	1,175.00	1,095.55	(79.45)	1,200.00
Telephone	1,650.00	1,624.58	(25.42)	1,365.00
Internet Service	660.00	660.00	0.00	660.00
Website	294.00	294.00	0.00	294.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,075.75	(124.25)	1,200.00
Legal Notices	300.00	225.56	(74.44)	300.00
Document Preservation	4,500.00	4,497.06	(2.94)	2,500.00
State Share of Fees	500.00	488.00	(12.00)	500.00
Lister Expenses	1,300.00	93.46	(1,206.54)	1,000.00
Planning & Zoning Expenses	1,300.00	3,776.59	2,476.59	1,500.00
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>\$15,739.00</b>	<b>\$16,702.92</b>	<b>\$963.92</b>	<b>\$13,369.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
Health Insurance	5,844.00	5,840.08	(3.92)	5,797.00
Property Insurance	14,136.00	11,821.00	(2,315.00)	13,312.00
Worker's Compensation	1,451.00	851.00	(600.00)	549.00
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$21,431.00</b>	<b>\$18,512.08</b>	<b>(\$2,918.92)</b>	<b>\$19,658.00</b>
1 Most reappraisal work was completed in 2010-11; some wrap-up work to do in 2012.				
2 Anticipated projects for town buildings not completed in 2011, but planned for 2012.				

**EXPENDITURES 2011 & Budget 2012 (continued)**

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Town Report Print & Mail	1,500.00	1,508.78	8.78	1,500.00
Legal Services	8,000.00	6,471.83	(1,528.17)	8,000.00
Audit / Town & School <sup>3</sup>	5,000.00	3,700.00	(1,300.00)	9,700.00
Generator Maintenance	1,000.00	679.40	(320.60)	1,104.00
Recycling	5,200.00	8,386.05	3,186.05	10,508.00
Gift-in-Kind School Use <sup>4</sup>	2,000.00	2,527.25	527.25	3,200.00
Animal Damage	250.00	0.00	(250.00)	200.00
Pay to Reappraisal Fund	4,237.00	4,294.00	57.00	4,294.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	462.91	(37.09)	500.00
HAVA Funds <sup>5</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$27,687.00</b>	<b>\$28,030.22</b>	<b>\$343.22</b>	<b>\$39,006.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>				
Town Office Fuel	2,430.00	1,696.49	(733.51)	3,000.00
Town Office Electric	900.00	751.00	(149.00)	900.00
Office Maintenance & Repairs	17,000.00	13,431.56	(3,568.44)	8,000.00
Community House Fuel	3,470.00	4,490.29	1,020.29	4,500.00
Community House Electric	900.00	922.65	22.65	930.00
Comm House Maint & Repairs	7,500.00	6,645.72	(854.28)	7,500.00
Pay to Town Buildings Fund	4,700.00	4,700.00	0.00	4,700.00
Public Telephone	645.00	572.79	(72.21)	600.00
Street Lights	1,650.00	1,723.74	73.74	1,750.00
Town Shed	400.00	268.14	(131.86)	300.00
<b>Total BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,595.00</b>	<b>\$35,202.38</b>	<b>(\$4,392.62)</b>	<b>\$32,180.00</b>
<b>CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>				
Vt League of Cities & Towns	1,400.00	1,440.00	40.00	1,450.00
Regional Planning	600.00	609.12	9.12	635.04
Addison County Sheriff	7,000.00	6,817.07	(182.93)	6,900.00
County Tax	4,200.00	3,805.71	(394.29)	4,000.00
Humane Society	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance	1,176.00	1,174.00	(2.00)	1,175.00
Tax Map Update	750.00	750.00	0.00	950.00
Miscellaneous Dues	60.00	55.00	(5.00)	60.00
<b>Total CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>	<b>\$15,686.00</b>	<b>\$15,150.90</b>	<b>(\$535.10)</b>	<b>\$15,670.04</b>
<b>REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>				
Fire Station Loan	21,852.00	22,018.52	166.52	21,089.39
Vermont Bond Bank	36,800.00	36,796.64	(3.36)	36,289.38
<b>Total REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>	<b>\$58,652.00</b>	<b>\$58,815.16</b>	<b>\$163.16</b>	<b>\$57,378.77</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$285,231.00</b>	<b>\$267,673.29</b>	<b>(\$17,557.71)</b>	<b>\$270,711.81</b>
3 The town pays for the school audit 2 out of every 3 years, and happened to be billed for 2 in a single year.				
4 For downhill and X-C ski programs.				
5 Possibility of a new round of HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds, amount as yet unknown, to use in 2012.				

**EXPENDITURES 2011 & Budget 2012 (continued)**

<b>ROADS</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Summer Maintenance	58,950.00	45,508.28	(13,441.72)	62,750.00
Winter Maintenance	101,000.00	110,566.13	9,566.13	102,000.00
<b>Sub-Total ROADS</b>	<b>\$159,950.00</b>	<b>\$156,074.41</b>	<b>(\$3,875.59)</b>	<b>\$164,750.00</b>
<b>SUMMER ROADWORK</b>				
Major Roadside Reconstruction <sup>6</sup>	12,500.00	0.00	(12,500.00)	12,500.00
Summer Gravel Project	15,000.00	14,459.37	(540.63)	20,000.00
Resurfacing	15,000.00	27,489.00	12,489.00	26,000.00
Right-of-Way Mowing	2,600.00	2,880.00	280.00	2,600.00
Pay To Major Project Fund <sup>7</sup>	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	66,500.00
Better Backroads Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00
VTrans Class 2 Road Grant	95,000.00	94,446.96	(553.04)	0.00
Flood 2011 <sup>8</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
VTrans Structures Grant	80,000.00	138,626.92	58,626.92	0.00
<b>Total SUMMER ROADWORK</b>	<b>\$226,600.00</b>	<b>\$284,402.25</b>	<b>\$57,802.25</b>	<b>\$188,600.00</b>
<b>ROADS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$386,550.00</b>	<b>\$440,476.66</b>	<b>\$53,926.66</b>	<b>\$353,350.00</b>
<b>VOTED ITEMS</b>				
Ripton Fire Department	31,100.00	31,100.00	0.00	31,600.00
Social Service Agencies	14,681.84	14,681.84	0.00	14,331.84
<b>Total VOTED ITEMS</b>	<b>\$45,781.84</b>	<b>\$45,781.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$45,931.84</b>
<b>GRANTS &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECTS</b>				
River Project	10,000.00	11,204.64	1,204.64	0.00
MUTCD Sign Grant	5,000.00	4,545.37	(454.63)	0.00
<b>Total GRANTS &amp; ONE-TIME PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,750.01</b>	<b>\$750.01</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>				
GENERAL FUND	285,231.00	267,673.29	(17,557.71)	270,711.81
ROADS	386,550.00	440,476.66	53,926.66	353,350.00
<b>GENERAL FUND / ROADS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$671,781.00</b>	<b>\$708,149.95</b>	<b>\$36,368.95</b>	<b>\$624,061.81</b>
VOTED ITEMS & GRANTS	60,781.84	61,531.85	750.01	45,931.84
<b>TOTAL TO SPEND</b>	<b>\$732,562.84</b>	<b>\$769,681.80</b>	<b>\$37,118.96</b>	<b>\$669,993.65</b>
6 Nothing was spent under this line in 2011 since the town received two major state road grants.				
7 \$60,000 was "borrowed" from this fund in 2011 to help pay for road expenses before grant receipts arrived; this amount will be paid back to the fund in 2012 plus the usual annual payment of \$6,500.				
8 Additional road repair is required due to Tropical Storm Irene.				

## Comparative Table of Revenues 2008 through Estimated 2012

<b>SOURCE OF INCOME</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Property Taxes	159,818.66	225,984.67	247,842.60	203,435.62	200,000.00
Delinquent Taxes	47,971.53	33,187.66	76,684.84	79,157.49	40,000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	3,222.16	2,651.38	6,142.70	6,133.24	4,000.00
Delinquent Tax Fees	2,163.91	2,163.09	8,361.22	7,189.10	4,500.00
Delinquent Tax Legal Fees	67.90	0.00	0.00	878.10	700.00
College Gift-In-Lieu / Town	53,437.75	53,546.15	71,983.69	75,428.58	84,550.00
College Gift-In-Kind	27,321.29	15,928.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
National Forest Payment	32,034.00	50,840.00	53,230.00	53,670.00	54,000.00
Land Use Compensation	10,252.00	13,698.00	18,661.00	20,388.00	20,388.00
State Aid To Roads	46,633.47	46,541.20	46,438.61	58,310.24	34,782.00
State Funds for Reappraisal	4,246.50	4,246.50	4,237.00	4,227.50	4,237.00
Lister Education Fund	387.04	387.47	387.46	387.45	387.00
Interest on Savings	4,168.80	667.67	505.52	386.74	300.00
Interest / Major Project Fund	2,092.70	1,198.19	479.43	153.57	75.00
Interest / Reappraisal Fund	167.78	77.92	12.11	10.20	8.00
Interest / Town Buildings Fund	2.39	1.98	3.19	0.64	1.00
Recording Fees	3,789.25	3,412.50	5,501.00	6,184.00	5,500.00
Copier & Vault Time	584.81	783.37	780.39	694.57	700.00
Dog License Fees	878.00	940.00	1,000.00	1,008.00	1,000.00
Liquor License Fees	200.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Zoning Permit Fees	2,375.00	1,301.00	1,050.00	1,757.50	1,200.00
Recycling Fees	3,951.49	3,781.10	3,657.59	2,993.43	3,000.00
Speeding Fines	1,818.00	1,153.63	3,211.50	2,002.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	602.48	4,507.84	1,056.03	924.00	500.00
Rent Upstairs Town Office	2,600.00	2,400.00	2,600.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Rent Community House	2,440.00	2,320.00	2,725.00	1,625.00	1,625.00
Old Office Mortgage	2,304.84	2,304.24	2,304.24	2,304.24	2,304.24
Misc Grants Total	9,162.00	7,200.00	60,421.04	120,395.06	200,177.64
FEMA 2008	0.00	111,186.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Major Project Fund	0.00	4,973.36	0.00	60,000.00	0.00
Private Road Repair	0.00	0.00	7,827.14	3,853.20	2,113.80
Fire Dept Share of Insurance	2,915.00	3,114.00	2,802.00	3,093.00	4,126.00
Road Comm Share of Insurance	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
From Reappraisal Fund	0.00	0.00	6,281.12	16,630.37	3,000.00
From Town Bldgs Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,175.00	0.00
From Floods 08 Escrow	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL TOWN INCOME</b>	<b>\$428,358.75</b>	<b>\$601,397.75</b>	<b>\$657,086.42</b>	<b>\$764,695.84</b>	<b>\$698,474.68</b>

## Comparative Table of Expenditures 2008 through Budget 2012

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Selectboard	1,950.00	2,275.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Board Clerk	8,344.00	12,237.00	7,870.59	10,559.14	13,000.00
Town Clerk	17,680.05	17,680.09	18,034.04	18,395.14	18,800.00
Treasurer	11,491.98	11,492.00	11,721.94	11,956.08	12,200.00
Assistant Town Clerk	3,728.00	4,602.00	6,332.12	8,799.97	10,000.00
Elections	1,671.65	536.00	1,594.20	519.53	1,600.00
BCA Hearings	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	100.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,443.48	3,582.39	6,050.50	5,955.71	4,000.00
Listers	5,590.66	6,968.63	5,357.70	2,019.80	3,000.00
Reappraisal 2010-11	0.00	0.00	6,281.12	16,630.37	3,000.00
Lister Training	129.00	65.65	385.00	0.00	500.00
Planning Commission	750.00	750.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Zoning Administrator	2,269.50	2,863.50	2,052.00	3,785.50	3,800.00
Dog Warden	428.61	341.40	431.50	379.17	400.00
Other Officers	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00
Town Report Prep	2,012.46	1,993.41	2,032.18	2,490.03	2,500.00
Officers Training	575.41	516.18	372.17	983.01	1,000.00
Facilities	0.00	1,210.00	4,614.50	2,050.25	8,500.00
Emergency Coordinator	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Payroll Taxes	5,038.88	5,224.75	5,864.46	7,140.93	7,500.00
<b>Total OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$64,103.68</b>	<b>\$72,338.00</b>	<b>\$82,634.02</b>	<b>\$95,259.63</b>	<b>\$93,450.00</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Office Supplies	944.88	1,003.14	983.14	947.60	1,000.00
Office Equipment & Furnishing	0.00	297.96	267.39	381.87	350.00
Photocopier	1,270.80	1,352.27	1,353.97	1,542.90	1,500.00
Computer	424.89	707.45	608.85	1,095.55	1,200.00
Telephone	1,592.69	1,635.43	1,252.22	1,624.58	1,365.00
Internet Service	650.91	1,094.40	800.68	660.00	660.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	294.00	294.00
Postage	1,005.22	1,066.84	1,107.19	1,075.75	1,200.00
Legal Notices	45.00	315.25	56.19	225.56	300.00
Document Preservation	848.00	1,496.19	4,481.15	4,497.06	2,500.00
State Share of Fees	472.00	459.00	493.00	488.00	500.00
Lister Expenses	961.45	739.33	1,272.51	93.46	1,000.00
Planning & Zoning Expenses	951.08	1,357.32	1,251.84	3,776.59	1,500.00
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>\$9,166.92</b>	<b>\$11,524.58</b>	<b>\$13,928.13</b>	<b>\$16,702.92</b>	<b>\$13,369.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
Health Insurance	3,823.29	4,809.15	5,054.20	5,840.08	5,797.00
Property Insurance	9,461.00	10,742.25	12,787.00	11,821.00	13,312.00
Workers Compensation	1,448.76	1,219.75	1,326.00	851.00	549.00
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$14,733.05</b>	<b>\$16,771.15</b>	<b>\$19,167.20</b>	<b>\$18,512.08</b>	<b>\$19,658.00</b>

## Comparative Table of Expenditures 2008 through Budget 2012 (continued)

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Town Report Print & Mail	1,837.79	1,963.89	3,082.96	1,508.78	1,500.00
Legal Services	6,457.73	13,434.44	3,866.25	6,471.83	8,000.00
Audit / Town & School	2,800.00	6,500.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	9,700.00
Generator Maintenance	1,514.05	1,815.00	1,174.95	679.40	1,104.00
Recycling	6,218.22	4,773.00	5,176.46	8,386.05	10,508.00
Gift-in-Kind School Use	2,041.00	950.00	0.00	2,527.25	3,200.00
Animal Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Pay To Reappraisal Fund	4,246.00	4,275.00	4,237.00	4,294.00	4,294.00
Misc Appropriations	100.00	0.00	150.00	462.91	500.00
HAVA Funds	569.04	1,793.99	1,547.01	0.00	0.00
ACRPC Town Plan Revision	0.00	0.00	738.73	0.00	0.00
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$25,783.83</b>	<b>\$35,505.32</b>	<b>\$23,673.36</b>	<b>\$28,030.22</b>	<b>\$39,006.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>					
Town Office Fuel	3,863.37	1,968.05	2,431.85	1,696.49	3,000.00
Town Office Electric	730.00	709.94	703.51	751.00	900.00
Office Maintenance & Repairs	13,511.78	13,165.50	9,685.67	13,431.56	8,000.00
Community House Fuel	4,593.73	3,479.11	2,399.33	4,490.29	4,500.00
Community House Electric	790.18	679.37	663.61	922.65	930.00
Comm House Maint & Repairs	6,930.93	2,642.44	18,129.79	6,645.72	7,500.00
Pay To Town Buildings Fund	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
Public Telephone	637.45	614.49	608.54	572.79	600.00
Street Lights	1,692.81	1,566.32	1,614.50	1,723.74	1,750.00
Town Shed	410.00	514.93	294.28	268.14	300.00
<b>Total BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$35,460.25</b>	<b>\$27,640.15</b>	<b>\$38,831.08</b>	<b>\$35,202.38</b>	<b>\$32,180.00</b>
<b>CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>					
Vt League of Cities & Towns	990.00	1,056.00	1,257.00	1,440.00	1,450.00
Regional Planning	596.40	594.30	609.12	609.12	635.04
Addison County Sheriff	5,031.32	6,216.89	7,056.55	6,817.07	6,900.00
County Tax	6,323.69	4,092.56	3,845.03	3,805.71	4,000.00
Humane Society	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance	0.00	1,172.00	1,176.00	1,174.00	1,175.00
Tax Map Update	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	950.00
Miscellaneous Dues	49.00	50.00	55.00	55.00	60.00
<b>Total CONTRACTS &amp; DUES</b>	<b>\$14,240.41</b>	<b>\$14,431.75</b>	<b>\$15,248.70</b>	<b>\$15,150.90</b>	<b>\$15,670.04</b>
<b>REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>					
Fire Station Loan	24,235.58	23,545.13	22,781.00	22,018.52	21,089.39
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	1,415.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Tanker Truck Loan	5,317.09	3,778.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flood 2008 Loans	315.72	25,644.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
VMBB Floods 2008	0.00	2,605.02	37,212.90	36,796.64	36,289.38
<b>Total REPAYMENT OF LOANS</b>	<b>\$31,283.79</b>	<b>\$55,573.49</b>	<b>\$59,993.90</b>	<b>\$58,815.16</b>	<b>\$57,378.77</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$194,771.93</b>	<b>\$233,784.44</b>	<b>\$253,476.39</b>	<b>\$267,673.29</b>	<b>\$270,711.81</b>

## Comparative Table of Expenditures 2008 through Budget 2012 (continued)

<b>ROADS</b>	<b>Actual 2008</b>	<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2012</b>
Summer Maintenance	33,042.98	49,464.41	50,765.87	45,508.28	62,750.00
Winter Work	121,168.90	94,614.35	87,729.32	110,566.13	102,000.00
Major Roadside Reconstruction	4,973.36	9,010.00	11,059.12	0.00	12,500.00
Summer Gravel Project	12,941.44	16,577.27	14,146.60	14,459.37	20,000.00
Resurfacing	0.00	10,980.00	3,118.50	27,489.00	26,000.00
Right-of-Way Mowing	2,540.50	2,437.50	2,795.00	2,880.00	2,600.00
Pay To Major Project Fund	12,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	66,500.00
Miscellaneous (including Grants)	9,927.50	9,949.33	63,944.32	233,073.88	61,000.00
<b>Total ROADS</b>	<b>\$196,594.68</b>	<b>\$199,532.86</b>	<b>\$240,058.73</b>	<b>\$440,476.66</b>	<b>\$353,350.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND/ROADS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$391,366.61</b>	<b>\$433,317.30</b>	<b>\$493,535.12</b>	<b>\$708,149.95</b>	<b>\$624,061.81</b>

## Ripton Cemetery Association Report

In addition to local bank accounts, the Ripton Cemetery Association holds 286.032 shares of Alliance Balanced Shares, a stock mutual fund. Value of these shares with a net asset value of \$15.45 per share as of December 31, 2011 was \$4,419.19, an increase in value of \$75.53 which is automatically reinvested in the fund. Expenses for 2011 were \$1,476.32 for cemetery grounds maintenance which included fence repair this year. A combination of all cemetery funds are as follows:

<b>Cemetery Funds December 31, 2011</b>			
<b>Bank Funds</b>			
Beginning Balance			<b>\$5,076.33</b>
Receipts			
Sale of plots	\$200.00		
Interest	\$4.11		
Total Receipts		<b>\$204.11</b>	
Expenses			
Annual maintenance	\$1,300.00		
Fence repair	\$176.32		
Total Expenses		<b>\$1,476.32</b>	
Ending Bank Balance			<b>\$3,804.12</b>
<b>Invested Funds</b> (see narrative above)			<b>\$4,419.19</b>
<b>Total Cemetery Funds</b>			<b>\$8,223.31</b>



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## Independent Auditors' Report

To The Selectboard  
Town of Ripton, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Ripton, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the Town's no major governmental funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Ripton, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Ripton, Vermont, as of December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental fund of Town of Ripton, Vermont, as of December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 27, 2012 on our consideration of Town of Ripton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 and 26 through 31 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town of Ripton, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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January 27, 2012

## **Ripton Community Coffee House Report**

The Ripton Community Coffee House is a non-profit concert series held at the Ripton Community House at 7:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month (except August). Concerts start with an hour-long open mike set followed by the featured performer.

We hosted ten concerts in 2011; our February concert was cancelled due to a snowstorm. We had an average attendance of more than a hundred people. Of our ten concerts, five were by performers from Vermont, with three of the bands including people from Addison County. We had almost fifty open mike performers, including many from Ripton. We continue to welcome everyone interested in performing to sign up for one of the ten-minute slots.

Our organization is completely volunteer-run. The refreshment sales at two-thirds of our concerts are fundraisers for area nonprofit organizations. In 2011 the beneficiaries included the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund to aid victims of Hurricane Irene, the Friends of the Ripton Church, the Friends of the New Haven Library, the Helen Porter Nursing Home, the Vergennes Lions Club and the Middlebury Community Care Coalition. If you are interested in running the refreshment sales to make money for your nonprofit, please contact Andrea Chesman at 388-9782.

If you haven't been to the coffeehouse, or haven't been for awhile, please come by for a friendly, all-ages evening and hear some great acoustic music. Our website is [www.rcch.org](http://www.rcch.org).

## **Ripton Community Church Report**

During the last three years the Ripton church has undergone considerable renovation. This work has been made possible thanks to the generosity of the community, and by people outside the area that have ties to Ripton. About twenty-five percent of the restoration cost was obtained from grants: Robert Sincerbeaux fund through Preservation Trust of Vermont, Cerf Foundation and Paynt funds from Vermont Community Foundation, two grants from Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and a Cultural Facilities Grant from Vermont Arts Council. The renovation done in 2009 improved foundation drainage, restored the frost heaved foundation to stone, and provided a 10' by 28' facility at the rear of the church. During the summer of 2010 the work continued with the installation of a furnace to replace the early 1900's Sears woodstove, the completion of a first-ever bathroom, and the addition of shelving for a small library and repository for Ripton Historical Society materials. At the same time, the circa 1930's wiring in the main church was replaced with up-to-code electrical wires and outlets. In 2011 it was finally possible to do some things that both improved the longevity of the structure and its overall appearance: the outside was painted, the leaking combination circa 1975 asphalt and 1890's slate roofs were replaced with slate-gray enameled standing seam steel, the crumbling plaster walls in the main church were completely redone, rails for hanging art were installed, energy panels were added to the interior of the windows, and R50 cellulose insulation was added to the barren attic. The interior painting that began in December 2011 was completed on January 20, 2012. The goal for the remainder of 2012 is the restoration and reopening of the choir loft for musical and studio art use, and for the eventual storage of additional historical materials and books.

Services at the Ripton church have been reestablished, and are now led by its new pastor and Middlebury College educator, Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Cavazos, every third Sunday, March through December. The culmination of the church's religious use is the Christmas Eve candle light service, which features near capacity participation, readings by Ripton youth, community chorus led by Lisa Durante, and music and children's story by Nola Kevra.

During 2011 there were also more than twelve non-religious events, including meetings, lectures, recitations, and a magnificent art show, thanks to Sarah Wesson. Friends of Ripton Community Church are in the planning stages for 2012. FRCC is looking at ways to expand the use of the church within the community, and invites anyone with an idea for a community, cultural or spiritual event to contact one of its members, Bonnie DeGray (388-1008), Susan Hanson (388-9977), Kathleen Sullivan (388-3471), Roger Barkin (388-7442), Lisa Durante (388-1062) or Charles Billings (388-1634).

## Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response

Activity Report	Volunteer Hours
Total emergency or assistance calls: 47	
Medical calls: 22	256.25
Fire calls: 25 (including 9 motor vehicle incidents)	766.25
Medical training	419.5
Fire training	716
Meetings	189.25
Community Service Events:	176.25
<b>Total hours</b> (administrative activities such as paperwork, purchasing, not included)	<b>2,524.5</b>
Total dollar value of volunteer hours (as average for VT)	<b>\$44,279.73</b>

**ROSTER:** 21 total. F = firefighter, FR = first responder, EMT= emergency medical technician

**Officers:** Chief, Erik Eriksen; Assistant Chief, Roland McGlashan (F); Captains: Ross Elliott (F), Ceredwyn Alexander (EMT)

**Members:** Christine Carone (F), John Fontanilles (F), Erica Goodin (F, EMT), Jay Harrington (F, FR), Marty Kulczyk (F), Brad Mathews (F), Will Mathis (F), Ed Sullivan (EMT), Eric Warren (F), Kevin Mulholland (MD), Alison Joseph (Dept. Assistant), Dorothy Gelinias and William Cole (Dispatch), Gwynneth Alexander and Sarah Miller (cadets), Justin Allen (F/Salisbury), Reid Peck (F/Weybridge)

**REPORT:** We gained six members: Brad Mathews, Christine Carone, John Fontanilles, cadet Sarah Miller; and from the now defunct Goshen fire department Will Mathis, and Erica Goodin. Both Will and Erica have completed firefighter I training and Erica is also an EMT. Christine and John began an EMT class in January. These additions make a big difference in dealing with everyday response and major ones such as Irene (see following report).

In January 2012 we made a major upgrade by purchasing one of the former Goshen Department’s pumpers. For \$15,000 we have a second fully equipped, ready to roll pumper, with a top of the line Hale pump.

We have full chains for all vehicles except the rescue rig, which will be getting six studded snow tires.

At the Addison County Firefighters Association annual meeting our firefighters received a third place Paul Turpin Training Award for most hours of recorded training in the county. This is quite an accomplishment for a small department.

Our 2012 budget request from the town is \$500 greater than 2011. In addition to purchasing snow tires, we wish to train more, which increases vehicle fuel and supply costs, as well as the budget for classes, but keeps us prepared and better able to serve.

A few reminders: clean chimneys at least yearly, burn only dry wood, have a chimney or pipe cap, have a temperature gauge on woodstoves and pipes, and come to our annual open house in July. Also, 911 numbers should be reflective and able to be viewed from either direction.

**Erik Eriksen, Chief**

## Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response (continued)

2011 Vehicle & Major Equipment Inventory	
Pumper. 1986. KME/International	Ladders. 1-roof, 2-24', 1-8', 1-attic
Tanker. 2005. Freightliner	Chainsaw. Jonsered
Pumper. 1989. FMC with Hale pump	Fan, positive pressure. SuperVac
First-Response ambulance. 1998. Ford	Fan, ventilation. GE
Pump, portable. Hale HPX400	Thermal Imaging Camera. Cairns Viper
Pump, portable. Hale HP300	Multi-gas Detector & calibration kit. Orion
Portable pond. 1,000 gallon	Air pump. Porter Cable
Portable pond. 2,000 gallon	Defibrillator. Medtronic Lifepak 500 (2)
Generator & light, portable. Honda	Defibrillator. Medtronic Lifepak 1000 (2)
Generator, station. Honda	Defibrillator. Laerdal Heartstart
Generator, portable. Generac	

Assets December 31, 2011	
Vehicle Replacement Fund	30,020.93
Checking	(605.84)
Savings	10,418.27
	<b>Total Assets: \$39,833.36</b>

### RVFD Expenditures 2011 & Proposed Budget 2012

EXPENSES	Budget 2011	Actual 2011	Variance	Budget 2012
Community Service	200.00	56.52	(143.48)	200.00
Gear/Tools/Equipment	6,000.00	4,102.82	(1,897.18)	5,000.00
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance/Fuel	2,000.00	4,556.42	2,556.42	6,000.00
Adminstration/Insurance/Dues	6,000.00	4,919.00	(1,081.00)	6,000.00
Training	1,800.00	2,690.26	890.26	3,000.00
Dispatch/Phone/Computer	2,400.00	2,460.88	60.88	2,500.00
Electricity	1,100.00	1,248.66	148.66	1,300.00
Heat	3,200.00	3,078.19	(121.81)	3,100.00
Furnishing & Equipment	2,000.00	64.19	(1,935.81)	100.00
Maintenance & Supplies	500.00	320.49	(179.51)	350.00
Hydrant Plowing	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,450.00</b>	<b>29,747.43</b>	<b>(1,702.57)</b>	<b>33,800.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Carryover from previous year	6.62	6.62	0.00	1,702.57
Donations	338.00	728.20	390.20	482.00
Interest	5.38	15.39	10.01	15.43
Town Payment	31,100.00	31,100.00	0.00	31,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,450.00</b>	<b>31,850.21</b>	<b>400.21</b>	<b>33,800.00</b>

## **Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response (continued)**

### **Hurricane Irene: Lessons Learned**

On Sunday, August 28, 2011, Hurricane Irene brought a disaster of unprecedented scale to the state of Vermont. Fortunately Ripton was spared much of the damage that our neighbors sustained. It's useful after every disaster to analyze the event in order to be better prepared for the next crisis.

Although we were cut off for several hours there were no medical emergencies or accidents. Much of the credit for this can go to Riptonites' preparedness for this weather event. It appeared that most people took the various weather warnings seriously and prepared as if for a blizzard--including staying indoors and off the roads.

From about two o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, August 28, the fire station was staffed when reports started coming in regarding parts of Route 125 that were undermined or under water, as well as part of Lincoln Road north of Lucky Spring being under water.

Several members of the fire department surveyed the roads, closing them as needed and removing hazards such as broken trees. By five o'clock in the evening, Hancock was reporting that their end of 125 was closed and 100 was rapidly becoming impassable. At six o'clock we received a report that Valley Rescue was unable to leave their station due to the flood waters surrounding them.

We reported to the state and Middlebury Ambulance that Route 125 was closed and that North Branch should be used as an alternate route. Shortly thereafter, MVAA informed us that they would be unable to provide ambulance coverage as East Middlebury was flooding. We were advised that road access through Goshen was gone and road access through Lincoln was uncertain, although we did alert Bristol Rescue that we might have to call on them as mutual aid.

At this point, like many of our neighboring communities, we were cut off from ground transportation. Given that this situation would continue for an indeterminate amount of time, we had a discussion to inventory our assets. We had Ripton's two EMTs on the mountain who can take care of most minor complaints. We listed the medical practitioners who might be in town, calling to alert Kevin Mulholland and Anza Armstrong that they might be needed if a severe illness or injury happened.

At about seven PM we closed up the fire station.

At ten o'clock that evening we were called to pump water out of a basement on Route 125. Several firefighters stayed overnight to keep an eye on the pump as well as the rising river water. Approximately fifteen minutes later we were toned out to check on a downed power line that had caught fire.

At seven thirty the next morning, we were again toned out, this time to pump out two other basements next to the first one.

At this point, phone service was lost in much of the town, as well as power. In light of this, we decided that the fire station should remain staffed during the day, to serve as an information center.

Fortunately, the flooding in East Middlebury had receded and road access was restored via North Branch Road.

Part of our ongoing work that day was keeping an eye on the roads for further hazards, as some of the creeks had not yet crested.

Power was restored to most of the town that day as well as phone service. This was largely because CVPS repair crews were able to get to the downed lines.

## **Ripton Volunteer Fire and First Response (continued)**

### **Hurricane Irene: Lessons Learned**

Of course, we all know that neighboring communities did not fare so well, losing power, communication and road access for days, if not weeks.

In the many discussions with emergency personnel around the state since Irene, it becomes clear that our experience was typical of experiences. Town disaster plans were most reliable in the initial disaster response. State disaster management was overstretched due to the widespread nature of this disaster and was unable to provide aid to the most hard hit towns for several days.

This is very much an example of possible future disasters. As we have seen from watching disasters in other states, especially in those cases where the disaster is widespread, state and federal aid is secondary to local response. It can be expected that in a large event like Irene, it will take several days to several weeks for outside help to arrive in a town.

In Vermont's experience with Irene, those towns with strong disaster plans have coped much better than towns without, even taking into account severity of damage.

Although a department, a town or a family cannot plan for the specifics of an emergency, general planning can and should be done in advance to address the general needs during an event such as Irene.

The vital point to take into account is that Ripton is vulnerable to being cut off from ground transportation. We are accustomed, of course, to this possibility as being snowed in is a fairly typical wintertime event. In 2008, both Route 125 and North Branch were damaged by flooding.

Most residents are prepared for storms by keeping enough food in the house for several days during winter, and in most cases this is adequate. However, in an emergency that cuts us off, it's likely that residents will run out of food, as was seen in towns such as Hancock and Rochester.

In discussion at various meetings of county and state disaster managers, it was presented that towns should have a knowledge of where food stocks may be supplied internally. Suggestions, such as local farms needing to get rid of crops before they spoiled, or local schools who would have large stocks of food on hand, were mentioned. This should be incorporated into town disaster planning, as should water and fuel needs. Distribution plans should be discussed as the town will be responsible for any initial response.

In Ripton, the elementary school is designated as a possible temporary shelter for town residents that may lose use of their homes due to damage or inaccessibility.

The community house could be used as another shelter, or a food distribution point. Food can be delivered from outside via helicopter or truck, but it is left up to localities to actually deliver it.

One of the most important services to provide is communication. Before a disaster, the town should have a plan for managing information. Several central sites should be identified as places where information and response can be coordinated.

Ripton currently has fairly extensive and coherent disaster plans, which made us that much more resilient. The take-aways from Irene are that local resident response will be what is most efficacious in meeting needs after disasters. Needs will vary of course, depending on type of disaster, but local towns would be wise to plan for instances where outside help is days to weeks away.

Contributed by Ceredwyn Alexander

## Town Clerk/Treasurer’s Report

### Website

A reminder to visit our website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org) and get familiar with the information you have access to when coming to the office is not convenient. Download a building permit application, view tax maps, read selectboard minutes, find contact information for town officers, and much more.

### Land Records

At last, we are in the early stages of entering land records data into a database. Given that it’s the type of work we only do in “spare” time, it will take awhile, but getting this project off the ground is a positive step forward. 494 pages were recorded in the land records in 2011 and 26 property transfer tax forms received.

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Property Transfers	26	44	24	18	18	26	28
# Pages Recorded	494	630	583	476	648	633	794

### Vital Statistics

According to new numbers released by the US Census Bureau following the decennial census, Ripton has gained 2 people since the previous 2005 between-census estimate of 586, for a new population total of 588 (see revised population chart on the inside cover). In 2011, five births, four marriages, and three deaths were added to our vital records.

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Births	5	5	9	7	3	4	6	5	6	10
Marriages* / Civil Marriages	4	2	3	5	9	10	3	4	7	3
Civil Unions*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Deaths	3	4	3	4	1	4	3	4	7	0

\*in 2009, “civil union” and “marriage” were replaced by “civil marriage” as the legally recognized union of two people.

### Records Preservation

The two-year project to restore our oldest vital records is now complete; these precious handwritten documents can now be easily handled without causing further damage. A newly completed land records volume will be microfilmed in 2012 – we fill not quite one volume per year these days.

The draft records management policy created in late 2010 was adopted by the selectboard in 2011 with the participation of other key town officers involved with the handling of town records. This policy addresses how public records are created, received and maintained and will ensure the integrity of our town’s legacy as expressed in the records we produce and preserve. Although it will take years to become fully compliant with the policy, it serves as an important guide as we work toward that goal.

A new vault door was installed in the town office in February. The old door was fifty years old and far past its prime. The two-hour fire protection insulation was crumbling and therefore no longer worth 2 hours of protection, the lock ceased to function, and the maker was long out of business. The Town Buildings Fund was used to purchase a new door, rated for 4-hours fire protection and weighing in at around half a ton. A very capable team, including one really big guy, spent most of one day getting it into place. Total cost, including hauling away the old door, came to \$8,175.



## Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report (continued)

### Dog Licensing

One hundred and eight dogs were licensed in Ripton in 2011. State law requires that all dog owners license any dog over 6 months of age with the town clerk between January 1 and March 31 of every year. Fees are: \$8 for neutered/spayed dogs, \$12 for unneutered/unspayed dogs. Licenses issued after the deadline include a late fee. We need to have a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination certificate on file to issue the license. If your dog's rabies certification expires later in the year, get your license now based on the current certification and send us a copy of the new one when you get it. The law further requires the town clerk to turn over to the selectboard a list of any known unlicensed dogs on May 30 of each year; further action to enforce the law will then be up to the board.

### Elections

2011 was an off year for federal elections; the turnout for our local town meeting election was average for Ripton. See the chart below for important dates regarding 2012 elections. Remember that since 2010, the fall primary is now called the August primary – in 2010, this election was moved to the fourth Tuesday in August to allow more time for processing overseas and military absentee ballots before general election deadlines.

Vermont's presidential primary day is March 6, 2012 (same as Town Meeting election day). Be reminded that this is the only election where you must request a ballot by political party. This year, there are only two major party ballots available, Democrat and Republican. Sample ballots are posted at least 20 days before any election.

A new law permits seventeen-year-olds who will turn 18 on or before November 6, 2012 to vote in the presidential primary and August primary prior to the November general election. The thinking behind this is that the primary process is a nomination process so persons may participate in the nominations prior to taking the voter's oath. Seventeen-year-olds may only vote the *presidential primary ballot*, they may *not* vote any *local election ballots* (town officer ballot and other local articles). For further information about elections and election issues, contact the town office during office hours, visit the town website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org) or the Vermont Secretary of State's website at [www.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.sec.state.vt.us).

Election Calendar 2012	Town Meeting/Presidential Primary	August Primary	General
Date of election	March 6	August 28	November 6
Polling place, open 7am to 7pm	Town Office	Town Office	Community House
Last day to register to vote	February 29, 5:00pm	August 22, 5:00pm	October 31, 5:00pm
Last day to request an absentee ballot	March 5, 6:00pm	August 27, 6:00pm	November 5, 6:00pm

### Ripton Voter Participation

Town Meeting			State & Federal Elections		
Year	Total Voters	Voted	Election	Total Voters	Voted
2011	447	116 (26%)	General 2010	451	291 (65%)
2010	446	125 (28%)	Primary 2010	447	167 (37%)
2009	433	137 (32%)	General 2008	444	355 (80%)
2008	424	269 (63%)	Primary 2008	431	48 (11%)
2007	424	172 (41%)	General 2006	453	316 (70%)
2006	450	110 (24%)	Primary 2006	428	92 (21%)
2005	436	107 (25%)	General 2004	444	332 (75%)
2004	405	152 (38%)	Primary 2004	438	87 (20%)

### Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways you can help your town. Just about every community group report in this town report offers opportunities to get involved; please take a moment to think about what you can do. In addition, we get an occasional request at the town office for a project-in-need. The current flowerbox caretaker of the Bridge of Flowers on Route 125 is looking for assistance or project takeover. Contact the town office for more information.

## Board of Listers Report

The listers thank all of those who graciously accepted our visits, provided information, and were patient with us through the 2011 reappraisal and grievance process. Our reappraisal passed state review and was approved in December. The end result is a more equitable grand list and a higher common level of appraisal that will benefit you more in 2012 than it did in 2011. There is a lower education tax rate for 2012, and owners of homestead properties should see more beneficial property tax adjustments. However, we did not quite finish. The 2012 budget shows expenditure from the reappraisal fund to complete the following: values for properties exempt from taxation; and uploading photos, printing and filing all property data cards. The proposed amount is within the total originally budgeted for the reappraisal.

**CLA and COD:** The common or certified level of appraisal (CLA) is the ratio of the grand list, the list of property and its value, to its “equalized” 100% value determined by a state study of property sales. For 2011 the level of appraisal was calculated by dividing the 2011 grand list by the 2010 grand list and was **90.92%**. For 2012 the level of appraisal fully reflects the reappraisal and is **95.96%**. The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of equity based on the same sales as the CLA. Percentages of 15% and less are considered good. The 2010 COD was 19.11%; after reappraisal it is **6.22%**.

**Grievances:** There were 24 written grievances and no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority. Pre-grievance discussions resolved issues for many property owners.

**Current Use exemptions:** Owners of property enrolled in the current use (also known as use value or land use) program saved \$109,813.00 in property tax. The town was reimbursed \$20,388 for municipal revenue loss. The annual deadline for enrollment of parcels 25 acres and greater is Sept. 1.

**Locally voted (contract) exemptions and Article 5:** Ripton has two locally voted exemptions. One is for the Vermont Elks Silver Towers Camp and the second is for veterans. For both, the town must pay the state education tax on the exempt value, and raises that amount through taxes. The amount raised by taxes is shown as a part of the tax rate on the tax bill. It was \$0.0074 in 2011.

Ten years ago the town voted to reduce the property taxes for the Silver Towers Camp “to 33% of the total taxes that would be due.” The Silver Towers Camp is a retreat for children and adults with special needs, and the chief charitable project of the Vermont Elks. Although the property is used for charitable purpose, it is not exempt from taxation by state statute. It may, however, be granted a local exemption by voters. This exemption must be re-voted every ten years. The terms voted favorably in 2002 are used in Article 5 of the 2012 town meeting warning. The exemption translates into dollars as shown below.

Without the exemption, Vermont Elks would have paid in 2011 taxes:	\$7,791.00.
With the exemption, they paid:	\$2,655.00
Value of exemption in 2011 property tax:	\$5,135.63

Disabled veterans and their survivors may be eligible for an exemption approved by the Veterans Administration that reduces their property’s taxable value by \$40,000. The first \$10,000 of value is exempt by state statute; another \$30,000 is exempt by a local exemption (voted at town meeting in 2009). In Ripton that exemption value in 2011 property taxes was \$603.09.

## Board of Listers Report (continued)

**Sales Data and Property Transfers:** There were 27 property transfers in 2011 including 4 for easements or right-of-ways; 13 between family/friends; 6 valid, arms-length sales; and 1 sale to the US Forest Service. Despite national trends that report an average decline in 2011 real estate values, Vermont property values stayed relatively stable. The following table shows sales data from 2009-2011. Its headings are described below.

- Location: the street address. If there is no street number, it is because there is no building.
- Acres: the number of acres shown on the town tax maps.
- Category: state defined property designations. M: miscellaneous, MH: mobile home, R: residential, S: seasonal. Letters followed by 1 contain less than six acres; letters followed by 2 have 6 or more acres.
- Seller: the seller listed on the property transfer form.
- Date: month and year of sale.
- Sale price: price reported on the property transfer form.
- Listed value: the property value in the town grand list as of April 1 of that year.
- Ratio: shows the ratio of the grand list value to the sales value

Location	Acres	Category	Seller	Date	Sale Price	Listed Value	Ratio
<b>2011 Sales Data</b>							
671, 683 North Branch Rd	1.0	R1	Brewer	04/11	170,000	176,500	103.82
1625 Lincoln Rd	2.5	R1	Blanchette	11/11	148,500	117,100	78.85
931 Pearl Lee Rd	5.9	M	Cardon	08/11	20,000	29,100	145.50
100 Lincoln Rd	21.5	M	Durkee	08/11	127,500	113,900	89.33
202 Robbins Crossrd	10.0	R2	Matkowski	09/11	234,000	234,000	100.00
<b>2010 Sales Data</b>							
2571 North Branch Rd	1.0	S1	Livingston	05/10	75,000	74,400	99.20
935 North Branch Rd	2.3	R1	Caswell	05/10	200,000	209,100	104.55
31 Burnt Hill Rd	3.4	R1	Poole	10/10	215,000	201,200	93.58
1062 North Branch Rd	4.1	R1	Pounds	03/10	240,000	240,500	100.21
2960 Natural Turnpike	10.0	R2	Wilson	05/10	260,000	240,700	92.58
254 North Branch Rd	16.0	R2	Posdamer	05/10	125,000	127,200	101.76
2189 North Branch Rd	20.0	R2	Bach	05/10	417,500	410,800	98.40
498 Scott Rd	27.4	S2	Maranhas	05/10	180,000	180,300	100.17
<b>2009 Sales Data</b>							
2777 Route 125	1.3	R1	Reichert	08/09	169,000	175,400	103.79
31 Burnt Hill Rd	3.4	R1	And.-Haff.	07/09	189,000	201,200	106.46
2074 Natural Turnpike	10.1	R2	Shadbolt	09/09	199,900	199,500	99.80
353 Billings Farm Rd	13.0	R2	Gallagher	05/09	189,000	180,200	95.34
847 North Branch Rd	3.7	MH	Livingston	12/09	107,000	90,000	84.11

Town of Ripton Annual Report for 2011

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Ripton 2011 Billed Grand List  
Form 411 - (Town code: 522)  
Main District

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	114	18,983,100	15,118,000	3,865,100	18,983,100
Residential II R2	120	34,395,700	27,477,900	6,917,800	34,395,700
Mobile Homes-U MHU	1	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
Mobile Homes-L MHL	13	1,082,500	717,300	365,200	1,082,500
Seasonal I S1	21	1,096,900	0	1,096,900	1,096,900
Seasonal II S2	28	2,597,600	0	2,597,600	2,597,600
Commercial C	16	1,946,600	236,900	1,709,700	1,946,600
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	706,800	0	706,800	706,800
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	24	3,814,900	169,400	3,645,500	3,814,900
Miscellaneous M	61	2,924,800	15,400	2,909,400	2,924,800
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>67,551,900</b>	<b>43,737,900</b>	<b>23,814,000</b>	<b>67,551,900</b>
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>67,551,900</b>	<b>43,737,900</b>	<b>23,814,000</b>	<b>67,551,900</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		30,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>40,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contracts Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	1	273,900			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>273,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Farm Stab Apprv VEPC	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0			
<b>Total FarmStab Contr</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	36	5,750,200	1,790,400	3,959,800	5,750,200
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>6,064,100</b>	<b>1,800,400</b>	<b>3,959,800</b>	<b>5,760,200</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>6,064,100</b>	<b>1,800,400</b>	<b>3,959,800</b>	<b>5,760,200</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>614,878.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>419,375.00</b>	<b>198,542.00</b>	<b>617,917.00</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411</b>			

## Statement of Taxes for 2011

<b>Property Tax Rates for 2011</b>	
Municipal rate (muni)	0.3792
Education homestead rate (HS-ed)	1.6311
Education non-residential rate (NR-ed)	1.4958
<b>Total homestead rate (muni + HS-ed)</b>	<b>2.0103</b>
<b>Total non-residential rate (muni + NR-ed)</b>	<b>1.8750</b>

<b>Tax Calculation</b>		
<b>Grand list</b> (total taxable value of town property)		<b>\$61,487,800</b>
Homestead grand list*		\$41,907,500
Non-residential grand list*		\$19,580,300
1% of homestead grand list	\$419,075	
Homestead tax rate	2.0103	
<b>Total Homestead Taxes</b>		<b>\$842,466</b>
1% of non-residential grand list	\$195,803	
Non-residential tax rate	1.8750	
<b>Total Non-Residential Taxes</b>		<b>\$367,131</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>		<b>\$1,209,597</b>
Total adjustments (credits)	(\$145,280)	
<b>TOTAL TO COLLECT</b>		<b>\$1,064,317</b>
Collected by Nov. due date	\$999,777	
<b>Total turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector</b>		<b>\$64,540</b>
<p>*The breakdown of the total grand list into homestead and non-residential in this table varies a little from the breakdown on the Form 411 shown left. This is due to the various times that individuals submit their homestead declarations to the state. The billed property tax total is according to the grand list as of September 1, 2011. A couple of late-filed homestead declarations occurred after that date, for which we change the grand list but do not issue new tax bills.</p>		

<b>Tax Breakdown</b>			
<b>Homestead Taxes</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ of Tax Bill</b>	<b>% of Tax Bill</b>
Municipal property tax	0.3792	\$165,854	19%
Education property tax	1.6311	\$713,409	81%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$879,263</b>	
<b>Non-Residential Taxes</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$ of Tax Bill</b>	<b>% of Tax Bill</b>
Municipal property tax	0.3792	\$90,303	20%
Education property tax	1.4958	\$356,210	80%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$446,513</b>	

<b>Percent of taxes billed vs. taxes collected by the November due date</b>									
Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>% Collected</b>	94.6	95.8	98.0	96.1	93.6	94.4	95.0	94.2	93.5

## Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

<b>2011 Delinquent Taxes</b>		
Taxes not collected by due date	Collected before Dec 31	<b>Balance Dec 31</b>
\$64,544	\$31,676	<b>\$32,868</b>

<b>Previous Years Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2011</b>	
Tax Year	Collected
2007	\$4,442
2008	\$8,938
2009	\$8,470
2010	\$1,426
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$23,276</b>

<b>Summary Report for Taxes Owed December 31, 2011</b>				
Tax Year	Tax	Penalty	Interest	<b>Total Due</b>
2008	\$1,384	\$111	\$14	<b>\$1,509</b>
2009	\$1,862	\$149	\$284	<b>\$2,295</b>
2010	\$8,403	\$672	\$1,110	<b>\$10,185</b>
2011	\$29,887	\$2,391	\$590	<b>\$32,868</b>
<b>Total for all years</b>				<b>\$46,857</b>

<b>Delinquent Taxpayer List as of December 31, 2011</b>					
Property Owner	2011	2010	2009	2008	Total
Jo & Malcolm Billings	285.31				<b>\$285.31</b>
David Bralow	2,017.11				<b>\$2,017.11</b> *
Lawrence Brodeur	1,192.79				<b>\$1,192.79</b>
Alvin Burrige, Jr.	9,625.92				<b>\$9,625.92</b>
Jos Charest & C. Malzac	2,845.98	1,143.63	581.24		<b>\$4,570.85</b>
James Daignault	49.76				<b>\$49.76</b> *
Gordon Drummond	1,066.24				<b>\$1,066.24</b>
Jos. & Lisa Durante	3,036.15	3,632.78		41.00	<b>\$6,709.93</b>
Malcolm & Barb. Harding	816.76				<b>\$816.76</b>
George Kirchhoff	106.84				<b>\$106.84</b>
Roger & Debra Larocque	2,904.76				<b>\$2,904.76</b>
Justin Malzac	170.37				<b>\$170.37</b> *
W. Manning Life Estate	723.94	78.08			<b>\$802.02</b>
Robert Moran	303.18				<b>\$303.18</b>
Paonia N'Shaiha	92.99				<b>\$92.99</b>
John Peck Sr. & Jr.	169.13	211.90			<b>\$381.03</b>
Ian, Brian, John Sr. Peck	1,029.20	1,663.77	227.87		<b>\$2,920.84</b>
Chris & Amber Poploski	5.83	22.13	54.48		<b>\$82.44</b>
Pamela Popp	1,198.31				<b>\$1,198.31</b>
Sidney Poritz	45.84				<b>\$45.84</b> *
Wm. & Pamela Randall	2,593.88	2,945.41	1,431.09	1,467.49	<b>\$8,437.87</b>
Kurt & Heidi Stahl	944.63				<b>\$944.63</b>
James Thompson	1,157.07	487.77			<b>\$1,644.84</b>
Eugene Warner	486.10				<b>\$486.10</b>
<b>Total tax, penalty, and interest due:</b>					<b>\$46,856.73</b>
*Paid in full before the printing of this report.					

## Summaries of Town Ordinances

### Regulations Related to Roads and Trails

- Special Regulations Governing Obstructions to Highways: Effective October 1973. Regulates the construction of driveways that join town roads.
- Special Regulation as to Speed of Motor Vehicles: Effective October 1973.
- Speed Ordinance: Effective December 1989. Sets a 35 mph speed limit on all town roads.
- Speed Ordinance: Effective January 1999. The town's speed limit for Route 125 is identical to the speed limit set by the State.
- Trails Ordinance: Effective November 2004. Regulates the use of town trails for the general good of the town.
- Stop Sign Ordinance: Effective November 2009. Regulates the operation and use of motor vehicles at intersections controlled by stop signs.

### Health and Sewage Ordinances

- Health Ordinance: Effective November 1983. Sets standards for septic systems.
- Sewage Ordinance: Effective April 1989. Updates the 1983 Health Ordinance. Revised 2005. (Beginning July 1, 2007, sewage permits must be applied for directly from the State of Vermont.)

### Flood Related Ordinances

- Flood Hazard Ordinance: Effective September 1985. Protects public health and safety from the hazards of flooding and is required for eligibility for Federal Flood Insurance.
- Flood Plain Ordinance: Effective May 1990. Revises the 1985 Ordinance.
- Flood Erosion Hazard Overlay District: Effective October 2009. Controls development within areas depicted on the most current Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FEH) maps.

### Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

- Zoning Ordinance: Effective March 1989. Regulates development. Historic district added in 1995. Revised 2003. Revised 2006.
- Subdivision regulations: Effective March 2003. Revised 2006.

### Other Ordinances:

- Open Container Ordinance: Effective February 1988. Regulates alcohol consumption in public places.
- Dog Ordinance: Effective November 1993. Dogs running loose and causing a nuisance may be controlled by the town.
- Junk Ordinance: Effective July 2005. Regulates the outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles. Revised 2006.

*Complete copies of all ordinances are available at the town office or at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org).*

## Permit Information

**Zoning and Sewage** permits are required prior to any land development or change of use.

Contact the zoning administrator. (Since 2007, sewage permits must be applied for directly from the State of Vermont. The zoning administrator or town office can provide information about this process.)

**Access/Driveway** permits are required before altering or building a driveway that connects to a town road.

Contact the selectboard clerk.

**Permits for burning brush** are required when there is no snow cover. Contact the fire warden. (Burning trash is illegal at all times.)

**TOWN OF RIPTON  
YEAR-END ZONING REPORT  
CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

The numbers and the distribution by type of the zoning applications that were received and processed in calendar year (CY) 2011 can be summarized as follows:

<i>New dwellings</i>	
<i>Permanent/seasonal houses</i> .....	0
<i>Camps</i> .....	1
<i>Apartments/accessory dwellings</i> .....	0
<i>Mobile homes</i> .....	0
<i>Replacements</i> .....	0
<i>Renovations/additions</i> .....	4
<i>Accessory outbuildings/structures</i> .....	4
<i>Exempt agricultural outbuildings</i> .....	1
<i>Access drives/roads</i> .....	1
<i>Ponds/dams/other land development</i> .....	4
<i>Renewable resource uses (wind turbines, solar panels)</i> .....	1
<i>Temporary uses</i> .....	0
<i>Signs</i> .....	0
<i>Subdivisions</i>	
<i>Single-lot</i> .....	0
<i>Multiple lot</i> .....	0
<i>Boundary adjustments</i> .....	0
<i>Planned unit developments (PUDs)</i> .....	1
<i>Renewals of permit</i> .....	0
<i>Conditional uses</i> .....	0
<i>Certificates of occupancy</i> .....	9
<i>Verifications of compliance</i> .....	5
<i>Notices of Violation</i> .....	0
<i>Hearing applications</i>	
<i>Zoning Board of Adjustment</i>	
<i>Conditional uses</i> .....	1
<i>Variances/Waivers</i> .....	2
<i>Appeals</i> .....	0
<i>Planning Commission</i>	
<i>Subdivisions/PUDs</i> .....	1
<i>Site plan reviews</i> .....	1
<i>Historic District Commission</i>	
<i>Historic District developments</i> .....	0

**Twenty zoning applications** were received and processed during the year, including **two** requests for hearings before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a conditional-use approval of a wind-turbine and a side-yard setback waiver, **one** before the Planning Commission for a site plan

review of several bridge replacements on Middlebury College's Breadloaf campus property, and **one** for a joint hearing of the ZBA and PC for review and approval of a planned unit development (PUD) on North Branch Road. The applications also included **one** for an exempt agricultural accessory structure, and in addition, **five** requests for verification of the compliance of applicants' property with the provisions of the Town's zoning regulations and sewage ordinance were also received and processed.

**Twenty zoning permits** and other written instruments were issued during the calendar year from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011. The direct costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the Town's zoning and subdivision bylaws involved a total invoiced cost of **\$4,996.29** in man-hours and expenses for the Administrative Officer's services, charged against a total of **\$2,226.00** in permit application fees that were assessed and collected, resulting in a net direct cost of administration of **\$2,770.29** for the calendar year.

These figures do not include the costs incurred in warning and convening hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, nor do they include attorneys' fees, when and if the Town elects to retain their services (as, for instance, to pursue litigation in zoning violation cases). For a complete summary of the Town's officially-posted zoning administration costs, please refer to the Treasurer's Report on the General Fund in the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Hanson  
Administrative Officer  
2 January 2012.

## **Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission**

The Planning Commission (PC) provides land use planning for the Town; the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) rules on applications for variances from the Zoning Bylaw and on conditional use applications, and serves as an appeal body for decisions by the Zoning Administrator. The Historic District Commission provides guidance on external changes to properties in the Historic District. The Town Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and State statutes guide the decisions of these commissions.

The PC approved site plan review of one new and three replacement cross country ski bridges. The PC and ZBA heard site plan and conditional use review of a residential property for mixed use as a planned unit development for a commercial ten-unit rental cabin establishment. The PC gave preliminary approval to the site plan, and the ZBA gave preliminary approval to conditional use of the planned unit development, both subject to final approval early in 2012. The ZBA declined to hear a request for a side yard setback waiver for a porch replacement. The ZBA approved conditional use of a site for an off-grid wind tower, and approved a setback waiver for the wind tower.

The PC undertook a year-long revision of the Zoning Bylaw, incorporating into it the freestanding Subdivision Regulations as well as the freestanding Fluvial Erosion Hazard Bylaw. The revised document, to be called the Unified Development Bylaw, will be heard by the PC early in 2012 and by the Selectboard thereafter.

## **Report of the Ripton Conservation Commission**

The Ripton Conservation Commission (RCC) was asked to approve the layout of the proposed rerouting and reconstruction of the cross-country ski racing trail at the Rikert Ski Touring Center at Middlebury College's Bread Loaf Campus. Middlebury College hoped to be able to hold the NCAA championships on the course in 2013, which meant reconstruction should be completed by the winter of 2011-2012 and approved under the international FIS homologation requirements. The RCC walked the flagged trail with Peter Mackey, Middlebury College Ski Facilities Manager, and Mike Hussey, Rikert Ski Touring Center Manager, and assessed the impacts the new layout would have on the surrounding land. We concluded in our summary letter to Middlebury College that "we appreciate the care with which you have laid out new sections of the trail".

The RCC commented on a U.S. Forest Service proposal to reroute a section of the Catamount Trail off FR 59 to connect with Middlebury College trails, thereby avoiding conflicting winter use of a several-mile stretch of FR 59. The Forest Service has concerns that use of FR 59 by snowmobiles and cross-country skiers poses a risk to skiers, especially along straight, high-speed sections of FR 59. Our written review to the Forest Service of the potential impacts of the proposed trail noted that the trail remained entirely in forest less than 25 years old, hence no mature trees would need to be cut, utilized an existing logging road for about half its length, and avoided wet areas and stream crossings. We approved the route selection and design, but expressed concern that, rather than reducing ski traffic on FR 59, the new trail made accessible a new ski loop from the parking area on FR 54 that utilizes FR 59 as a return leg, and would encourage greater ski use of FR 59 as a result. The Forest Service rejected our concerns in their decision.

The Forest Service requested the view of the RCC on a proposal to remove a 200-foot long old roadbed across the edge of a wetland that lies on both sides of FR 59. The stated purpose of the project was to restore the full range of functions and values of the wetland. The RCC held a field visit with Forest Service personnel and submitted a letter that pointed out that the primary obstruction to the wetland's functions and values was the presence of the existing FR 59 roadbed and the culvert under the road that is a persistent target of beaver dam building activity and consequent Forest Service control measures. Removal of the old roadbed would not restore any functions and values, in our view, but would remove some functions and values temporarily until the excavation scars heal. We concluded that restoration of a full set of functions and values could only be maintained by moving FR 59 either to its old site at the west edge of the wetland or a site to the north and east of the wetland. We have not received a final decision on this project.

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

## -Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2011

**The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2011 fiscal year:**

### **Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping**

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

### **Educational Meetings and Grants**

- Hosted an educational workshop series in conjunction with VLCT, presented at the Town Officers Educational Conferences (TOEC) and hosted monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Hosted a monthly Educational Series on locally available renewable energy and conservation options.

### **Emergency Planning**

- Worked with Addison County’s Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts, including developing Basic Emergency Operations Plans.
- Presented a “Local Officials Guide to Post-Disaster Financial Recovery” to municipal clerks and treasurers.
- Assisted Towns impacted by tropical storm Irene apply for federal funding
- Established a “Local Emergency Managers Roundtable” to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise statewide disaster plans.
- Working with UVM Extension to encourage bio-security within the dairy community.
- Conducted geomorphic assessments of rivers and helped communities incorporate the results into plans.

### **Energy Planning:**

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Hosted several regional town table events with town energy coordinators and other energy leaders.
- Co-sponsored a monthly energy series with the Acorn Energy Coop.

### **Transportation Planning**

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s work on regional priorities.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies and supported municipal capital budget development

### **Brownfields**

- Implemented a program to assess Brownfields within the region.
- The Natural Resources Committee is updating the Natural Resource section of the Regional Plan
- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County Watershed Collaborative.
- Worked on a Forest Stewardship grant to assist municipalities and landowners.

Addison  
Lincoln  
Salisbury

Bridport  
Middlebury  
Shoreham

Bristol  
Monkton  
Starksboro

Cornwall  
New Haven  
Vergennes

Ferrisburgh  
Orwell  
Waltham

Goshen  
Panton  
Weybridge

Leicester  
Ripton  
Whiting



## Report of the Ripton Energy Coordinator

In conjunction with the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), the energy coordinator organized an information session in the Community House on 27 September to present VPIRG's Solar Addison County program. VPIRG's Dan Conant made a presentation on the energy efficiency benefits of solar hot water. It saves homeowners money, and reduces their fuel use and carbon footprint. Vergennes-based Sunward, partnering with VPIRG, installs two solar panels, a holding tank and necessary pipes and electrical connections for what a typical homeowner spends on fossil fuel heated hot water. VPIRG makes sure participants receive their state rebates and federal tax credits. Twenty-five residents attended. At least five residents installed solar hot water as a result of the program.

As the result of a grant from the Vermont Trust for Historic Preservation and financial support from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and a contribution, the Ripton Town Office building received an energy audit from Jared Moats' firm Structural Energy Conservation and, because the building was constructed in 1860 and is a state historic structure, a historic energy audit from Jeremiah Parker Restoration and Construction Management. The reports provided several energy efficiency alternatives that will be considered after the town has retired its bonding obligations from the 2008 floods.

Ripton Energy Assistance Program (REAP) provided nine firewood deliveries and four oil or propane deliveries in the winter of 2010-2011. Volunteers participated in three sawing bees, sawing, splitting, moving and stacking about twelve cords of firewood. Another four or five cords remain to be cut next year. All Ripton households received notice that REAP will make firewood or oil or propane deliveries to households in need. Call Mac at 388-7820 for more information.

To protect REAP's firewood stock from the elements the REAP steering committee has approved the design of a storage shed, to be located on town land behind the fire station. Tax-deductible contributions to REAP to help with the cost of oil and propane or to help fund the woodshed may be sent to Millard Cox, P.O. Box 100, Ripton VT 05766. REAP will be seeking volunteers to help with shed construction starting in April or May 2012.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a program of Efficiency Vermont that will provide qualified homeowners with funding for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects at a cost typically lower than the cost of the energy that would have been used without the project. For more details see the 2011 Selectboard Report or pick up printed information at the Ripton Town Office. To offer the PACE program Ripton must vote to become a PACE District at Town Meeting in March 2012.



Participants in a "sawing bee" take a break: Mac, Warren, Charles, Steve, Mike, and Willem – thanks!

## Recycling Report

Recycling and trash drop-off is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the first and third Saturdays of each month at the town shed on Peddlers Bridge Road. The recycling charge is \$3 per load; trash disposal is \$3-4 per bag. Trash drop-off ends at 11:45 a.m. Please take advantage of these services. Remember that burning household waste in burn barrels is illegal; the fumes pose a serious danger to downwind neighbors and violators are subject to a fine.

### The following may be recycled in the big red roll-off:

- \* Clean metal food or beverage containers, preferably flattened, labels OK
- \* Aluminum foil, pie and baking tins
- \* Glass bottles and jars, no caps
- \* Plastic containers and lids with a triangular recycling symbol (any number 1-7)
- \* Mixed paper, including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, boxboard, paperback and telephone books, white or colored office paper, junk mail, construction paper, paper towels, unrecusable paper bags and egg cartons, paper-lined (no plastic liner) grain sacks, wrapping paper (except metallized paper)

### Into the brown dumpster outside the shed:

- \* Corrugated cardboard only, flattened

### Elsewhere in the shed:

- \* Books
- \* Hazardous household batteries: lithium, nickel-cadmium, nickel metal hydride, sealed lead acid and button. Alkaline batteries are not hazardous waste and should be put in the trash. Check carefully that you are not throwing away a hazardous battery. If in doubt, bring it in.
- \* Redeemable cans and bottles (proceeds go to Friends of the Ripton School)
- \* Clean brown paper bags, whole cardboard egg cartons
- \* Styrofoam packing peanuts (no blocks, chunks or sheets)
- \* Scrap metal of all shapes and sizes

### We will have to reject:

- \* Any container with food residue
- \* Plastic containers without the recycling symbol
- \* **ALL plastic bags** (shopping bags may be recycled at local supermarkets)
- \* Bottle and jar caps
- \* Sheet glass, dishware, goblets and drinking glasses, Pyrex, light bulbs
- \* Coated cardboard milk or juice containers, waxed, carbon or metallized paper, ribbon, plastic-lined grain sacks
- \* Car batteries (take to the transfer station on Route 7 South, Middlebury)
- \* Fluorescent bulbs (contain trace amounts of mercury, take to transfer station)

In 2011 the average number of households using the recycling center each drop-off was 39.78, a sharp decrease from 50.8 in 2010. More residents are using the recycling center during hours when it is not officially open for business, which accounts for the apparent decline in use, at least in part. There has been no drop in the amount of materials recycled. If you wish to drop off materials when the center is not open, please obtain the recycling coordinator's approval beforehand, and bring your \$3 fee to the Town Clerk or to the next recycling drop-off.

Under assumptions similar to those made since 1994, Ripton's total waste stream in 2011 was 237.24 tons, an increase from 220.76 tons in 2010. Recyclable waste comprised 48.0 percent of the total, slightly lower than 48.6 percent in 2010, a highly satisfactory percentage.

Ripton's residents support recycling through their use of the service and their willingness to volunteer three hours every three years to keep it running. Contact the recycling coordinator (388-4082) if you would like to help.

In 2012 **Green Up Day** is Saturday, May 5. Contact Steve Zwicky (388-2301) or Warren King (388-4082) to find out how you can participate.

**Recycling Committee:** Barry King, Warren King, Dave Konopke, Steve Zwicky



## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 19 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, in Middlebury. The public is invited to attend.

#### District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

#### District Office and Transfer Station

**Telephone:** (802) 388-2333

**Fax:** (802) 388-0271

**Website:** [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

**E-mail:** [acswwmd@acswwmd.org](mailto:acswwmd@acswwmd.org)

**Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM

**Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

**HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–Noon & Sat, 9 AM–Noon

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and transfers it to out-of-District disposal facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** program accepts reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

#### 2011 News Highlights

**Flood Relief.** The District Transfer Station served as a central collection point for large volumes of storm debris generated by two flood events this year. In the aftermath of TS Irene, the District provided emergency mobile collection events for household hazardous waste in neighboring towns. **Planning.** The District is due to rewrite its Solid Waste Implementation Plan after the next revision of the VT Solid Waste Plan. **Product Stewardship.** The District is a founding member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, which works with manufacturers to promote shared responsibility for the environmental impacts of their products. Two recent successes of the Council were passage of the Electronic Waste (“E-Waste”) and Mercury Lamp laws. VT’s new E-Waste Law banned disposal of most E-Waste and allowed for free collection of computers, TVs, and peripherals from households, schools, small businesses and charities. The District now has an 8 lb-per-capita collection rate, which exceeds the State goal of 5.5 lbs/per capita. The Mercury Lamp Law will take effect in 2012, with free collection of most types of fluorescent bulbs to begin statewide on July 1, 2012. **Business Assistance.** The District offered waste audits and recycling bins to local businesses to help reduce the amount of waste generated, often at a cost savings. Businesses interested in composting organics should contact the District for a site visit to estimate the amount of organics generated and to discuss collection logistics. **Illegal Dumping.** Illegal dumping/burning complaints have declined by 30% this year. The District provided free disposal for 21 tons of waste collected on Green-Up Day.

#### 2012 Budget

The District’s 2012 Annual Budget is \$2,576,552, a 7% increase based on an estimated 6.9% increase in tonnage. The District will maintain the \$125/ton tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste and Construction & Demolition Debris at its Transfer Station. Several other rates will be reduced effective 1/1/12. Also beginning 1/1/12, Licensed Commercial Haulers will be able to bring their curbside recyclables to the Transfer Station for a rate of \$27/ton. There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2012. For a copy of the full 2011 Annual Report, please call the District, or visit the District website, [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

**Transfer Station Hours:**  
 Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
 Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Addison County Solid Waste Management District**  
**2012 TRANSFER STATION**  
**APPROVED RATE SCHEDULE**

**HazWaste Center Hours:**  
 Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM – Noon  
 Saturdays: 9:00 AM – Noon

**A \$1.00 admin fee is charged on all monetary transactions in addition to prices listed below.**

<b>WE ACCEPT:</b>	<b>PRICE/UNIT</b>
<b>MSW (Trash), Construction &amp; Demolition Debris</b>	\$125/ton
Minimum Fee -- Minimum Load Size -- 1/2 ton for regular MSW only	\$62.50
Minimum Fee -- 100 lbs. or less -- mixed debris	\$6.25
<b>Appliances w/ CFCs</b> (frig, freezer, AC, fountain, vending machine, dehumidifier) .....	\$11/ea.
Commercial-Grade A/C Units .....	At Cost
<b>Appliances - no CFCs</b> (furnace, washer/dryer, hot water heater, stove, dishwasher, microwave, woodstove) .....	\$5/ea.
<b>Asbestos, Non-Friable</b> (packaging requirements apply) .....	\$200/ton
<b>Batteries</b> (wet-cell, automotive).....	\$1/ea.
<b>Batteries</b> (small dry-cell, cell phones, rechargeable, button cell, lithium, lithium ion, NiMH, NiCad).....	No Charge
<b>Books</b> (hard and soft cover).....	No Charge
<b>Clean Wood</b> , natural wood or raw lumber/ pallets (untreated, unpainted) – Residential Customers – Car/Truck ...	\$2.50/load
Residential Customers w/ Trailer .....	\$5/load
Business Customers.....	\$45/ton
Mulch loading assistance (upon request).....	\$5/load
<b>Electronics</b> (larger items or quantities may be charged by weight at the discretion of the scalehouse operator) .....	\$0.23/lb
Computers, whole systems (includes everything) .....	\$11/ea.      No Charge*
Computers, by piece (monitor or CPU or printer) .....	\$6/pc.      No Charge*
Televisions (Regular size TV).....	\$7/ea.      No Charge*
(Console size TV) .....	\$15/ea.      No Charge*
Desktop Photocopier .....	\$11/pc.
Small Electronics (Fax, VCR, DVD, Stereo, CD Player, Shredder) .....	\$5/pc.
Mixed Bag (cords, adapters, CDs, tapes, cassettes, DVDs, chips, cards - grocery bag size) .....	\$5/bag
<b>Fire Extinguishers</b> – >5 lbs .....	\$5/ea.
<b>Fluorescent Light Bulbs</b> – Compact, U-Tube, Circular or Straight Tubes 2 ft. or shorter .....	No Charge
Straight Tubes longer than 2 ft.....	\$0.50/ea.      No Charge**
All other specialty mercury bulbs (HID, UV) and LEDs .....	\$0.50/ea.
<b>Food Waste</b> (Residential only) .....	No Charge
<b>Hazardous Waste</b> – Residential not including latex paint or joint compound .....	No Charge
Residential including latex paint or joint compound .....	\$2/load
<b>Hazardous Waste</b> -- Business (CEG) -- Must call ahead.....	Actual Cost+\$5 Fee
<b>Leaf &amp; Yard Waste</b> (grass clippings, leaves, small twigs) .....	\$1/load
<b>Light Ballasts</b> (containing PCBs) .....	\$2.25/ea.
<b>Maple Tubing</b> (call for acceptance guidelines) .....	No Charge
<b>Mercury Devices</b> (thermometers, thermostats and all other <b>intact</b> devices) .....	No Charge
<b>Motor Oil</b> (uncontaminated only, drums by appointment) .....	No Charge
<b>Oil Filters</b> (Residential) .....	No Charge
Business – Individual filters.....	\$0.25/ea.
– 55-gallon drum full (crushed or uncrushed) .....	\$45/drum
<b>Pressurized Cylinders</b> – 1-lb Cylinder – Residents/Businesses.....	No Charge/\$1 ea.
20-lb Cylinder (grill size) .....	\$3/ea.
<b>Recycling</b> – Corrugated Cardboard (min. fee \$2.00).....	\$2/cu.yd
Single Stream Recyclables from Commercial Haulers only .....	\$27/ton
<b>Reuse It or Lose It!</b> (for items accepted at the discretion of the scalehouse operator)	
Household goods weighing <20 lbs.....	No Charge
Household goods weighing 20 lbs - 50 lbs.....	\$1/ea.
Household goods weighing >50 lbs.....	\$3/ea.
Construction Materials (reusable dimensional lumber, doors, fixtures, windows).....	No Charge
<b>Scrap Metal</b> .....	No Charge
<b>Tires</b> – Passenger Tires.....	\$2/ea.
Large Truck Tires.....	\$6/ea.
Agricultural Tires .....	\$20/ea.
Earthmoving Tires, Extra Large Tires, Large Quantities of Any Tires .....	\$0.06/lb.

**District Fee** - \$33.40/ton for MSW, C&D (included in Transfer Station tip fee) and \$10/ton for contaminated soils used as ADC.

\* Per VT E-Waste Law – No charge for households, 501(c)(3) charities, school districts, and small businesses (10 or < employees) only.

\* \*Per VT Mercury Lamp Law – As of 7/1/12. no charge for general purpose mercury bulbs (<10/visit). Fees will remain for specialty lamps.

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## Green Mountain National Forest 2011 Report

*What follows is a summary of GMNF activities that included Ripton. The complete 9-page report of GMNF activities statewide is available at the Ripton town office.*

This year was tough for many of our communities due to the damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. Like many Vermont towns, the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) was also hard hit by the storm. Emphasizing public safety concerns, GMNF temporarily closed the forest following the storm so that any damage to access roads, trails, bridges and facilities could be repaired. Today many of our roads and trails have been repaired and we anticipate making additional repairs in 2012.

We are proud that the GMNF is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to visit every year. Highlights of GMNF activity in Ripton during 2011 are:

- Improved 2.60 miles of NF system roads in the Towns of Ripton, Rochester, Granville, Hancock, Somerset, Woodford, and Warren. Reopened Forest Road 92 off the Ripton-Goshen road in Ripton and improved parking areas at Blueberry Lake in Warren.
- Maintained 81.34 miles of NF System roads in the Towns of Ripton, Rochester, Chittenden, Goshen, Hancock, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Sunderland, Woodford, and Readsboro. This work included grading, ditching, culvert cleaning, mowing, and brushing.
- Initiated/completed eight (8) Aquatic Organism (Fish) Passage projects in the Towns of Rochester, Granville, Ripton, Chittenden, and Hancock which included work on the Bingo Brook, Deer Hollow Brook, Hale and Goshen Brook, Smith Brook, Lefferts Pond tributary, and Texas Brook.
- In cooperation with grant-funded VT Department of Labor (DOL) staff, completed post-Irene repairs to Robert Frost Interpretive Trail, RF Wayside, Ridge Trail, Moosalamoo Campground, and Voter Brook Overlook.
- In cooperation with CTA, relocated a portion of the Catamount Trail in order to reduce the mixed motorized and pedestrian recreation traffic on Steam Mill Road (Forest Road 59). Additionally, we replaced a trail bridge on Widow's Clearing Trail in cooperation with CTA and Moosalamoo Association. The team constructed a new Skyline Lodge compost privy that requires less maintenance. Also, we constructed a couple of new puncheon sections on the Long Trail in muddy areas just north of the Skylight Pond Trail intersection.
- The GMNF awarded 3 large Stewardship Timber Sale Contracts to improve forest health and wildlife habitat; the Cobb Hill North Sale in Ripton / Lincoln, the Alpaca Sale in Winhall, the Old Mill Sale in Ripton.
- Site preparation of 60 acres in Ripton for natural tree regeneration for reforestation after harvest. TSI (Timber Stand Improvement) for timber and wildlife of 82 acres in Ripton.
- Resource Project Environmental Assessment that includes a variety of management activities designed to achieve Forest Plan objectives across the project area landscape.
- Approximately 4 miles of brook trout habitat were opened up by replacing old culverts with fish-friendly structures (bottomless arches) in Ripton and Weston. Replacement of two culverts in Rochester was postponed due to Tropical Storm Irene. These efforts would not have been possible without the support of our volunteers and partners.

Colleen Madrid, Forest Supervisor: 802-747-6704

Greg Smith, District Ranger, North Half – Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts: 802-767-4261

Middlebury Ranger Station: 802-388-4362

## 2012 Funding Requests

The following organizations request town funds. The name of each, amount requested, 2011 service for Ripton, and mission are stated. Full descriptions, reports, and contact information are available at the town office. These requests are voted by ballot on March 6, 2012 at the town office.

**Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects, Inc.** Request: \$170. Ripton service: 2 individuals. Mission: Court Diversion provides a restorative justice response to low level crime and underage drinking. Those who participate in the Court Diversion program or the Teen Alcohol Safety Program have a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience. A recidivism study shows that 93% of Court Diversion clients were not rearrested.

**Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.** Request: \$583. Ripton service: 510 patient visits. Mission: to provide high quality, comprehensive health care to residents of Addison County regardless of their ability to pay.

**Addison County Humane Society.** Request: \$750. Ripton service: 5 animals adopted; 3 animals returned to owners; 2 strays taken in. The cost of care for these animals was \$900. Mission: to improve the lives of homeless animals.

**Addison County Parent/Child Center.** Request: \$600. Ripton service: 20. Mission: to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all children get off to the right start with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive.

**Addison Central Teens (ACT).** Request: \$1,500. Ripton teens served: 18 who made 295 visits. Mission: provide a safe and welcoming place for teens to socialize after school and throughout the year.

**Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR).** Request: \$1,355. Ripton service: 1,586 resident rides, 1,600 Snow Bowl Shuttle rides. Mission: to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable public transportation.

**Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA).** Request: \$750. Ripton service: 9 individuals including 3 with the Meals on Wheels Program, and 3 who worked with a case manager. Mission: help people age with independence and dignity by providing vital services that allow elders to remain in their homes.

**Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC).** Request: \$1,200. Ripton service: 18,327 hours for residents with mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. Mission: promote stable and safe communities by helping people live emotionally healthy and satisfying lives.

**Elderly Services, Inc.** Request: \$600. Ripton service: 1,321 hours of care, 487 meals, and 444 van rides, equal to a cost of \$19,812. Mission: committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to individual needs, promoting a sense of caring fellowship; and providing high-quality programs to help elders live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities.

**Green Up Vermont.** Request: \$50. Serves all. Mission: Vermont's spring clean-up, May 5<sup>th</sup> this year.

**HOPE** Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects. Request: \$2,750. Mission: to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with opportunities for becoming more self-reliant through emergency, basic and enrichment programs delivered in an environment of recognition and respect.

## 2012 Funding Requests (continued)

**Hospice Volunteer Services.** Request: \$400. Ripton service: 1 patient, 2 bereaved persons, facilitated discussions at MUHS that included Ripton student, 2 residents are active volunteers. Mission: to provide terminally ill people and their loved ones with physical and emotional support; train and coordinate placement of hospice volunteers; offer services to those who are grieving and promote a healthy community understanding of death, dying, grief and loss.

**John W. Graham Emergency Shelter.** Request: \$1,400. Provided nearly 5,000 bed nights of food, shelter and hope to more than 200 Addison County residents in 2011, helped 180 people find permanent housing, and assisted 15 families to prevent them from becoming homeless. Mission: serve Addison County's homeless families and individuals, and prevent homelessness.

**Open Door Clinic.** Request: \$500. Ripton service: 10 individuals for 32 visits and case management services. Mission: provide free health care to low-income, uninsured, and under-insured town residents.

**Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District.** Request: \$48.84. Mission: to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment.

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).** Request: \$375. Ripton service: free income tax return preparation services, community meals sites, services by volunteer drivers, and Toys for Tots. Mission: recruit, place, train and support volunteers in non-profits organizations.

**Vermont Adult Learning.** Request: \$300.00. Ripton service: 2 individuals. Mission: to help adults achieve their educational goals through free, confidential programs.

**WomenSafe, Inc.** Request: \$1,000. Ripton service: at least 7 residents including parents of children exposed to violence. Mission: works toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change.



Removal of debris from the Middlebury River just below Ripton village following Irene.

## Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting February 28, 2011

The legal voters of Ripton met at the Community House on Monday February 28, 2011 to act upon articles 1-5 of the 2011 Town Warning. Approximately 75 people attended.

Moderator Joyce Dicianna welcomed us, read an invocation, reviewed procedures including the use of Robert's Rules of Order, and called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Ripton resident and state representative, Willem Jewett, was given the floor. Representative Jewett spoke of change in the governor's office, the economy, and opportunities for tourism, energy, and healthcare. He cited town meeting week as the most important week for legislators because they hear from voters about issues, and then asked for questions. Mac Cox requested elaboration about healthcare and Rep. Jewett's statement in his *Town Meeting Legislative Update*, "I will not trade a failing private system of health care finance for a failing publicly funded system." Rep. Jewett explained that he will not support change to a public system unless the cost curve of medical care is contained. Currently healthcare costs average \$700 per Vermonter per month, and increase annually at 2-4 times the rate of inflation. He is not interested in a public system that does the same. Charles Billings asked if Dr. Hsiao's system cited in the *Legislative Update* depends on federal waivers. The answer is not known and waivers are not available until 2014. Ed Sullivan asked for a timeframe for the transition to a new healthcare system, and Rep. Jewett replied, the sooner the better, but the earliest is the 2014 target date.

**Article 1:** Will the Town vote the sum of **\$671,791.00** to pay General Fund and Road expenses for the ensuing year, and pay outstanding orders and obligations of the Town, with interest, the tax rate of the 2011 Grand List to be determined by the Selectboard, divided as follows:

Roads, including winter work	\$386,550.00
General Fund	\$285,241.00
Total	\$671,791.00

Motion: Lawrence Miller Second: Carol Ford

**Discussion:** Selectboard chair, Laurie Cox, explained that the budget is relatively level-funded if grants are excluded. In 2011 grants will be used for repairs to Bridge 16, the first bridge on Natural Turnpike; work on the Lincoln Road; and signs on the Lincoln Road because of a state change in sign requirements. Charles Billings asked what is to be done to Bridge 16. Selector and road commissioner, Ron Wimett, explained that the work has been anticipated for several years and is based on a study by Phelps Engineering. Concrete posts will be removed and weathered w-beam guardrail installed, beams will be scraped and painted, and abutment work done. The beams are in good shape, and the work will be similar to that done to the Sand Hill Bridge in East Middlebury. Ms. Cox noted the completion of the Goshen Road bridge project, not done at the town's expense. This led to a discussion of USFS projects.

Nola Kevra asked about USFS projects on Natural Turnpike and expressed concern about heavy truck traffic and damage to roads, and whether or not the USFS helps pay to repair and maintain our roads. Ron Wimett, Laurie Cox, and Tim Hanson spoke about USFS funded projects on town and USFS roads in Ripton, including 2010 funding of projects on Brooks, Goshen, and Steammill Roads, and payments in lieu of taxes. Charles Billings asked if the USFS has given the town privileges to remove gravel from its new pit. Mr. Wimett explained that the pit is still in the planning stage, but the town is likely to get an amount of gravel per year. The advantage of nearby access to gravel in case of flooding was mentioned by Ms. Cox.

David Disque asked for summary of costs and amount owed for the 2008 floods. Laurie Cox spoke of the bond approved two years ago, and Ron Wimett directed people to its breakdown on page 12 of town report. Ms. Cox estimated the total cost to the town at about \$275,000; Mr. Wimett added that FEMA paid about 80% of the repair cost of the first flood, and 65-75% of the second. Mr. Disque summarized that \$275,000 is 20-25% of the total cost.

Mike Hussey asked for a clarification of an \$80,000 variance in the cost of the 2010 river stabilization project. Ms. Cox explained that some reimbursement was received in January 2011 so is not included, and that a bit more money is anticipated for planting.

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Ms. Cox summarized other budget and upcoming items including: a new furnace in the community house and potential need for one at the town office, roof repair at the back of the town office, and repairs to its upstairs back room, a new vault door, painting of the community house in 2010 and town office in 2009, and reappraisal expenses in 2010-2011. The work and related budget increase of the new delinquent tax collector, Kathleen Sullivan, was described. An increase in the assistant town clerk budget for hours to help with computerization of records and cross-training was explained.

Charles Martin asked why the school generator expense is in the town budget, and it was answered that the school is a town emergency shelter.

Tim Hanson called the question.

### **Article 1 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 2:** Will the Town vote the sum of **\$31,100.00** to Ripton Fire and Rescue to help pay the Fire Department and First Response expenses for the year?

Motion: Lawrence Miller Second: Barry King

**Discussion:** Chief Erik Eriksen described a few topics from 2010: several road closings that necessitated emergency coverage provided by other towns and by equipping property owners, the Fire Cadet Academy attended by Gwynneth Alexander and offered again in July 2011, and the purchase of a new rescue vehicle from Brandon noting appreciation of the new truck's lettering by Mountain Signs of Ripton. Joyce Henderson asked why the town voted \$23,000 for the department last year but is asked to approve \$31,000 this year. It was answered that in 2010 there was a \$7,000+ carryover from 2009 that reduced the request to the town, otherwise the budgets are nearly identical. Bonnie DeGray asked if there is long-range planning for or concern about emergency response time when the Sand Hill Bridge is replaced. Chief Eriksen hoped that the bridge will be shut down and fixed quickly. Andrea Chesman asked if he was saying that if the bridge was shut for a year there would be no negative effect on emergency response. The answer was yes; that Lower Plains Road would serve as a detour, that there are always things that may affect response time and we cannot plan for everything.

Joyce Henderson called the question.

### **Article 2 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 3:** Will the Town have current property taxes collected by the Treasurer with a tax due date of Thursday, November 3, 2011?

Motion: Erik Eriksen Second: Rick Klein

No discussion .

### **Article 3 passed by voice vote.**

**Article 4:** Will the Town vote to add two additional selectboard members to bring the selectboard to five members with the two new members to serve terms of two years with one initial term to be one year so that the two year terms will be staggered?

Motion: Charles Billings Second: Tim Hanson

**Discussion:** Robert Wagner asked for clarification about the division of terms. Laurie Cox explained that the selectboard did not initiate the article and looked to the floor for an answer. (The discussion diverted from the topic at this point and Mr. Wagner's question was addressed later in the meeting when raised again by Mike Hussey; for clarification, the response is provided here. The new positions would be two-year term positions, with the initial term of one new position to be one year and thereafter two years causing these new terms to be staggered. This means that with a five-member board, every year at town meeting two positions would come up for election – one two-year term position and one three-year term position. This is exactly as happens with the school board.)

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Andrea Chesman said that although she didn't initiate the petition, she would speak to the article. She said that she felt the main idea is that the workload is shared by more people. She further remarked that it seems to be very difficult to run against selectboard incumbents who are doing a good job, and that it results in a culture where we don't challenge our selectboard members and therefore don't get "new blood". She noted a similar thing happens with the school board where board members run for office though perhaps not intending to carry out their term, they resign soon after election and a new member is appointed; the result being a loss of democracy and openness. Ms. Chesman mused that the only explanation could be that we are all neighbors and don't like to go head to head in a public way, but that it's ultimately not healthy for the town to have the same people serve over and over again, and that anytime an opening comes up, it seems to be filled by appointment. Bill Ford and Dick Collitt spoke to the fact that the resignation of Mr. Ford a couple of years ago followed by the appointment of Mr. Collitt was not planned – Ms. Chesman said she understood that, further commenting that it was the first turnover in the board in 25 years. She concluded that for as long as she can remember there have been very few open elections in the school board and she would like to see us all have more courage to run for positions and it be more open. Lauren Slayton stated that her understanding of the petition when she signed it was that having five people instead of three gives us broader representation which answers to Andrea's comment regarding greater democracy. She also said that sometimes there's a conflict of interest as when Ron has to abstain because he works for the town and that then there are only two voters remaining; if there are more people and if one is too involved with a vote, there are more voters left to vote.

Barry King noted that the Weybridge selectboard is a five-member board and has not had an opposed election for many years. She also said that it is her experience as someone who often solicits volunteers that many people in town are willing to help, but she wonders whether many would step up to take charge though hoped that they would. Melvin Coddling commented that he has worked for a few towns in the county and finds that he has better luck working for three-member boards than for five-member boards. Erik Eriksen said that it made no sense to him to have a larger board in Ripton, that three seem to be doing a fine job.

Charles Billings commented that he would hope the selectboard would feel a great relief to have the addition of two members to help them out, that it would be seen as a benefit; he wished to know their feelings about the situation. Ms. Cox said that she's thought about it a lot and can see where that could be the case, that it would be of help. She further said that one advantage to a three-person board is that they have almost always, with very few exceptions, come to consensus and that's because with only three people, you have to; the last thing you want when there's only three of you is a split board. She reiterated that they are three different people with different points of view and so don't come at everything identically, but have to work to make consensus happen. Ms. Cox contacted VLCT for data regarding this issue, and received a list of towns of similar size and situation; some of those have five-member boards though most do not. She stated that personally, she feels that the three-member board has been working, acknowledging that she and Ron have been on for a long time. She related that when she first took office - at the same time as two other members and the town clerk, Tim Hanson, who served as the clerk of the selectboard at that time - they had joked that they would all serve 25 years and leave simultaneously; they later realized this would not be a favor to the town. Ms. Cox further noted that things are vastly more complicated now than they were 25 years ago. She noted that the board recently managed to move Bill Ford on and imagines that the board could manage to see more changes in the not-so-distant future. Mr. Billings asked if that then spoke in favor of having five people on the board, because it would be a disaster if two members left at the same time; that a five-member board would provide more continuity as members move on. Ron Wimett asked Mr. Billings, in his role as a town historian, whether Ripton had ever had a five-member selectboard and the response was, no. Mr. Wimett then said "if it ain't broke, why try to fix it?" Mr. Billings agreed that it has worked pretty well because people have sacrificed to stay on.

Bill Ford, former selectboard chair, said he would like to address the issue raised earlier regarding the potential conflict of interest regarding Ron Wimett as board member who is also appointed road commissioner and his company, Maiden Lane Contractors, is hired by the selectboard to maintain town roads. Mr. Ford said that in the early years when he was on the board with Laurie and Ron, the perception of a conflict was of concern to them. He noted that every few years the board would analyze town reports from towns of similar size and road mileage and it was found that our cost per mile of road was equal to or less than cost per mile for similar towns. Mr. Ford concluded that he feels we are well served by Maiden Lane Contractors and tend to get value for our dollars.

Michael Seligmann said that it feels important to him to be better educated about the positives and the negatives rather than having anecdotal ideas and thoughts expressed. He suggested it would be helpful to find out from other towns that have made the shift from three to five members to see what their experience was. He further commented that one positive is that we wouldn't have to lose the people we have, but could still increase that sense of diversity. Ms. Cox said that she had

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hoped to get information from VLCT regarding other towns' experiences, but they didn't have it; and she hadn't called other selectboard members in other towns. Mr. Seligmann clarified that he was suggesting that we as citizens should be trying to get this information. Dick Collitt stated that he's lived in town for over 35 years and has taken interest in town government and how the selectboard works, and thinks the three-member board has managed the town extremely well; he feels that the current board is perfectly adequate and capable of doing the town's work and doesn't see any reason to have five people on the board.

Mac Cox suggested that instead of increasing board membership, that if what we want is better representation, we could set term limits where a person could serve, say, four terms consecutively and then lay out for two terms before running again. He noted that this would allow other people to run without complicating the decision making process, further commenting that more people in the process don't necessarily result in better decisions. Bill McKibben stated that democracy is a great virtue, but efficiency also, and given that things seem to be running well, offered that the most prudent and conservative option is to keep things as they are. He said that it's good to know that this alternative is available should the town ever want a change. Jerry Shedd asked if the number of board members is defined in a bylaw or charter that would need to be modified, or if we can do it with a vote, and commented that there are budgetary implications since there is a stipend involved. Peter Karpak, clerk to the selectboard, said he couldn't recall exactly but that he believed that the number could be changed by a vote and Ms. Cox agreed. Erik Eriksen said the current three-year terms serve as term limits but that nobody votes them out. Bill Pierce said that he had researched board member numbers when he was chair of the planning commission and recalled that the town has full flexibility on the change from three to five members.

Lawrence Miller asked how many people routinely show up to participate at selectboard meetings. Ms. Cox answered, not many unless they have a particular piece of business. Mr. Miller offered the observation that he'd been on boards where participants had to be drafted to fill out the numbers and it's not very effective to run a board that way. Charles Billings agreed that the three-member board has been effective because we have people on the board who are long-term residents, but that's not always the case today as people move quite often. He referred to Ms. Cox's previous comment about things being vastly more complicated today and suggested that it's a benefit that two new members could train alongside longer serving members.

The question was called by Chuck Martin, but voters wished for further discussion.

(Bill Ford asked about the term lengths at this time, but this question has been answered in these minutes at the beginning of this discussion. Mr. Ford, Tim Hanson, Joyce Dicianna, and Sally Hoyler contributed to the explanation.) Lauren Slayton asked if the article could be tabled, and Joyce Dicianna explained that procedure. Basically, it can be set aside but must be dealt with eventually; it is either set aside to a "date and time certain" or to a date and time to be determined later. Michael Seligmann asked if Mac Cox was proposing an amendment for term limits or just suggesting an idea to consider for the future. Mr. Cox answered that he was presenting it as an idea, that if a change to the selectboard is desired that it could be done with term limits and not by changing the number of members. He then asked if there were term limits in effect now stated in a town ordinance. Ms. Cox responded that there are term limits only in the sense that a board term lasts 3 years – there is no ordinance regarding term limits. Alison Joseph Dickinson noted that the specifics about how to do this are stated in Vermont statute (title 17 chapter 55) and this information is in an easy-to-find place – at the town office.

Mike Hussey noted that one of the initial concerns expressed earlier was that if Ron had to stand off from a decision because it was affecting something to do with roads, that would leave two people to make the decision and if it was a split decision, what is the current procedure to resolve this. Bill Ford answered (speaking from his time on the board) that board members talk to each other and reach a conclusion that satisfies the interest of the town, not the interest of the individual board members. Tim Hanson agreed and recalled a particular decision that took the board a year to consider, but they finally reached consensus – further noting that if it had been an emergency, they would have made a decision quickly. He said he doesn't know what it's like now, but assumes it is similar. He added that if residents have concerns, they should come to a meeting and the board will listen adding that if people don't want them [the selectboard] there, they should run against them. Charles Billings reiterated that it is not a matter of running against these people who have been doing a good job, but a matter of running with them to be part of the process; that it's important to have people in training so they can step up when needed. Ms. Cox said that they wouldn't be in training, that they would be on the board and would have to step up if someone had a medical emergency for instance. Mr. Billings asked how the board of Ms. Cox, Mr. Wimett and Mr. Ford - who became selectors at the same time - learned the job. Bill Ford said they relied on Tim Hanson, their clerk, who got them through their first year; that they all figured out how to run a municipality and survived.

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The moderator called the question.

After a voice vote, the moderator declared it appeared the nays have it. Ed Sullivan responded that the nays were louder but it may not be the case that there were more. Warren King requested a paper ballot, but then moved for a show of hands, which was seconded by Chuck Martin.

**Article 4 was defeated by a show of hands.**

**Article 5:** Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Chuck Martin referred to the capital budget fund on page 10 of the town report, and asked why there is no money in it. Selectors Laurie Cox and Ron Wimett responded that the fund was created, but they have not yet wanted to increase taxes to fund it.

Lisa Whitman, Ripton postmaster, wished to alert the town about post office closures. The postal service continues to try to close offices through various means, not solely by revenue, and though we fought this once, we may need to be proactive. She noted the importance of supporting our post office by doing our business there (purchasing stamps, mailing packages) rather than at other area post offices. A Wall Street Journal article about the topic will be available at the town office and on the town website at [www.riptonvt.org](http://www.riptonvt.org).

Mac Cox spoke in favor of a universal single payer health care system stating our money goes to retired executives and big corporations, the need to show support for Governor Shumlin's efforts, and he had pamphlets available.

Sue Collitt noted the town report appreciation of Hilda Billings. Hilda Billings stood to say thank you, remarking that everyone has always been good to her in this town and that we have a good, social community.

Bryan Alexander invited people to the Ripton Broadband Cooperative meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.

Robert Wagner announced he is hosting a Middlebury Community Television program, Prosper Vermont, and welcomed those who wish to be heard to be guests.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Motion: Chuck Martin Second: Richard Ruane

Approved by

Joyce Dicianna, Moderator

Laureen Cox, chair, Ronald Wimett and Richard Collitt  
Ripton Selectboard

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF RIPTON**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 5, 2012 at 7:30 pm**

The legal voters of the Town of Ripton are warned to meet at the Community House in Ripton on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to transact the following business:

**Article 1:** Will the Town vote the sum of **\$624,061.81** to pay General Fund and Road expenses for the ensuing year, and pay outstanding orders or obligations of the Town, with interest, the tax rate on the 2012 Grand List to be determined by the Selectboard, divided as follows:

<b>Roads, including Winter Work</b>	<b>\$353,350.00</b>
<b>General Fund Costs</b>	<b>\$270,711.81</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$624,061.81</b>

**Article 2:** Will the Town vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

**Article 3:** Will the Town vote the sum of \$31,600.00 to Ripton Fire and First Response to help pay Fire Department and First Response expenses for the year?

**Article 4:** Will the Town have current property taxes collected by the Treasurer with a tax due date of Thursday, November 8, 2012?

**Article 5:** Will the Town vote to reduce the property tax for the Silver Towers Camp owned and operated by Vermont Elks Association, Inc., to 33% of the total taxes that would be due?

**Article 6:** Shall the voters designate the Town of Ripton 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 or other municipal bill, as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et seq.), to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with Efficiency Vermont a) to administer the PACE program on behalf of the Town, and b) to provide financing for PACE participants provided that the financing requires no indebtedness to be incurred by the Town?

**Article 7:** In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the town urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of the passage of this measure?

**Article 8:** Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

**The Meeting will recess until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012 to act upon the following articles by Australian Ballot. Polls in the Ripton Town Office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Article 1:** To elect the following officers:

<b>Town Moderator</b> for a one year term	<b>Selector</b> for a three year term
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</b> for a one year term	<b>Constable</b> for a one year term
<b>Town Agent</b> for a one year term	<b>Town Grand Juror</b> for a one year term
<b>Agent to Convey Real Estate</b> for a one year term	<b>Lister</b> for a three year term

**Article 2:** To approve or disapprove the following allocations from the General Fund. The total amount to be allocated is **\$14,331.84**.

Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects	\$ 170.00
Addison County Home Health and Hospice	\$ 583.00
Addison County Humane Society	\$ 750.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	\$ 600.00
Addison Central Teens (ACT)	\$ 1,500.00
Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR)	\$ 1,355.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$ 750.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$ 1,200.00
Elderly Services	\$ 600.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)	\$ 2,750.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$ 400.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$ 1,400.00
Open Door Clinic	\$ 500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$ 48.84
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	\$ 375.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 300.00
WomenSafe, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,331.84</b>

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt

Selectboard for the Town of Ripton  
January 30, 2012

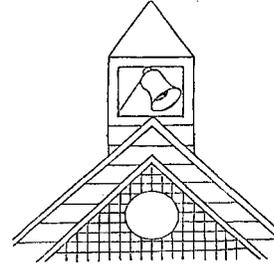
# ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT

## MARCH 6, 2012

**Instructions to voters:** To vote for a person whose name is on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square to the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

<p><b>Moderator</b> (Town &amp; School) for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Joyce Dicianna ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Lister</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Bruce Malhotra ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Selector</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Ronald Wimett ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Kathleen Sullivan ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>School Director</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Carol Ford ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Town Agent</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Chris Smith ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>School Director</b> for a 2 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Amy McGlashan ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Grand Juror</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Richard "Kim" Kimler ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>School Director</b> for a 3 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Chris Lacey ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Laura Murphy McIntosh ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Constable</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Chris Smith ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p><b>Agent to Convey Real Estate</b> for a 1 year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Willem Jewett ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ (Write in) ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

## RIPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



This has been a year of exciting changes and new faces. We welcomed our new principal, Tracey Harrington, in July and have welcomed fifteen new students into our classrooms since September: three in pre-kindergarten, two in first, one in second, three in third, one in fourth, one in fifth, and four in sixth grade. We are pleased to report our student numbers are up to 49 students, eight of whom are tuition students from Goshen, Hancock and Granville.

All of our teachers and support staff returned from last year, and we are in the process of hiring an additional classroom teacher for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, who will work through the remainder of the school year to address the unanticipated growth in the 5/6 room. The Ripton School remains dedicated to offering students unique, and creative learning opportunities in small groups, with individualized attention and support.

We have introduced an After School Program for students three days a week, this year, which has proven hugely successful. The program is serving children of working parents as well as providing academic and social supports for any student interested in participating. An average of fifteen students participate each day. We are grateful for federal grant money which helped make this first year of the program possible.

Our School Action Plan for the current year has three goals, 1) Improved student performance in core academic areas of reading and math, 2) Improved student performance in writing, and 3) Successful implementation of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) curriculum within the larger Vermont Integrated Instruction Model of social and academic student support.

**Literacy and Math:** We have revised the daily schedule to allow each class a full hour block of math and literacy each morning. Literacy has many components including daily opportunities to read independently, read common texts in small groups, practice grammar, vocabulary and spelling (both individually and through the reading of literature and informational text) and, of course, write. The teachers and some staff have received training in the John Collins Writing Program through the supervisory union's professional development initiatives. This program provides ideas, strategies and action steps to making writing more frequent, more focused and more effective. Gary Chadwell has been hired by the supervisory union to train teachers and staff across ACSU, and we are looking forward to seeing him at Ripton Elementary for some sample lessons and teacher training this February. We have also been fortunate to work closely with Laura King, ACSU Literacy Specialist, throughout the first half of the school year. Laura has devoted two days a week to working in our classrooms and supporting our teachers around effective literacy block planning and instruction.

Our kindergarten through fifth grade teachers continue to teach math using the Bridges curriculum, which has been a consistent instructional tool throughout the supervisory union for the last four years. Teachers are gradually receiving the Best Practices in Mathematics training and we look forward to making a whole-school commitment to Best Practices implementation and instruction in the 2012/2013 school year. The Common Core State Standards are set to replace the Vermont

Framework of Standards in the coming year, so teachers and staff have begun to explore these new content standards and discuss their impact on our instruction and units of study.

**Way to Bee at RES:** The principal and three staff members attended the VT Department of Education's week long BEST Institute this summer where they began to develop this year's Way to Bee! social curriculum outlined by PBiS. The research-based program is designed to reduce student problem behaviors through the frequent, timely and specific recognition of positive student behaviors. This year's school-wide expectations are to Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard and Work Together. It has provided a structure for Ripton Elementary to establish clear expectations for student behavior, consequences for problem behavior, as well as opportunities for class-based and school-wide celebrations of positive behaviors. We have been approved to attend the BEST Institute again in 2012 as the school moves into Phase II of implementation of this program.

We continue to follow a model of integrated theme study in the afternoons. These theme studies allow teachers and students opportunities to learn science and social studies, as well as practice writing, art, exploration and experimentation in the context of a broad topic. Our themes this year include, "Our Town; communities in and around Ripton," "One World," and "Cycles and Patterns." Our first theme saw students studying the forest communities around the school, the history of Ripton's earliest and most influential residents, as well as Vermont's role in the lead-up to and outcome of the American Revolution. We look forward to our winter theme, during which we will explore world cultures and traditions through art, music, poetry and visits to culturally rich Burlington area schools. We look forward to our Artist-in-Residency toward the end of this second theme study.

We are very grateful to FORS for their support with our Ridge Run this fall, and the many additional fundraisers they have coordinated to support our school. We appreciate the support of parents and community members in the school garden, at the Community Thanksgiving Feast, as well as at special events and field trips. We are especially grateful for the support we received for our two successful Pizza Bake fundraisers held to support area causes. We were able to donate over \$550 to the Rochester School for recovery assistance after Tropical Storm Irene, and \$510 to HOPE for their holiday gifts for kids programs. We look forward to baking and selling more flatbreads once the snow thaws out in the spring!

As some community members know, an ACSU Study Committee was formed in 2010 to study governance issues in the Addison Central Supervisory Union. A key component of the study committee's mission is to "engage members of the public in a way that fosters informed decisions and community ownership of outcomes." We are in the process of planning Ripton's community wide forum to discuss critical questions about the future of the Ripton School and how to best educate Ripton students, K-12. The results from all the town forums will be shared at a summit in late May, and will inform the Study Committee's recommendations regarding any subsequent actions or ballot questions. The Study Committee feels strongly that the key to a successful recommendation is receiving feedback from as many members of the member communities as possible. Ripton School Board member Amy McGlashan has been Ripton's representative on the Committee and is coordinating our community engagement process.

Each of us plays a vital role in the education and development of our Ripton children and youth; thank you again for your support of our students at Ripton Elementary School.

**The Staff and School Board of the Ripton Elementary School**

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Tracey Harrington	Principal
Melissa Giroux	PreK and Kindergarten Teacher
Charlotte Holmquist	Grades 1 and 2 Teacher
Susan Ogilvie	Grades 3 and 4 Teacher
Sara Lesperance	Grade 5 Teacher
Charles McCarthy	Grades 5 and 6 Teacher
Cathy Clarke	Physical Education Teacher
Terry Close	Speech/Language Pathologist
Alysia Duncanson	Learning Specialist
Linda Kautzman*	Library/Media Director
Christine Jenkins*	Art Teacher
Sarah Metcalf*	Music Teacher
Wendy Whaley-Sauder*	Guidance Counselor
Barbara Thompson-Snow*	School Nurse
Jorene Doria	Classroom Paraprofessional
Sarah Harrison Lynn	Classroom and Speech/Language Paraprofessional and First Aid Designee
Nancy Whittemore	Classroom Paraprofessional
Julie Allen	Meals Program Director
Geoffrey Booth	Custodian
Wendy Leeds	Administrative Assistant
Angela Scavo	After School Program Director
Marty Whittemore	Bus Driver

\*Shared District Personnel



Mrs. Doria shares volcanic rocks from her trip to Alaska.

## **RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-2012 PreK-12 ENROLLMENT**

### **PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

Charlotte Christner  
Addison Dunakin  
McKenna Raymond

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Molly Allen  
Kaylee Dutton  
Baxter Harrington  
Will Maheu  
Eric Poploski

### **GRADE 1**

Maggie Christner  
Audrey Dutton  
Clyde Malhotra  
Abigayle Pierro  
Jacob Terrien  
Jack Trudeau

### **GRADE 2**

Alyza Alger  
Mollee Coddling  
Phoebe Hussey  
Logan Pierro  
Natalie Steadman  
Henry Swan

### **GRADE 3**

Jack Christner  
Camille Malholtra  
Colby Pierro  
Henry Wagner

### **GRADE 4**

Kyle Booska  
Kelsey Buteau  
Timothy Goettelmann  
Rosemary Maheu

### **GRADE 5**

Tristan Durante  
Nanja Horning  
Justin Jackson  
Wesley Miller  
Ethan Poploski  
Joshua Randall  
Taylor Sylvester  
Harley Williams

### **GRADE 6**

Ella Beattie  
Alyson Chione  
Cade Christner  
Paul Deering  
John David Goettelmann  
Scherina Havens  
Thomas Hussey  
Abigail Jewett  
Emma Jones  
Kayli Manning  
Lauren Sylvester  
Andre Trudeau

### **GRADE 7**

Owain Alexander  
Ryan Cook  
Bryce Kowalczyk  
Sully Swearingen  
Hannah Williams

### **GRADE 8**

Keith Charbonneau  
Sebastian Durante  
Harlee Gero  
Justin Seguin  
Jesse Trudeau

### **GRADE 9**

Jordan Coddling  
Jennifer Cyr  
Jessica Cyr  
Alec Jones  
Brendan Mulholland

### **GRADE 10**

Justina Baker  
Jacob Coddling  
Jeffrey Cook  
Naina Horning  
Anneke Jewett  
Yared Lacey  
Peter Manning  
Gabrio McCarty  
Sarah Miller

### **GRADE 11**

Gwynneth Alexander  
Lydia Allen  
Nathan Billings  
Hannah Osborne  
Ashley Smith  
Katelyn Williams  
Nathaniel Wulfman

### **GRADE 12**

Grace Carter  
Britta Clark  
Michelle DeRosier  
Yibekal Lacey  
Peter Lewis  
Cody McGlashan  
Malcolm Mulholland  
Eben Schumacher  
Austin Wyrocki  
Miles Zwicky

## FRIENDS OF RIPTON SCHOOL

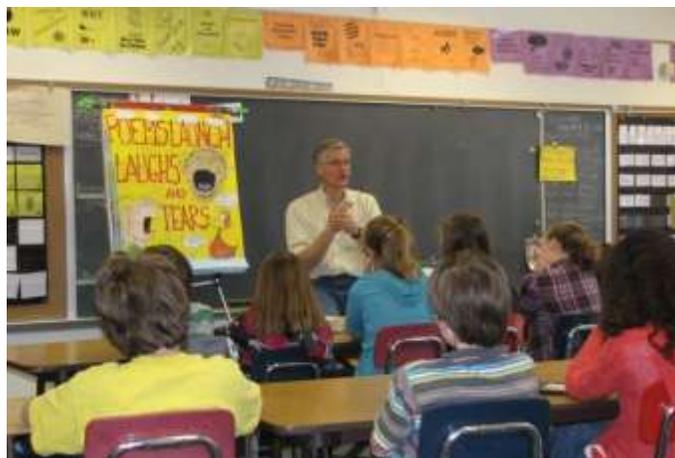
Friends of the Ripton School (FORS) is a group of volunteers who work together to make the Ripton Elementary School the best it can be. We organize fund-raising and other events at the school and in the community. This past year FORS fully or partially funded a variety of activities and events including: a week of the Revels Kids artist in residency, 5/6 class trip, 5/6 week at Keewaydin, basketball jerseys, teacher supplies, field trips, Ripton Summer Day Camp.

**FORS mission statement:** The Friends of Ripton School provide the Ripton Elementary School support through volunteering and funding to enhance and enrich the school environment by facilitating academic programs, extracurricular activities, events, and materials, which are designed to meet the expectations and changing needs of the school throughout and beyond the academic school year.

FORS meets bi-monthly to plan events, approve funding requests, and discuss a variety of issues. Members are typically parents of Ripton Elementary School students, **however, we cordially invite all interested community members to join us.** We know Ripton is rich with diversely talented people who might be interested in spending time at the school, and we welcome your interest and involvement at any level. Some examples of participation have included; the community garden, pottery, reading a story, helping at recess, driving for field trips, cooking, art projects, singing, dancing, and teaching martial arts. The school belongs to the community, and we warmly invite you to experience the happenings at Ripton Elementary. **Also, FORS greatly appreciates and thanks all those involved in the Ripton Ridge Run** (see report on the Ridge Run below contributed by Barry King).

For more information contact FORS chairperson, Lisa Whitman, at [wht78vette@hotmail.com](mailto:wht78vette@hotmail.com) or 388-0147. For a weekly calendar of school events via email, contact Wendy Leeds at [wleeds@addisoncentralsu.org](mailto:wleeds@addisoncentralsu.org).

**Ripton Ridge Run report:** The Ripton Ridge Run is the major fund-raiser for FORS. In 2011, the event raised over \$6000. The Ridge Run is truly a community affair with dozens of Ripton adults and students running, walking or volunteering at the event. The first place finishers in the 5K run were both graduates of the Ripton Elementary School, Miles Zwicky and Jennifer Cyr who also won the Women's 5K in 2010. In addition to parents, teachers and students (from Ripton Elementary and North Branch Schools,) over 60 adult volunteers helped out. There is always a need for more people to assist, either beforehand or on race day. Contact Barry King at 388-4082 or talk with Wendy Leeds at school for information about volunteering or participating in this year's gala 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event, Sunday, October 7, 2012.



Ted Scheu, the Poetry Guy, conducts a writing workshop.

## **RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NARRATIVE**

In lieu of footnotes, this year we have written a narrative that explains each of the key points of the budget. Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the success of our school.

To begin, our initial interpretation of Vermont's Act 82 and announcement of the need for two votes was in error. The original budget calculations did not reflect expenses that are deductible from the Act 82 formula. Consequently, we do not need to hold two votes because our estimated spending is below the state threshold.

The proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year includes the following:

- The budget calls for a 5.4% increase in expenses. However, due to the fact that we anticipate an increase in revenues as well, the total estimated education spending is actually 0.05% less than the estimated 2011-2012 amount.
- 1100 - Regular Programs, we have budgeted salaries for four classroom teachers, and one 0.2 Special Areas Teacher, the same as this year. We have budgeted for three classroom aides, also the same as the current year. The seemingly significant increase in aides' salaries is due to the proposed cut from the 2011-2012 budget of one full time aide. After Town Meeting in 2011, that position was reinstated, and funds were approved through a special article.
- Our proposal to add a 0.2 FTE position to teach Spanish was rejected last year at Town Meeting, in order to maintain the classroom aide position instead. We continue to support the addition of a Spanish program to the school, however, so have again budgeted for a language program one day a week in 2012-2013.
- Health insurance rates are projected to go up by approximately 5% for 2012-2013. The larger increase in the proposed budget (1100-210) is due to a change in employee status from a single, to two-person or family plan. The increase in Municipal Retirement (1100-240), which is based on salaries of non-professional employees, is due to an adjustment in the classification of paraprofessionals from Special Education to Regular Programs.
- 1102 - Guided Study, we have included the costs of our After School Program which runs three days a week until 5:15 pm and currently serves an average of 15 Ripton students (roughly 12 families).
- 1200 - Special Education, we are budgeting for a 0.3 FTE Special Educator, the same as previous years. The Special Education Aides' salaries are reduced from 1.4 FTE to 1.2 FTE as personnel duties are reassigned.

- 1200-338 The EEE Tuition (more appropriately, Assessment), is Ripton's portion of a program serving at-risk students ages three and four. Federal Stimulus Funds were used to reduce the assessment in the 2011-2012 school year, but are no longer available.
- Remaining areas of Support Services, Guidance, Health, Media Services, Technology, Board of Education, Treasurer, and ACSU Assessment all reflect the costs of maintaining services at the same level for another year.
- In the spring of 2011, the board decided to grant the school secretary a salary adjustment to ensure her remuneration (wage) would be comparable to other Supervisory Union employees doing similar work. The proposed 2012-2013 budget reflects a 3% increase over the adjusted salary amount for the current year.
- 5310-930 - Food Service Subsidy has been adjusted to reflect our experience in the current school year.

**FEDERALLY FUNDED SERVICES  
to Ripton Students  
2011-2013**

<u>Service</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Anticipated* 2012-2013</u>
Tier 2 Academic Services	\$5,040	\$5,000
Writing Inservice	\$500	\$1,600
Math Inservice	\$10,995	\$3,700
Reading Software	2,801	2,800
Progress Monitoring Software	1,326	1,300
Extended School Year Services	\$1,073	\$1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,735</b>	<b>\$15,500</b>

Federal Funds Include: Title I, Title IIA, IDEA-B and Medicaid

\*These dollar amounts are anticipated. Actual amounts will not be determined until the summer of 2012 and may vary. There are a number of determining factors that come into play when allocating funds.

**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET**

	<b>BUDGET 2010-11</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010-11</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011-12</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2012-13</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>					
110 Salaries - Teachers	199,123	181,035	184,000	196,241	
112 Salaries - Aides	32,167	35,714	24,016	33,797	
115 Salary - Spanish	0	0	10,000	12,500	
118 Early Separation	10,379	10,379	10,379	0	
120 Substitutes	2,500	3,038	3,000	3,000	
210 Health Insurance	59,022	52,590	43,814	60,605	
220 Social Security	18,679	16,954	17,702	17,598	
230 Life Insurance	255	185	243	213	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,287	1,604	496	1,352	
270 Course Reimbursement	3,000	2,478	3,000	3,000	
280 Dental Insurance	1,680	1,607	1,648	2,149	
290 Disability Insurance	656	477	572	664	
320 Professional Services	500	1,340	500	500	
321 Pre-K Contracted Services	1,275	2,540	0	0	
430 Repair & Maintenance	3,200	2,301	2,500	2,500	
610 Supplies	4,000	3,608	4,000	4,000	
640 Books & Periodicals	1,500	1,256	1,500	1,500	
650 A.V. Materials	200	72	200	100	
660 Manipulatives	1,200	660	800	800	
730 Equipment	200	170	200	200	
800 Field Trips	600	880	1,000	600	
900 Salary Reimbursement	0	(350)	0	0	
901 Benefits Reimbursement	0	(27)	0	0	
<b>1100 Total</b>	<b>\$341,423</b>	<b>\$318,512</b>	<b>\$309,570</b>	<b>\$341,319</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>1102 GUIDED STUDY</b>					
115 Salary - Guided Study	0	0	0	6,500	
220 Social Security	0	0	0	497	
610 Supplies	0	0	0	1,500	
<b>1102 Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,997</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>1190 SHARED PERSONNEL</b>					
320 Shared Personnel	26,724	24,555	27,975	25,318	
<b>1190 Total</b>	<b>\$26,724</b>	<b>\$24,555</b>	<b>\$27,975</b>	<b>\$25,318</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>
<b>1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>					
110 Salary - Teacher	15,129	12,412	11,904	12,596	
112 Salaries - Aides	23,423	23,234	27,832	24,623	
210 Health Insurance	7,401	4,864	8,703	7,889	
220 Social Security	2,949	2,248	3,040	2,847	
230 Life	18	0	18	0	
240 Municipal Retirement	937	607	1,113	985	
270 Course Reimbursement	200	0	200	200	
290 Disability	50	0	39	44	
321 Contracted Services	700	0	0	0	

	<b>BUDGET 2010-11</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010-11</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011-12</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2012-13</b>	<b>Change</b>	
338	EEE Tuition	8,522	8,522	5,927	9,766	
580	Mileage	0	80	100	100	
610	Supplies	300	300	200	200	
	<b>1200 Total</b>	<b>\$59,629</b>	<b>\$52,266</b>	<b>\$59,076</b>	<b>\$59,250</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES - REGULAR</b>						
322	Contracted Speech Service	2,250	700	2,000	2,000	
330	Psychological Services	200	0	200	200	
331	Occupational Therapy	600	78	200	200	
332	Physical Therapy	1,500	0	200	200	
	<b>2100 Total</b>	<b>\$4,550</b>	<b>\$778</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>2105 SUPPORT SERVICES - SPECIAL</b>						
322	Contracted Speech Services	4,550	5,700	4,550	4,550	
330	Psychological Services	200	0	200	200	
331	Occupational Therapy	300	488	1,000	1,000	
332	Physical Therapy	700	0	500	500	
	<b>2105 Total</b>	<b>\$5,750</b>	<b>\$6,188</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>2120 GUIDANCE</b>						
320	Shared Personnel	25,502	25,296	25,985	26,701	
	<b>2120 Total</b>	<b>\$25,502</b>	<b>\$25,296</b>	<b>\$25,985</b>	<b>\$26,701</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>2130 HEALTH</b>						
320	Shared Personnel	14,199	14,231	13,647	14,906	
430	Equipment Repair	70	0	0	0	
730	Equipment	50	0	50	50	
	<b>2130 Total</b>	<b>\$14,319</b>	<b>\$14,231</b>	<b>\$13,697</b>	<b>\$14,956</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>2220 MEDIA SERVICE</b>						
110	Salary	19,595	19,749	19,987	21,148	
210	Health Insurance	6,291	6,201	6,387	6,366	
220	Social Security	1,499	1,511	1,529	1,618	
230	Life Insurance	24	24	24	21	
270	Course Reimbursement	200	0	100	100	
280	Dental Insurance	168	160	165	206	
290	Disability Insurance	65	61	66	61	
430	Equipment Repair	50	0	0	0	
580	Travel	0	0	50	50	
610	Supplies	200	195	100	100	
640	Books & Periodicals	1,600	1,394	1,600	1,200	
650	A.V. Materials	200	0	200	200	
730	Equipment	50	0	50	50	
810	Dues and Fees	100	171	100	100	
	<b>2220 Total</b>	<b>\$30,042</b>	<b>\$29,466</b>	<b>\$30,358</b>	<b>\$31,220</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>2250 TECHNOLOGY</b>						
430	Equipment Repair	200	150	200	150	
530	Internet Access	1,750	2,520	4,000	4,000	
600	Filtering Device	100	0	0	0	

	<b>BUDGET 2010-11</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010-11</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011-12</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2012-13</b>	<b>Change</b>
670 Software	200	64	0	0	
730 Equipment	3,000	5,530	3,000	3,000	
<b>2250 Total</b>	<b>\$5,250</b>	<b>\$8,263</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>	<b>\$7,150</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
<b>2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>					
119 Board Salaries	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	
220 Social Security	103	103	103	103	
250 Workers' Compensation	2,508	2,481	2,630	2,630	
260 Unemployment	200	3,049	3,112	3,171	
310 Payroll Service	1,442	1,497	1,513	1,527	
360 Legal Fees	200	311	200	200	
370 Audit	2,835	3,000	3,000	3,000	
810 Dues & Fees	850	700	850	850	
891 Miscellaneous	200	29	200	200	
<b>2310 Total</b>	<b>\$9,688</b>	<b>\$12,521</b>	<b>\$12,958</b>	<b>\$13,031</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>2313 TREASURER</b>					
110 Salary	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	
220 Social Security	84	84	84	84	
610 Supplies	50	0	50	50	
<b>2313 Total</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>\$1,184</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>2320 ACSU ASSESSMENT</b>					
331 Administration	32,765	32,765	32,677	34,234	
333 Prof. Dev./Student Assessment	731	731	702	788	
334 Technical Support	10,157	10,157	10,761	10,625	
335 Student Information System	534	534	301	0	
336 Insurance Pool	94	94	96	95	
337 Advertising Assessment	1,256	1,256	441	305	
339 Special Education	3,303	3,303	3,169	2,996	
<b>2320 Total</b>	<b>\$48,840</b>	<b>\$48,840</b>	<b>\$48,147</b>	<b>\$49,043</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE</b>					
110 Salary- Principal	43,447	43,447	44,316	45,644	
111 Salary - Secretary	18,703	18,703	19,077	22,034	
210 Health Insurance	9,748	6,092	9,896	6,574	
220 Social Security	4,754	4,728	4,850	5,177	
230 Life Insurance	215	134	219	181	
240 Municipal Retirement	748	748	763	881	
245 Administrative Retirement	434	0	443	0	
270 Course Reimbursement	1,260	900	1,600	1,200	
280 Dental Insurance	252	0	247	247	
290 Disability Insurance	143	124	146	160	
295 Volunteer Criminal Check Fees	100	0	50	50	
530 Communications/Postage	500	435	500	500	
580 Faculty/Staff Travel	500	424	500	500	
610 Supplies	100	0	100	100	
640 Books & Periodicals	100	72	50	50	
810 Dues & Fees	275	564	500	500	

	<b>BUDGET 2010-11</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010-11</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011-12</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2012-13</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>2410 Total</b>	<b>\$81,280</b>	<b>\$76,373</b>	<b>\$83,257</b>	<b>\$83,798</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>2600 MAINTENANCE</b>					
110 Salary	31,201	31,873	25,056	25,808	
112 Water Testing Salary	0	600	0	0	
210 Health Insurance	6,167	6,115	6,261	6,574	
220 Social Security	2,387	2,374	1,917	1,974	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,248	1,275	1,002	1,032	
331 E-Rate Contracted Svc	180	0	180	180	
340 Water Testing	1,200	348	500	500	
421 Disposal Services	350	323	300	325	
422 Snow Plowing	3,300	3,285	3,000	3,000	
424 Lawn Mowing	3,200	3,455	3,200	3,200	
430 Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	1,779	3,700	3,700	
490 Contract Services	200	0	100	100	
521 Property/Liability Insurance	4,283	4,210	4,378	4,378	
522 Volunteer Insurance	217	217	225	225	
530 Communication/Telephone	2,000	0	500	500	
610 Supplies	4,500	3,370	4,500	4,500	
622 Electricity	10,090	10,317	10,497	10,936	
623 Propane	6,500	11,217	8,400	11,000	
730 Equipment	100	0	60	60	
810 Dues & Fees	0	0	150	150	
<b>2600 Total</b>	<b>\$79,623</b>	<b>\$80,757</b>	<b>\$73,926</b>	<b>\$78,142</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>2700 TRANSPORTATION</b>					
510 Contracted Services	20,673	17,629	21,175	21,810	
511 Fuel Surcharge	1,539	737	1,539	1,539	
519 Field Trips	500	43	500	0	
<b>2700 Total</b>	<b>\$22,712</b>	<b>\$18,409</b>	<b>\$23,214</b>	<b>\$23,349</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>5310 FOOD SERVICE</b>					
930 Food Service Subsidy	7,000	11,257	10,000	5,000	
<b>5310 Total</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$11,257</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$763,567</b>	<b>\$729,043</b>	<b>\$735,446</b>	<b>\$775,360</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2012-13 ESTIMATED FINANCE**

	Budget 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12	Proposed 2012-13	Change
<b><u>Estimated Education Spending:</u></b>				
Elementary Budget	763,567	\$735,446	\$775,360	5.43%
Special Article - Playground Upgrade		\$0	10,000	
Special Article - Playing Field Fencing Barrier	940	-	0	
Special Article - To Capital Improvement Reserve	15,000	27,962	14,000	
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>779,507</b>	<b>763,408</b>	<b>\$799,360</b>	
<b>Less Anticipated Receipts</b>				
Special Education Block Grant	14,581	12,989	12,695	-2.26%
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	16,452	17,362	23,014	32.55%
Small Schools Grant	63,552	61,256	62,723	2.39%
Interest Income	600	350	350	0.00%
Transportation Aid	12,816	10,779	7,732	-28.27%
U. S. Forestry	22,742	20,264	19,000	-6.24%
E-rate Reimbursement	3,000	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Town Audit Reimbursement	2,835	3,000	0	-100.00%
Tuition	21,000	10,500	44,000	319.05%
Security Lights Project Balance	940	-	-	
Prior Year Fund Balance	31,740	37,962	41,198	8.52%
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>(190,258)</b>	<b>(176,962)</b>	<b>(213,212)</b>	20.48%
<b>Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>\$589,249</b>	<b>\$586,446</b>	<b>\$586,148</b>	-0.05%
<b><u>Tax Rate Estimates</u></b>				
<b>Equalized Pupils*</b>	42.98	40.42	40.01	-1.01%
<b>Estimated Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,710</b>	<b>\$14,509</b>	<b>\$14,650</b>	0.97%
<b>Est. Excess Spending Penalty Above Average Statewide</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending Per Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,710</b>	<b>\$14,509</b>	<b>\$14,650</b>	0.97%
<b>Adjustment for FY13 Spending above \$8,544/\$8,723 Base Per Pupil</b>	160.46%	169.81%	167.95%	-1.10%
<b>Base Homestead Equalized Tax Rate**</b>	\$0.86	\$0.870	\$0.890	2.30%
<b>Adjusted Total/Elementary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$1.380</b>	<b>\$1.477</b>	<b>\$1.495</b>	1.17%
<b>% Elementary pupils</b>	45.83%	44.66%	45.81%	2.58%
<b>Estimated Elementary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$0.632</b>	<b>\$0.660</b>	<b>\$0.685</b>	3.78%
<b>Adjusted Secondary Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$1.503</b>	<b>\$1.486</b>	<b>\$1.541</b>	3.70%
<b>% Secondary pupils</b>	54.17%	55.34%	54.19%	-2.08%
<b>Estimated Secondary Component of Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized</b>	<b>\$0.814</b>	<b>\$0.822</b>	<b>\$0.835</b>	1.54%
<b>Estimated Total Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized***</b>	<b>\$1.447</b>	<b>\$1.482</b>	<b>\$1.520</b>	2.54%
<b>Estimated Common Level of Appraisal****</b>	78.27%	77.44%	95.96%	23.92%
<b>Estimated Homestead Tax Rate*****</b>	<b>\$1.848</b>	<b>\$1.914</b>	<b>\$1.584</b>	-17.25%
<b>Base Non-Residential Equalized Tax Rate**</b>	\$1.35	\$1.360	\$1.380	1.47%
<b>Estimated Non Residential Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.725</b>	<b>\$1.756</b>	<b>\$1.438</b>	-18.11%

\* Equalized pupils are pre-kindergarten to Grade 6 average daily membership averaged over two years and weighted for poverty factors, and English proficiency.

\*\* As recommended by Tax Commissioner, and pending legislative action

\*\*\* Under Act 130, effective in FY 2008-09, elementary and secondary schools calculate spending per pupil and equalized education tax rates separately and are pro-rated by % of equalized pupils to towns.

\*\*\*\* Common Level of Appraisal, as determined by the state, adjusts for property values reported at less than fair market value.

\*\*\*\*\* Tax rate is estimated per \$100 of equalized value. One cent on tax rate equals approx. \$10 on \$100,000 value.

**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT**

<u>Date &amp; Amount of Original Bond</u>	<u>Indebtedness July 1, 2012</u>	<u>Principal Payment 2012-13</u>	<u>Interest Payment 2012-13</u>	<u>Balance of Unpaid Principal June 20, 2013</u>
Water Disinfection Planning - 2007 \$4,341	\$4,341	\$0	\$0	\$4,341
Water Disinfection Construction – 2008 Water Disinfection \$9,721	\$9,721	\$0	\$0	\$9,721

\*Water disinfection planning and construction loans are anticipated to be forgiven by the Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT REVENUES – FY 2010-2011**

Medicaid money is available each year as a reimbursement for some school-based services provided to students eligible for special education. The amount of money in any given fiscal year varies widely and is very difficult to project due to this variation. Because of this, ASCU utilizes funds generated from the previous fiscal year. For example, the Medicaid money utilized in FY2011 was generated during the 2009–2010 school year.

For FY2011, ACSU spent \$188,308.58 in Medicaid money on the following: .5 FTE Medicaid Clerk, a portion of a 1.0 FTE integration consultant, a portion of 1.6 FTE English as a Second Language Teachers, transportation and facilities maintenance for the ACSU early education program, some summer services, along with other services (i.e. tutoring) for at-risk students throughout the supervisory union. Various courses, conferences, in-service training, supplies, materials, and travel reimbursement were also included in the overall expenditures.

**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2010-11 FUND BALANCE**

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

Education Spending Revenue from Town & State	569,142.00
Education Spending Revenue from State - Stimulus \$	20,107.00
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	63,552.00
State Aid - Transportation Aid	11,825.00
Special Education - Block Grant	14,581.00
Special Education - Intensive & Extraordinary	25,106.00
U. S. Forestry	19,850.19
Interest Income	307.60
Regular Education Tuition	21,000.00
Town Audit Reimbursement	
Rental	4,200.00
E-Rate Reimbursement	4,146.68
Miscellaneous Income	2,677.40

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$756,494.87</b>
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**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Regular Programs	320,554.88
Guided Study/Tutorial	0.00
Shared Personnel	24,555.00
Special Education	52,265.86
Support Services	6,965.50
Guidance	25,295.76
Health Service	14,231.00
Media Services	29,465.76
Technology	8,263.39
Board of Education	13,471.81
Treasurer	1,184.16
ACSU Assessments	48,840.00
Principal's Office	76,372.78
Operations & Maintenance	80,756.97
Transportation	18,409.16
Prior Year Adjustment	147.80
Food Service	11,256.76
FY 2010 Fund Balance to Capital Reserve per 2/28/11 vote	27,962.00

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$759,998.59)</b>
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Excess Revenue over Expenditures	(\$3,503.72)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2010	54,702.21
General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance at June 30, 2011	\$51,198.49

Less Reserve:

For FY 2011-12 Tax Reduction	10,000.34
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<b>Adjusted General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance June 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$41,198.15</b>
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**RIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2010-11 FUND BALANCE**

Continued

<b><u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>	Beginning			
	Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Food Service Program	\$500.00	\$33,019.85	-\$31,170.01	\$2,349.84

<b><u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u></b>	Beginning			
	Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Capital Reserve *	79,991.55	27,962.00	0.00	107,953.55
Efficiency Vermont Rebate	2,788.02	0.00	0.00	2,788.02
Playing Fields	3,325.00	0.00	(1,640.84)	1,684.16
Playing Fields-voted 3/09	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Playing Field Fence-voted 3/10	939.69	0.00	0.00	939.69
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$87,444.26</b>	<b>27,962.00</b>	<b>(1,640.84)</b>	<b>\$113,765.42</b>

<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u></b>	Beginning			
	Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Library Fund	466.83	1,705.50	(731.53)	1,440.80
NC FCU Educator	15.57	0.00	0.00	15.57
Vt. Essential Early Education	0.00	5,209.00	(5,209.00)	0.00
ACSU IDEA-B	0.00	1,903.02	(1,903.02)	0.00
ACSU Title II	0.00	185.69	(185.69)	0.00
VAC Artist in Residence	0.00	1,500.00	(187.87)	1,312.13
ACSU VEHI Pathpoints	0.00	1,079.85	(1,079.85)	0.00
Artist in Residence Donation	1,102.13	330.00	(1,432.13)	0.00
VT Stars Award	1,150.00	0.00	0.00	1,150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,734.53</b>	<b>\$11,913.06</b>	<b>(10,729.09)</b>	<b>\$3,918.50</b>

\* Requires voter approval to spend funds

<b><u>DEBT FUND</u></b>	Beginning			
	Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Vt. Water Planning Loan	4,340.70	0.00	0.00	4,340.70
Vt. Water Construction Loan	9,711.96	0.00	0.00	9,711.96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,052.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$14,052.66</b>

District: **Ripton**  
County: **Addison**

**T167**  
**Addison Central**

Enter your choice for FY13 base education amount. See note at bottom of page. **8,723**  
Enter your choice for estimated homestead base rate for FY2013. See note at bottom of page. **0.89**

Expenditures		FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$810,350	\$779,507	\$763,408	\$775,360
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	\$24,000
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$810,350</b>	<b>\$779,507</b>	<b>\$763,408</b>	<b>\$799,360</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if <b>not</b> included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$810,350</b>	<b>\$779,507</b>	<b>\$763,408</b>	<b>\$799,360</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$49,043
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$145,589	\$190,258	\$176,962	\$213,212
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	na
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$145,589</b>	<b>\$190,258</b>	<b>\$176,962</b>	<b>\$213,212</b>
15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$664,761</b>	<b>\$589,249</b>	<b>\$586,446</b>	<b>\$586,148</b>
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	46.86	42.98	40.42	40.01
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,186.11</b>	<b>\$13,709.84</b>	<b>\$14,508.81</b>	<b>\$14,650</b>
18.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$879.21	-	-	-
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed or amount paid in tuition for those students	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$14,186	\$13,710	\$14,509	\$14,650
26.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$14,650 / \$8,723)</b>	<b>166.036%</b>	<b>160.462%</b>	<b>169.813%</b>	<b>167.947%</b>
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (167.947% x \$0.890)	\$1.4279	\$1.3800	\$1.4774	\$1.4947
28.	Percent of Ripton equalized pupils not in a union school district	48.210%	45.830%	44.660%	45.81%
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (45.810% x \$1.49)	\$0.6884	\$0.6325	\$0.6598	\$0.6847
30.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	<b>79.01%</b>	<b>78.27%</b>	<b>90.92%</b>	<b>95.96%</b>
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.685 / 95.96%)	\$0.8713	\$0.8081	\$0.7257	\$0.7135
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (167.947% x 1.80%)	2.99%	2.89%	3.06%	3.02%
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (45.810% x 3.02%)	1.44%	1.32%	1.37%	1.38%
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Middlebury UHSD	51.79%	54.17%	55.34%	54.19%
35.		-	-	-	-

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

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board  
 Ripton School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ripton School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Ripton School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ripton School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental and fiduciary fund of Ripton School District, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report on our consideration of Ripton School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considering in assessing the results of our audit.

**Ripton School District  
Combined Balance Sheet For All Fund Types  
June 30, 2011**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary	Fiduciary	Totals
	Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Enterprise Fund	Fund Type	Fund Type	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash	\$177,710		\$3,073	\$9,638		\$190,421
Accounts Receivable		2,831	879			3,710
Prepaid Expenses						0
Loan Receivable						0
Due From Other Funds	2,607	113,765				116,372
Total Current Assets	177,710	5,438	3,952	9,638		310,503
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$177,710</b>	<b>\$5,438</b>	<b>\$3,952</b>	<b>\$9,638</b>		<b>\$310,503</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>						
Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	\$8,460					\$8,460
Security Deposit Payable	\$500					500
Due to Other Funds	113,251	1,519	1,602			116,372
Amt Held for Agency Funds				9,638		9,638
Deferred Revenue	4,300					4,300
Total Liabilities	126,511	1,519	1,602	9,638		139,270
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balance, Unreserved	51,199					51,199
Fund Balance, Reserved		3,919				117,684
Retained Earnings			2,350			2,350
Total Fund Equity	51,199	3,919	2,350	0		171,233
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$177,710</b>	<b>\$5,438</b>	<b>\$3,952</b>	<b>\$9,638</b>		<b>\$310,503</b>

Note: Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets and balance of Audit Report are available at the Addison Central Supervisory Union office.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 5 and 32 through 37 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Angolano & Company  
Shelburne, Vermont  
Firm Registration Number 92-0000141



A volunteer student from the Hannaford Career Center.

## **ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury ID#4, Ripton, Salisbury,  
Shoreham, Weybridge, and Union District #3**

Dear ACSU Students, Parents and Citizens:

My year as your Supervisory Union Superintendent has been busy and interesting. Along with many other responsibilities, I have had the opportunity to attend approximately forty-five school board meetings since July 1, 2011. The discussions have almost always centered on what is best for our students, and are we making the best use of our resources.

Curriculum, student progress and behavior, teachers and teaching, buildings issues and transportation are routine topics for these meetings. During these next few months, our time and efforts will be focused more and more upon planning for next year.

I have been fortunate to serve our seven communities through this job of Superintendent. The faculty, staff and community volunteers have all made positive efforts to help our youth. Please join me in thanking our school directors for their great volunteer efforts to help our schools, our students and our community.

Dr. Gail B. Conley,  
Superintendent of Schools



Buddy reading allows older students to practice their skills.

**ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION  
PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET**

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
	<b><u>Spent</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u></b>			
Salaries	683,751	688,174	714,078
Health Insurance	103,208	105,263	124,623
Social Security	50,785	51,123	52,434
Life Insurance	2,161	2,786	2,895
Retirement	24,399	28,130	23,550
Workers Compensation	3,920	4,155	3,767
Unemployment	11,053	1,676	10,000
Dental	10,562	11,306	11,027
Disability	2,014	2,251	2,339
Inservice	0	1,100	1,100
Audit	2,809	2,830	3,090
Professional Services	51,537	5,315	5,295
Technology Support	4,761	5,044	4,934
Legal	5,419	2,500	3,000
Payroll/HR/Timeclock Software	3,663	4,685	1,928
CO Equipment Repairs	199	1,400	400
Copier Lease	5,785	6,285	6,475
Postage Meter Rental	1,049	1,514	1,514
Telephone	6,481	8,671	7,630
Postage	3,030	4,000	3,394
ACSU Schools Report	430	500	500
Star Awards	412	0	0
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	5,881	7,582	4,809
Superintendent-Overnight Stays	403	750	0
Office Supplies	9,905	14,000	9,000
Books	1,467	1,500	1,500
Central Office Software	304	1,000	1,000
Central Office Equipment	3,824	5,000	5,000
Conferences & Dues	9,983	9,500	9,000
Finance Overtime for Acctg. Software	2,921	1,563	0
Finance Temporary Acctg. Assistant	1,890	1,438	0
Social Security	636	230	0
Finance Professional Services	4,400	4,400	4,840
Finance Accounting System Support	13,082	18,226	16,634
Finance Office Server Software	10,400	10,154	10,154

	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
	<b><u>Spent</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Finance Office Server Equipment	8,307	8,307	8,307
Finance-Software Training/Conferences	0	3,968	4,206
Technology Professional Services	4,712	3,000	4,000
Technology Equipment Repairs	376	1,000	1,000
Technology Supplies/Replacement Parts	2,025	2,500	2,500
Technology Office Software	573	2,000	2,000
Technology Books and Periodicals	1,177	1,000	1,000
Technology Server/ Networking Equip.	9,836	10,000	10,000
Technology Conferences	2,266	1,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,585	2,000	1,680
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>1,073,381</b>	<b>1,049,826</b>	<b>1,083,604</b>
 <b><u>MAINTENANCE</u></b>			
Purchased Services	11,961	12,260	12,628
Monitoring System	162	182	187
Water & Sewer	780	913	940
Maintenance	890	1,500	1,500
Building Upgrade	8,638	5,000	3,000
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000
Property/Liability Insurance	2,594	2,580	2,729
Furniture/Equipment	0	607	750
Electricity	9,853	9,108	10,444
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>38,878</b>	<b>36,150</b>	<b>36,178</b>
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$1,112,259</b>	 <b>\$1,085,976</b>	 <b>\$1,119,781</b>

**PROPOSED 2012-13 REVENUE**

Prior Year Fund Balance	40,000	15,000
Grant Administration Fees	18,000	18,000
AS400 Budget Use/Setup Revenue	3,631	0
Assessments	1,024,345	1,086,781
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$1,085,976</b>	 <b>\$1,119,781</b>

**ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET**

	<b>2010-11 <u>Spent</u></b>	<b>2011-12 <u>Budget</u></b>	<b>2012-13 <u>Proposed</u></b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u></b>			
Salaries	221,089	235,264	246,667
Health Insurance	33,212	39,741	45,965
Social Security	16,790	17,998	18,870
Life Insurance	609	960	1,006
Retirement	2,914	2,953	2,243
Workers Compensation	2,058	2,182	2,416
Unemployment	1,000	500	1,000
Dental	3,934	4,494	4,952
Disability	589	775	813
Professional Services	3,048	3,228	3,158
Audit	2,491	1,535	2,740
Payroll/HR/Timeclock Software	1,953	2,100	0
Legal	188	1,000	1,000
Equipment Repair	2,610	2,610	2,688
Liability Insurance	869	899	1,057
Advertising	172	150	150
Mileage Reimbursement	2,748	5,000	5,000
Office Supplies/Software	4,681	10,000	10,000
Equipment	963	1,000	1,000
Conferences & Dues	5,139	4,000	6,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$307,056</b>	<b>\$336,389</b>	<b>\$356,725</b>

**PROPOSED 2012-13 REVENUE**

Prior Year Fund Balance	20,000	0
Grants & Administration Fees*	217,040	261,624
Assessments	99,349	95,101
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$336,389</b>	<b>\$356,725</b>

\*IDEIA-B, Title 1, Diversified Occupations,  
Early Childhood/EEI Grant, Regional I-Team Grant, etc.

**ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS  
BASED ON PROPOSED 2012-13 BUDGET**

	Professional Count	% of ACSU Budget	2012-13 ACSU Assessment	2011-12 ACSU Assessment	2011-12 ACSU Incr/(decr)	2012-13 Special Ed Assessment	2011-12 Special Ed Assessment	2011-12 Special Ed Incr/(decr)	Total Assess Incr/(dec)
Bridport	13.62	6.64%	\$72,162	\$69,860	\$2,302	\$6,315	\$6,776	(\$461)	\$1,841
Cornwall	12.17	5.93%	\$64,446	\$61,461	\$2,985	\$5,640	\$5,961	(\$321)	\$2,664
ID#4	42.29	20.61%	\$223,986	\$215,625	\$8,361	\$19,600	\$20,913	(\$1,313)	\$7,048
UD#3-MUHS	59.70	29.10%	\$316,253	\$300,132	\$16,121	\$27,674	\$29,109	(\$1,435)	\$14,686
UD#3-MUMS	37.90	18.47%	\$200,728	\$169,836	\$30,892	\$17,565	\$16,472	\$1,093	\$31,985
Ripton	6.46	3.15%	\$34,234	\$32,677	\$1,557	\$2,996	\$3,169	(\$173)	\$1,384
Salisbury	11.92	5.81%	\$63,142	\$61,973	\$1,169	\$5,525	\$6,011	(\$486)	\$683
Shoreham	12.32	6.00%	\$65,207	\$63,817	\$1,390	\$5,706	\$6,189	(\$483)	\$907
Weybridge	8.80	4.29%	\$46,623	\$48,964	(\$2,341)	\$4,080	\$4,749	(\$669)	(\$3,010)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>205.18</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,086,781</b>	<b>\$1,024,345</b>	<b>\$62,436</b>	<b>\$95,101</b>	<b>\$99,349</b>	<b>(\$4,248)</b>	<b>\$58,188</b>

## Minutes of the Annual Ripton School District Meeting February 28, 2011

The legal voters of Ripton met at the Community House on Monday February 28, 2011 to act upon articles 1-4 of the 2011 School Warning. The Town School District meeting followed the Town Meeting, and was attended by approximately 38 people.

Moderator Joyce Dicianna called the meeting to order at 9:23 p.m.

**Article 1:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of **\$722,946** to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing school year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

Moved: Barry King

Second: Richard Ruane

**Discussion:** School Board Chair Carol Ford described staffing changes and the budget. The Board advertised for a new principal for a 60% position, as the position has been the past two years. The paraprofessional staff is reduced by 8/10ths; continuing reduction of the paraprofessional staff as enrollment declines. The salary line for teachers is less than the previous year because two new teachers are at a lower salary scale than those who left. There are no 4-year-olds identified for pre-K contracted services as in past years. Shared personnel contracts such as for art and music were explained. Spanish language instruction was paid for by FORS in 2009-10, but is budgeted for 2011-12.

Michael Seligmann asked where the change in the paraprofessional line appears in the budget and for number of positions. Carol Ford clarified, described how the paraprofessional amount is determined, and that the change is from 3 to 2.

Mac Cox commented that the Spanish program is a great idea and asked how Spanish was chosen over other languages. Ms. Ford responded that Spanish was selected because it is the most widely used foreign language in our country; that the FORS funded program employed college students who did not always reliably get to the school; and staff asked for a real teacher with a contract to provide consistency. David Disque asked which grade levels participate, with Ms. Ford answering all, and adding that in the middle school foreign language instruction is offered in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Carol Ford answered Justin Malzac's question about pre-school. Pre-school is available to 4 year olds in Ripton, but Ripton 4 year olds may also be partially subsidized if they attend one of three eligible pre-schools in Middlebury with application made through ACSU.

Much discussion ensued about the elimination of a paraprofessional versus the addition of a one-day Spanish teacher, the merits of a day-per-week Spanish program, student enrollment numbers, and how to fund budget items. The Moderator emphasized that the budget is voted as a whole, only the School Board decides line items. Carol Ford, Mia Allen, Michael Seligmann, Amy McGlashan, Jane Phinney, Barry King, Cindy Seligmann, Tom McElhaney, Andrea Chesman, Lisa Whitman, Laurie Cox, Laura McIntosh, Jerry Shedd, Richard Ruane, Dick Collitt, Wendy Leeds, Mac Cox, Alison Joseph Dickinson, Lawrence Miller, Willem Jewett, Bonnie DeGray, Chuck Martin, Tracey Harrington, Joyce Dicianna, and Mike Hussey contributed to the discussion.

Mia Allen questioned adding \$10,000 to the budget for Spanish instruction in light of eliminating a twenty-year, dedicated paraprofessional, and asked how much is saved by cutting the paraprofessional position. Carol Ford responded that \$23,000 in salary and benefits is saved, and explained that ACSU recommended the reduction because based on the number of students the number of paraprofessionals is excessive. Asked if the Board agrees, Ms. Ford responded that she is not in the school and not in a position to judge. Board member, Amy McGlashan, stated that Spanish is offered as a curriculum enhancement not a choice over a paraprofessional; that the Board tries to do what is best for the students.

Ms. Allen countered that stability is needed and that a paraprofessional is as or more important to the students and curriculum than the addition of foreign language. Jane Phinney did not favor eliminating a paraprofessional because of their importance in our multi-grade classrooms, and noted past Board support for keeping paraprofessional levels high. Barry King respected the decision to offer Spanish but asked if there is a way to keep all 3 paraprofessionals; if it was decided not to offer Spanish could its \$10,000 be put toward paraprofessionals. Cindy Seligmann questioned the goals and merits of the Spanish program, given that it is offered once per week and that there is no opportunity for continuation in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Tom McElhaney asked if the person being cut lives and pays taxes in Ripton, which could not be answered, and expressed concern, wanting to be on record that this cut is a shame. Andrea Chesman asked if there is flexibility with

## Minutes of the Annual Ripton School District Meeting February 28, 2011 (continued)

multi-age grouping that would make aides more important, such as combining more grades, and asked for thinking outside the box about grouping and the model of a teacher/principal. Carol Ford responded that the Board is not ruling anything out regarding the principal; they hope to get a new principal to come in, take a fresh look and advise. Lisa Whitman explained that the Spanish program FORS funded was to expose students to another culture. It was not expected that they would leave speaking Spanish.

Discussion continued about Board versus ACSU control, Challenges for Change recommendations, and keeping the paraprofessional position. Laurie Cox's question of Board control or choice over special education personnel was answered that ACSU makes recommendations and only reimburses for special education needs, though the Board may add as many other paraprofessionals as they like. It was asked if the staff reduction is from district level special education recommendations or to try to meet Challenges for Change recommendations, and answered a combination. It was confirmed that if ACSU says to cut, the Board makes the final decision and may choose not to; and that Challenges for Change recommendations are just recommendations, and have been met. Suggestions were made that a new principal be allowed to assess staffing before cutting a paraprofessional; that foreign language instruction might be done within the technology budget rather than through a new hire; that FORS funds be used for some budget items to make funds available for a paraprofessional.

Wendy Leeds spoke of her concern of letting a 20-plus year paraprofessional go when we may need to hire in the near future, given the number of births shown in town report. She suggested using the \$10,000 for Spanish, plus the \$10,000 requested in Article 3 of the Warning to fund the paraprofessional position. She recognized that decisions are not made lightly by the Board but encouraged us to be creative and consider our values. Dick Collitt asked for the Board's recommendation about the \$10,000 in Article 3 and was told if voted down the \$10,000 unreserved fund balance is a receipt. When asked if we could change the budget by being specific, table it, or vote it down and amend it, or vote on Article 3 before Article 2, the Moderator indicated the minutes will reflect the intent, and encouraged attendance at the next School Board meeting. It was asked if the topic could be voted under Article 4, other business, and answered no.

Alison Joseph Dickinson asked if the Board ever considers using the unreserved fund balance toward the budget. Carol Ford responded they do not do that because it reduces per pupil cost one year, results in an increase in per pupil cost the following year, which Willem Jewett described as nice for one year, but a tax hike the next. Lawrence Miller offered that the intent of the question was not necessarily to decrease taxes but to increase staff, and Ms. Ford responded that the Board attempts to keep per pupil costs fairly level from year to year.

Tracey Harrington suggested the paraprofessional position be restructured; part of the position could be used for an after-school-program that may draw new families to the community, and could charge a fee.

Charitable donations, ACEEF and other grants were discussed. All may be received, but the Board must work within the budget the voters approve. The Moderator reminded that we are voting on the sum of money, not individual budget items.

Laurie Cox asked for the amount needed to reinstate the paraprofessional. Carol Ford answered \$22,500. Ms. Cox stated the need to add only \$12,500 to the budget, with \$10,000 to come elsewhere. She praised the foreign language program offered for 20 years at the Neshobe School in Brandon where she works, and recognized the need to keep good personnel.

Ms. Cox moved to amend Article 1 from a sum of \$722,946 to a sum increased by \$12,500 to \$735,446.  
Second: Barry King

Lawrence Miller asked for the effect on the tax rate. Carol Ford responded if the playground equipment (Article 4) was voted down its \$10,000 would remain in the budget and not change the overall education fund.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to change the sum from \$722,946 to \$735,446.

**Amendment of Article 1:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of **\$735,446** to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing school year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

The amendment passed by voice vote.

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**Discussion:** Michael Hussey remarked that the discussion was important, but asked voters to please come to the budget hearing in January to save time.

Article 1 as amended passed by voice vote.

**Article 2:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to place \$27,962 from the FY 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance (of \$37,962) into the Capital Improvement reserve Fund.

Moved: Chuck Martin  
Second: Erik Eriksen

**Discussion:** Chuck Martin asked the purpose of this. Carol Ford explained that it is to save for infrastructure repairs so we do not have to borrow, and the funds may not be used without voter approval. Bill Ford and Jane Phinney commented on the age of the school and potential repairs.

Article 2 passed by voice vote.

**Article 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to use up to \$10,000 from the FY 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance (of \$37,962) for pre-school playground equipment.

Moved: Chuck Martin  
Second: Barry King

Discussion: Chuck Martin asked if this would eliminate the money. Carol Ford answered that it would clear out the Unreserved Fund Balance. Jane Phinney asked about types of equipment and age ranges. Mike Hussey spoke about the playground's lack of equipment appropriate for pre-k children, his preliminary research about equipment, and hope for a community group to research the topic. Bill Ford noted that the Article says pre-K and an amount up to. Mike Hussey said there is equipment that can span ages including pre-k and older grades, though the emphasis is on pre-k. Jorene Doria has not noticed that pre-school students are lacking for things to do at recess. They enjoy the snow in winter and sandbox in warmer weather. She recommended further research and consideration of the long-term, and pre-K student numbers. Carol Ford stated upcoming numbers are about the same as present. Bonnie DeGray noted the value of the trees and natural features, and the best equipment: their imaginations. Jerry Shedd wanted to know if the recommendation for pre-k equipment was made by professionals and was told, yes. Questions from Mia Allen, Laura McIntosh, and Michael Seligmann clarified that we cannot move the money, amend the use of the Article, leave it for future use, or use it for something else if grant money is received. If it is voted it must be used for play equipment, if it is not voted for playground equipment it is a receipt. Jane Phinney mentioned the Capital Improvement Fund as a possible source for equipment projects. Richard Ruane questioned if use of this Unreserved Fund Balance amount would impact per pupil cost, as discussed in Article 1. Carol Ford said it would not make much difference.

Article 3 failed by voice vote.

**Article 4:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Cindy Seligmann expressed appreciation to the Board and to try to understand the budget better next year and to attend the budget hearing, discussion is important.

Amy McGlashan read a press release about ACSU governance, upcoming study, and opportunity for public engagement. Copies of the press release are available online and at the town office. Mia Allen, Jane Phinney, and Barry King commented with remarks about concern for our school, the consolidation the ANWSU is considering, and publicity.

Barry King suggested a 2-step process to school budgeting. She attended the January budget hearing but needed time to process the information. Wendy Leeds agreed. Mike Seligmann remarked on the healthy discussion.

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Mike Hussey thanked Chris Smith for his good work and for changing his snow-plowing patterns in response to the new fence.

Carol Ford invited all to participate in the process of searching for a new principal by attending a community potluck at the next FORS meeting, 6:15 p.m., March 16<sup>th</sup>. At 7:00 p.m., the ACSU associate superintendent will facilitate a discussion of what we are looking for in a principal. The Board will choose a couple of community members to serve on a search committee.

Willem Jewett was presented a certificate from the Vermont School Board Association in recognition of his 12 years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Moved: Bryan Alexander

Second: Erik Eriksen

The meeting would reconvene at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday March 1, 2011 at the Town Offices to vote by Australian ballot on election of officers and directors, Article 2 of the Town Warning, the ACSU UD#3 Warning, and the Hannaford Career Center warning.

Approved by,

Joyce Dicianna, Moderator

Carol Ford, Chair, Michael Hussey, Willem Jewett, Amy McGlashan, Connie Trudeau  
Ripton School District Board of Directors



Drums purchased through a grant from ACEEF.

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 5, 2012**

The legal voters of the Ripton Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Community House in said Ripton on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following business:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will approve the sum of **\$775,360** to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing school year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to place **\$14,000** from the FY 2011 Unreserved Fund Balance (of \$41,198) into the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the Board of Directors to use up to **\$10,000** from the FY 2011 Unreserved Fund Balance (of \$41,198) for playground upgrades.

**ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, in the Ripton Town Office for the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

**Polls will be Open 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To elect a Moderator for the Town School District for a term of one year.

**ARTICLE 7:** To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 8:** To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of two years.

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect on School Director for the Town School District for a term of two years. (Unexpired term)

**RIPTON SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

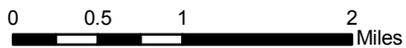
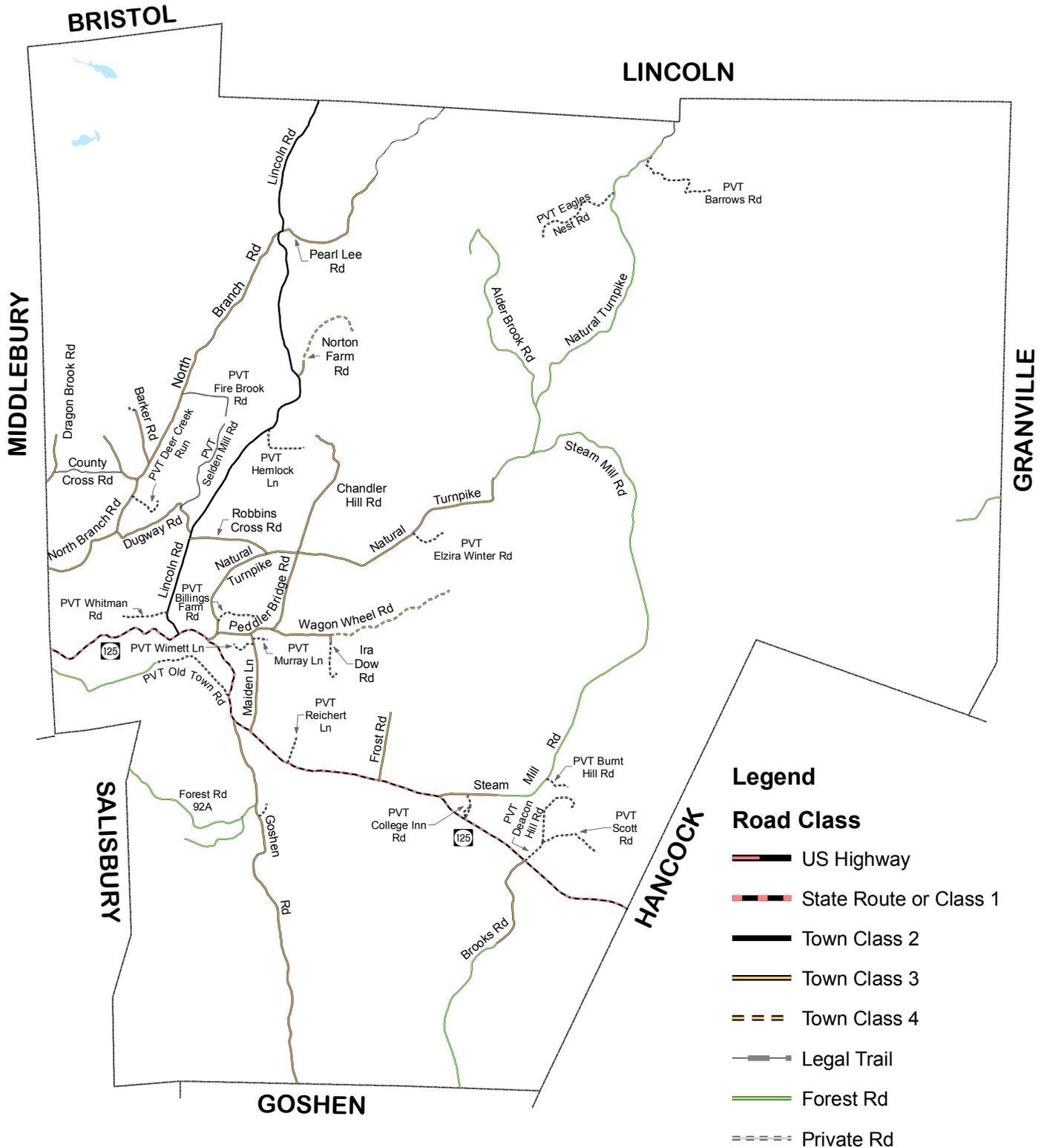
Carol Ford, Chair

Michael Hussey

Willem Jewett

Amy McGlashan

# Town of Ripton Road Names



## Legend

- Road Class**
-  US Highway
  -  State Route or Class 1
  -  Town Class 2
  -  Town Class 3
  -  Town Class 4
  -  Legal Trail
  -  Forest Rd
  -  Private Rd